



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

ARCHWAY NEWSLETTER

MAY 1, 2025

KEY DATES:

MAY 7TH

Academic Olympics

MAY 14TH

6th Grade Pathway
to Prep Ceremony

MAY 15TH

Spring Sports Banquet

MAY 21ST

Kinder Promotion &
Early Release Day

MAY 22ND

Virtue Assemblies
1st-5th Grade &
Early Release Day

MAY 23RD

Last day of School &
Early Release Day



A message from Headmaster Cruz...

Happy May! It came so fast but so much good has happened since August and there is much to celebrate and be proud of. As you can see there are many events across this month and so many of them include opportunities for you to be present and celebrate with us. As we navigate events and more people on campus we ask for your patience as traffic and parking can become quite congested and the office becomes much busier with people signing in and out.

Next week is Teacher Appreciation week. Be sure to remind them how much they are appreciated for the ways they inspire, motivate, and support our scholars. Their hard work and dedication to our school and your children is commendable and I see them putting their heart and soul into it daily. If you are able, please sign up to contribute to the PSO treats and don't be shy in sending cards and emails noting your appreciation. I know they really loved seeing their shout outs from the faculty survey and we love to hold on to kind words!



SCHOOL HOURS

Regular Days:
8:00 AM - 3:15 PM
(campus opens at 7AM)

Early Release Days:
8:00 AM - 12:45 PM
(campus opens at 7AM)

Main Office Phone Number: (623) 247-6095
Attendance Line: (623) 247-6095 Option 0
(leave a detailed voicemail to report absences)

Attendance Email:
attendance@maryvaleprep.org

www.maryvaleprep.org



OFFICE HOURS

Regular School Days:
7:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Early Release Days:
7:00 AM - 1:30 PM

POWERSCHOOL PUBLIC PORTAL FOR EVALUATIONS

Teachers have begun sending deficiency notices via email or by way of a phone call to inform you if your child is receiving a deficient grade (1's and 2's for K-2 and Ds or Fs for 3-6).



Please also continue checking the parent portal for student grades every Monday for a more detailed picture of how your child is doing in class.

We will also begin using this data to make final retention decisions. If your child is being retained, you will be informed by the first week of May.

The portal to review progress can be accessed at: <https://greatheartsaz.powerschool.com/public/home.html>.

THEMATIC GOAL UPDATE: TURNING PAGES TOGETHER

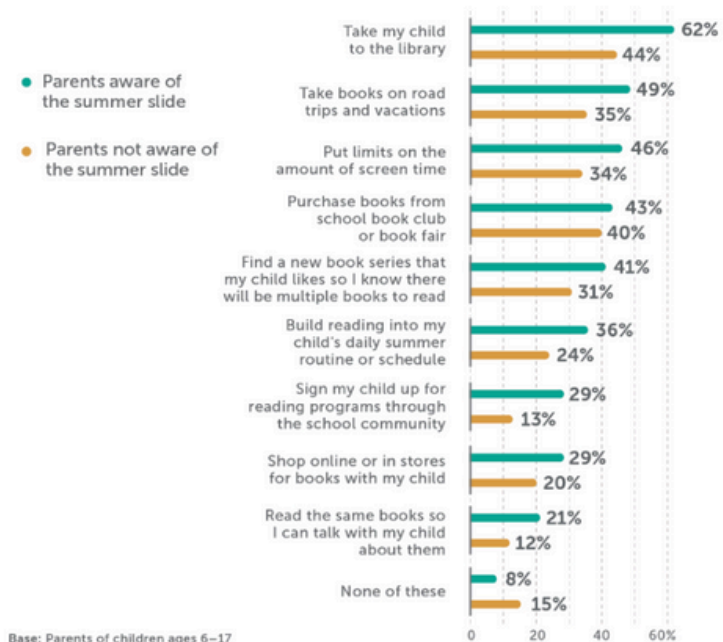
The summer slide is real and we will continue to urge you to sign up for SUMMER SCHOOL to help combat some of the learning loss that happens.

