



# MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

## A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

### ARCHWAY NEWSLETTER

MAY 8, 2025

#### KEY DATES:

##### 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...**

*Thank you to all of you who have shared your appreciation with our teachers this week. The extra love and treats across the week have brought much joy.*

*One of my favorite events each year is our Archway Academic Olympics and it was such a blast watching our kids so engaged celebrating all they have learned yesterday at this event. If you have not yet asked them about it make sure you do and be sure to check out our Instagram posts from yesterday. Thank you to the parent volunteers who helped make this event a success.*

*Next week, we are excited to celebrate our 6th grade students at their Pathway to Prep ceremony. Sixth grade parents, please see separate emails being sent with logistics and all please expect a high traffic amount and very limited parking. Patience in abundance will be needed as parking is limited.*

*If your child was recommended for summer school, it is not too late to enroll them. If at any point they have been deficient in grades, considered for our are officially being retained attendance at summer school is crucial to their improvement and overall success. Students who are already academically below grade level, regress even further during the summer and lose about 20% of academic gains. Don't wait, sign them up today. We have set up a [payment plan](#) to withdraw \$40 per week or you can pay [full price](#) of \$200. The cost comes out to \$13 per day of instruction, which is less than \$5 per hour. We understand that times are financially challenging for everyone right now, but we believe the long-term benefits for your child far outweigh the cost of just \$13 per day.*

*Again, thank you for partnering with us across the school year and celebrating a strong finish for us in many ways! Let's make our last two weeks amazing!*



#### 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](mailto:attendance@maryvaleprep.org)  
[www.maryvaleprep.org](http://www.maryvaleprep.org)