Over the summer, students will lose approximately two months of reading skills. With or without summer school we encourage you to identify a few of these strategies to encourage summer reading as you are now all well informed of what the summer slide is.

Talk with your family, what three strategies from below can you commit to?

Parents aware of the summer slide employ more strategies to encourage summer reading

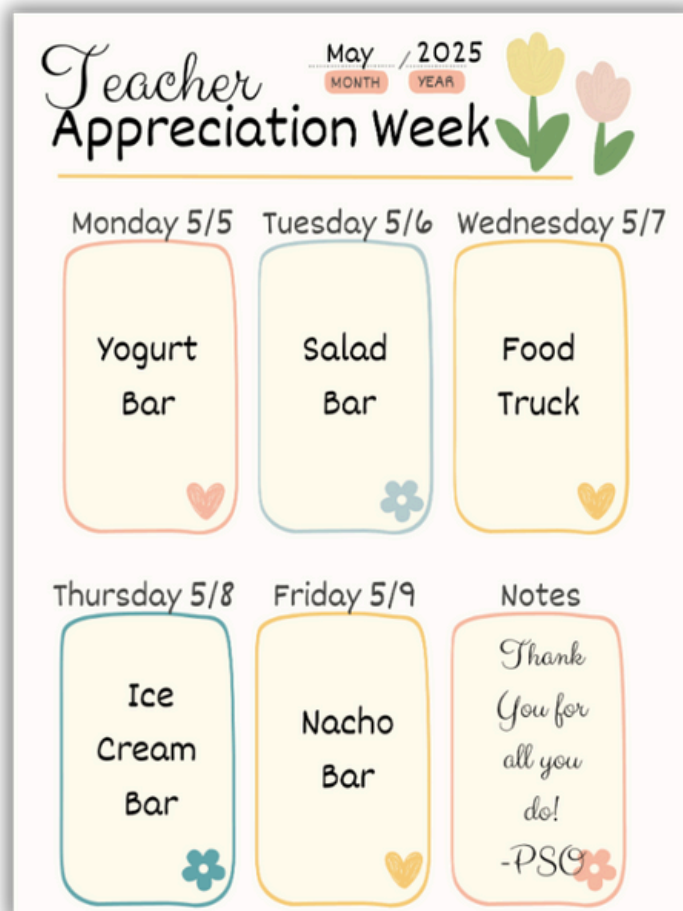
Figure 5. Percentage of parents who encourage summer reading in each way, by awareness of the summer slide



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 5TH-9TH

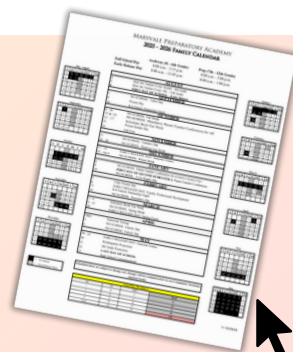
Join us with donations as we celebrate our Teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week with treats to enjoy during breaks.

Here's the treats we are serving them each day:
Sign up [here](#) for the treat you would like to donate and drop it off at the Front Office the day of.



25-26 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The 25-26 school calendar is on the website. As you plan summer vacation, please keep in mind that our Back to School Night is **Monday, August 4th** and the first day of school is on **Wednesday, August 6th**.



 **Last one of the Year!**

- No Ripped Jeans
- No crocs or open toed shoes
- No jean shorts, skirts or overalls

May 2, 2025 | \$1.00

Need merch? Contact Coach Galewski
RGalewski@MaryvalePrep.org

JEAN DAY



 **Join us for our "End of the Year Celebration"**

Peter Piper Pizza
51st Ave & Indian Schod
May 14, 2025 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.



End of the Year FUNDRAISER

Throughout the year, this PSO continuously planned fun events for our students and their family. Profits from these events remain in the school 100% benefiting students and faculty.

These last fundraisers for the 24-25 school year, will support Teacher Appreciation Week and promotions.

We thank everyone who volunteered, donated and participated to support in anyway.

We're already planning ahead for the 25-26 school year, and we hope you can join us!

Thank You

COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELORS

Join our School Counselors and other parents another informative Workshop on

Parenting Skills

presented by Friendly House

Friday, May 2nd

at 8:00 AM

in the Prep MPR

(Please park by the Prep Building and check in at the Prep Office)



GIVE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A \$100 AMAZON GIFT CARD!

Next Tuesday is our second annual Great Hearts Day of Giving! Through this day of giving, you can help provide the best classical education for our scholars through a gift of support to our Community Investment campaign. On #DayofGiving, our intent is to fulfill our Community Investment goal and raise \$2,000. Please consider making a gift meaningful to your family to help us fund our classrooms.

Any parent of an enrolled student who makes a gift by May 6th, will be entered into a drawing to win a \$100 Amazon Gift Card

Last year we had 15 parents entered in the drawing, keep that in mind! Your chances of winning are high!

Great Hearts Day of Giving offers a great opportunity to support Maryvale Prep through Community Investment!

Community Investment: These funds support faculty salaries, classroom expenses, and curriculum for your scholars. Parent partnership through Community Investment is how we are able offer a tuition-free, private school caliber education in a public-school setting.

[Click here to donate your Community Investment Today!](#)



SPRING SPORTS BANQUET CELEBRATION

The Sprint Sports Award Ceremony and Banquet Celebration is on

Thursday, May 15th at 6:00pm.

Coaches will send additional information for this event.

MAY MEAL MENUS

BREAKFAST

KINDER LUNCH

1-6TH LUNCH

Online Menus



IMPORTANT MAY CELEBRATIONS

ACADEMIC OLYMPICS

On **Wednesday, May 7th**, we will have our annual Academic Olympics for K-6. At this event, our students compete in teams to share all of their knowledge across various games. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please reach out to ssidoti@maryvaleprep.org and note your name, your students name, and grade level/section no later than April 30th.

We are still in need of a volunteer for 5th grade!

Due to class sizes and competition style games that take up more room, we will not be able to accept all volunteers or have spectators. Spots are limited and volunteers selected must be able to come without additional children/babies as the role is very involved and must be fingerprinted.

6TH GRADE PATHWAYS TO PREP CEREMONY

On **Wednesday, May 14th**, we will celebrate our 6th graders and the milestone of finishing up their Archway Experience as they head towards Prep next school year.

Parents are invited to attend and will hear from Prep leadership as they address students regarding the transition to prep. The 6th grade virtue assembly will also take place at this time.

Parent seating begins at 8:05 am and the event will end by 10:15 am. Please note that this event is for parents of 6th graders and 6th grade students only. Other school aged siblings will not be permitted to attend.

We recommend that if you drop students off between 7:00-8:00 am that you return after 8:00 am to park. At that time, we will be opening up parking around the perimeter of the field. Prior to the event you will receive a colored placard noting your grade level for your dash for easy identification and parking support. Anyone who chooses to come prior to 8 am will need to park offsite and walk or look for one of few parking spots.

If you are bringing balloons, please leave them in your car until after the ceremony in the Marley Center as they will not be allowed in there due to events that quickly follow and trouble with them ending up in the ceilings.

KINDER PROMOTION

On **Wednesday, May 21st** we will celebrate our Kindergarten students as they wrap up their first year of this lifelong learning journey. We intentionally call and treat this as promotion ceremony rather than a graduation as we want to instill early on the importance of the long view towards and the importance of graduation and finishing their K-12 journey.

KA and KB sections will promote together with parent seating beginning at 8:00 am. This ceremony **will begin at 8:15 am end at 9:15 am.**

KC and KD sections will promote together with parent seating beginning at 9:30 am. This ceremony **will begin at 9:45 am and end at 10:45 am.**

On Friday, May 16th, students will take home 6 guest tickets in homework folders. These cannot be given away or shared. Lap babies under 4 years do not need a ticket. Older Maryvale siblings may attend but must be signed out and do need a ticket.

Parking is limited and only available after 8 am. We recommend that if you drop students off between 7:00-8:00 am that you return after 8:00 am to park. At that time, we will be opening up parking around the perimeter of the field. Prior to the event you will receive a colored placard noting your grade level for your dash for easy identification and parking support. Anyone who chooses to come prior to 8 am will need to park offsite and walk or look for one of few parking spots.

Please do not bring food, drinks, or balloons into the Marley Center. This space needs to be maintained for all upcoming events to close out the year.

Students must wear uniforms only. Graduation regalia is not permitted for promotions. ***Students not promoting to 1st grade will not attend the promotion ceremony.***

VIRTUE ASSEMBLIES

Virtue Assemblies for 1st through 5th grade will take place on **Thursday, May 22nd**. Kinder and 6th grade assemblies will take place separately. If you child is nominated for a virtue award you will receive a notification and invitation to attend the ceremonies which will take place between 8:15 and 11:00 am.



END OF YEAR REMINDERS

LOST AND FOUND

Any un-claimed clothing will be donated to the Health Office and PSO at the end of the year. Students can check the lost and found area during recess or lunch. Parents can check at the end of the day. The lost and found rack is placed in or outside the main office for easy access. In addition, many students have left their prescription glasses, these are in the Front Office, please stop by to see if your child's glasses are here.

UNIFORM DONATION

PSO is accepting used uniforms to distribute to the nurse and families in need, if you would like to donate uniforms that won't fit next school year, please drop off the main office during office hours.

NOT RETURNING TO MARYVALE PREP?

If you are not returning to Maryvale Prep please let us know, upon registering to a new school, please ask them to submit a records request.

GETTING READY FOR THE 25-26 SCHOOL YEAR

SUPPLY LIST

Every new school year, we ask parents to provide [supplies](#) that students use throughout the school year. Please have these supplies ready in a bag and labeled with student's name. These can be brought to our Back to School Night before the first day of school, more details will follow.

UNIFORMS

Our uniforms signify our common purpose and identity as schools in pursuit of the true, the good and the beautiful. Uniforms may be purchased at:

[Lands End](#)

Uniform details can be found on our website: MaryvalePrep.org/Uniforms

WALKER'S LIST

We are starting our 2025-26 walker list ready to start on day one. If you know your student(s) will walk to school, send us an email at attendance@maryvaleprep.org. We need the full name of the student, their new grade and specify it for the 25-26 school year.

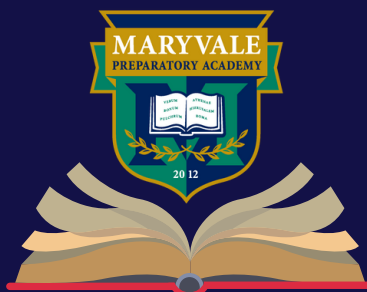
CLASSICS TO KEEP

Next year, we will use some grant money to purchase classroom sets of our [Classics to Keep](#) for K-6. We still encourage you to purchase your own so that your child can annotate in them and keep them. However, we hope that this will be a financial relief and will ensure that every child has a book every day as we have had so many students not bringing them this year. You can find the updated list on our website.

PSO UNIFORM SALE

If you don't follow our PSO (Parent Service Organization) on Facebook, you may be missing on important information like their uniform sales. Our PSO works hard to prepare lightly used uniform pieces and sell them at a fraction of the price for new. Stay tuned for their next sale event, these dates get announced on this newsletter and/or Facebook (MaryvalePrep PSO).

Last Day of School
FRIDAY
MAY 23RD
2024-25



First Day Back
WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 6TH
2025-26



Summer School

June 2nd to June 26th

Monday-Thursday

8:00-11:30 am

Registrar on [Configio](#)

**Lower
Tuition
Price of
\$200**

The Archway summer school program will focus on developing knowledge and skills in the core subjects of reading and mathematics.

Enrollment is now open on [Configio](#) for all families and the tuition has been reduced to \$200.

Classes will have a capacity of 20 students and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. We will be recommending students based on data and student need, but all are welcome to sign up.

Summer School will run from Monday, June 2nd – Thursday June 26th, 8:00-11:30 am, no school on Fridays and on Thursday, June 19th, in observance of the Juneteenth Holiday.

Students can arrive at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast and stay until 12:00 p.m. for lunch.

Please note that for the last three years we were able to operate at no cost due to grant funding. Unfortunately, that was post COVID funding that is no longer available.

Some families have received an email from Mrs. Kennedy noting that their child was recommended by their teachers to attend.

We highly encourage these families to enroll their students early to ensure a spot!

GreatHearts® SummerPrograms

CLASSICAL EDUCATION. REVOLUTIONARY SCHOOLS.™ GREAT CAMPS FOR GREAT HEARTS

June 2nd - 27th, 2025

Note: Camp will be in session Monday-Friday.

Summer Camps provide hands-on, engaging activities in multiple focus areas, all designed to inspire creativity and keep skills sharp over the summer.

Programs	Hours	Cost	Discounts Available
Summer Camp Rising K-5 th grades only	Drop-off: 12:00 PM-12:30 PM Program: 12:00 PM-6:00 PM Pick-up: 4:30 PM-6:00 PM	\$100/week/scholar* \$95 before May 1st	100% off for academy and Summer Camp employees \$5 off per week Early Bird discount before May 1st

**More information is available on the academy website:
Academy Life -> Summer Camp**

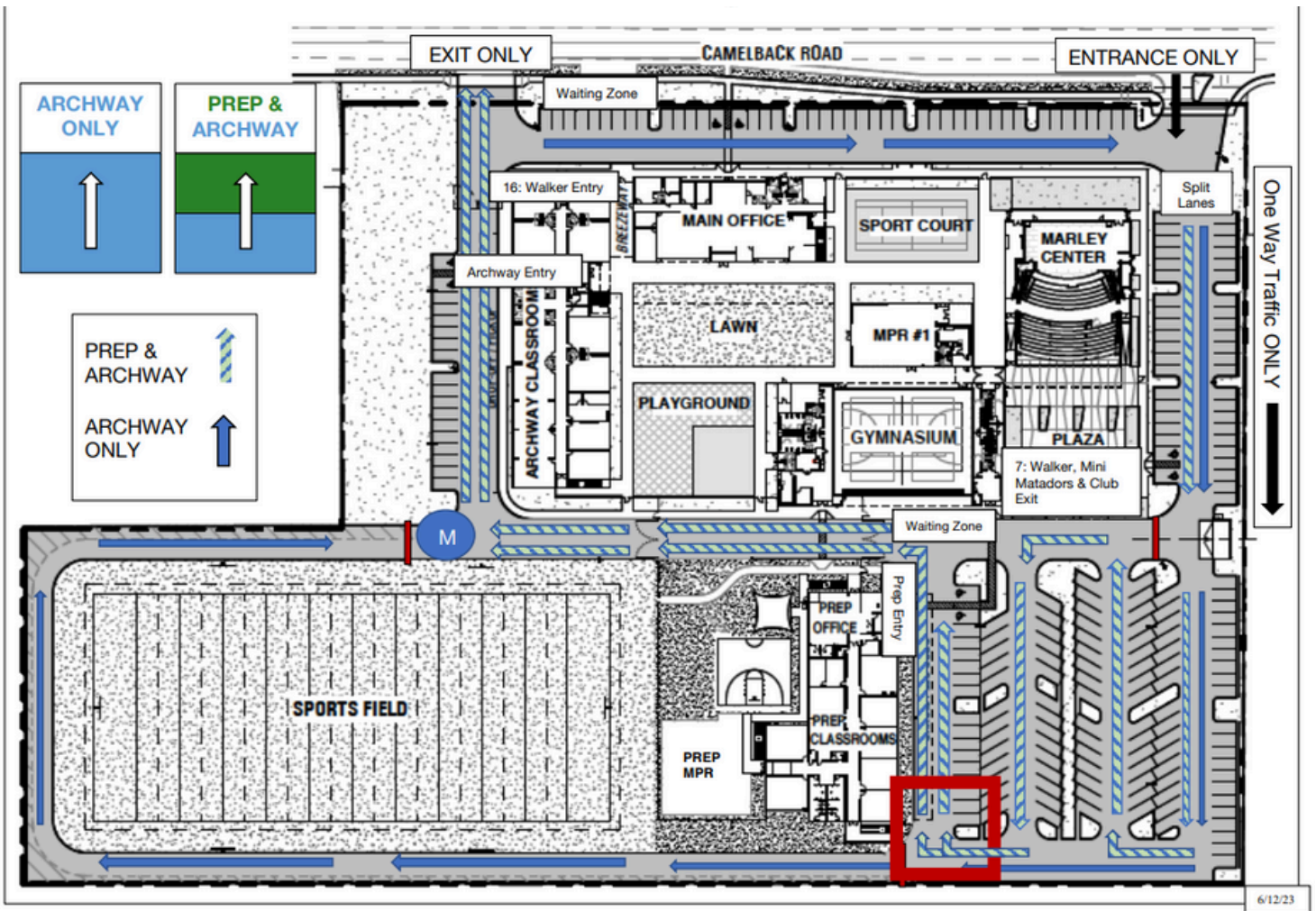
Billing/Enrollment Questions	Wendy Hood	Programs@GreatHearts.org	602-396-7574
Program-Specific Questions	Anna Harden	Programs.Maryvale@GreatHearts.org	480-247-1532
Executive Director	Keri Campbell	Keri.Campbell@GreatHearts.org	623-606-1189

STUDENT DROPOFF

Students should not be dropped off on the side of Camelback Road near or by the campus. This is extremely unsafe and does not follow our student drop off guidelines. The drop-off guideline is to use carline to safely drop off students or park near the school property and walk to school using the sidewalk. Please refer to our family handbook listed in our website for additional information on our guidelines.

CARLINE PICKUP

- The earliest you can enter into carline is 2:30pm on Full Days and at 12:15pm on Early Release Days. This will allow our students & faculty to have a cleared parking lot in the event EMS needs access.
- Have your placard ready for scanning; roll down your window when approaching a staff member that can scan your placard, they will not scan if window is up as this causes delays with window barrier.
- Please keep the East Entrance merge point cleared at all times. Wait to enter until all traffic is cleared.
- Maintain safe parking lot speed of 5 mph.
- Merge point will utilize a zipper merge (1 car per lane).
- The use of cell phones while on carline has slowed us down, and its ultimately unsafe.
- DO NOT record or take pictures of students outside your family.



HANDICAP PARKING SPACES

Do not park in a handicap parking space if you or your passenger do not hold a permit. Parking in a handicap spot without the proper authorization is in violation of [ARS 28-884](#). Even if you are in a rush or your visit to the office will take a few minutes, these spots are reserved for our students, parents and visitors with a disability. Violations should be reported

CAMPUS SAFETY

Our campus is equipped with security gates that are armed and required to be closed at all times. These gates are for both vehicles and pedestrians. Access is limited to our Front Office only and we ask that all visits are conducted through these doors and at no times should pedestrian gates be used to exit campus. To ensure carline efficiency and safety, please plan to exit campus with Right Turns only. Camelback Road is very dangerous when making left turns.

Students are allowed onto campus at 7am and all of entrance gates will be opened at this time. Student walkers should adjust their time on campus to reflect the timing of the campus gate openings.

SCHOOL POLICIES

ATTENDANCE

A student that is absent more than ten percent (18 days) of the required number of school days per year is considered to have "excessive absences" whether the absence is excused or unexcused.

This year, we are introducing CUTS LITE Service (Court Unified Truancy Suppression Limited Intervention To Educate). We will follow the following timeline:

- 5 Absences: You will receive the 1st warning letter
- CUTS Lite Conference
- 9-11 Absences: 2nd warning letter
- CUTS Hearing
- Parent Conference/School Intervention



TARDIES

Any student here beyond 7:57 a.m. is considered tardy and **must be signed in by a parent in the front office**. Please avoid any consequences for multiple tardies by arriving on time.

EARLY STUDENT PICK UP

Students who need to be picked up early for appointments must be picked up in the main office **no later than 2:45pm on full days and 12:30pm on half days, NO EXCEPTIONS**. The current Placard with student's name or a valid identification with photo is required when picking up through the office. The student must be signed out with a reason for leaving.

PLACARD FOR CARLINE PICK UP

Placards can be accessed on the Parent Portal at <https://greathearts.schoolaxis.com/> Log in, on main page PICK UP PLACARDS, Select Maryvale Prep Academy, Download and Print, if you cannot locate the placard on your Parent Portal Account, please contact the Front Office. Please note, we will not accept phone images of the placard for student pick up, parents must have the current paper copy of the placard for safety and fast process.

LATE PICK UP

Students picked up after 3:45pm (1:30pm early release), will incur late pick up fees beginning with the second occurrence of late pick-up, families will be assessed a late pick-up fee according to the following fee schedule:

- Up until 4:00pm (1:30 pm early release) = \$5.00 per student
- 4:01 – 4:30pm (1:46-2:15pm early release) = \$5.00 per student + \$1.00 per student, per minute
- After 4:30pm (2:15pm early release) = same fee structure as above + Department of Child Safety phone call

ATHENAEUM PICKUP REMINDER

As we enter the final months of the school year, there will be several exciting events taking place on campus, such as concerts, performances, and showcases. We want to ensure that all families are informed about an important safety protocol related to these events.

Athenaeum is a state-licensed program, and we are legally required to keep scholars signed into our care (sight and sound) unless a parent, guardian, or emergency contact sign them out in person. Even if an event is taking place on campus, we cannot release a scholar to attend on their own or with a faculty member unless they have been officially signed out from Athenaeum first.

If your child is participating in a school event during Athenaeum hours, please make sure to:

- Sign them out of Athenaeum before the event begins
- Let us know ahead of time if someone else will be picking them up

This policy is in place to ensure the safety and proper supervision of every child in our care. We appreciate your support and understanding in helping us uphold these standards.

STUDENT WALKERS

If you would like to add your child to the walker list, you will need to do so at least 12 hours in advance of when you want them to begin walking. If you do not receive confirmation, they have not been added and will have to wait until then to be dismissed as walkers. Please note, once on the walker list they must walk daily until they are removed. If you want your child to be on the walker list, please email enrollment@maryvaleprep.org. The same applies if you want them removed. Parents meeting their student walkers must park off campus.

1. Walkers will be dismissed at 12:50 pm on early release days and at 3:20 pm on full days from Gates 6 and 7.
2. On full days, Prep students can wait for their Archway siblings until they are released at 3:20 pm and they can head out to Gate 4 to walk home or meet families together.
3. On Early Release Days, Archway students can wait for their Prep siblings until they are released at 1:00 pm and they can head out to Gate 4 to walk home or meet families together.
4. Students not waiting for siblings as noted, must exit campus immediately.
5. Kindergarten students without 1st through 12th grade siblings must be met by their parent/guardian or authorized pick up personnel right outside of Gate 4.

Students will walk along the sidewalk adjacent to the Marley Center and out Gate 4 to meet their parents. Please refrain from walking through Gate 4 onto campus or crowding up that area to ensure the flow of traffic continues and students do not get lost amongst waiting families.

Please note that signing your child up as a walker is a liability you are taking as they are not supervised or delivered directly to parents. We ask that as parents, you calculate the best option for your family as you consider safety and convenience. Student walkers will be allowed to take their phones out to connect with parents/guardians once they have exited Gates 6 and 7.

DISMISSAL

Due to our school day in sessions and safety precautions arrival for end of day pick up will not begin until 2:30 pm. If you arrive prior to that, please note that you will be asked to exit campus and return after 2:30 pm. Emergency and office business vehicles cannot get onto campus if the school is blocked with waiters.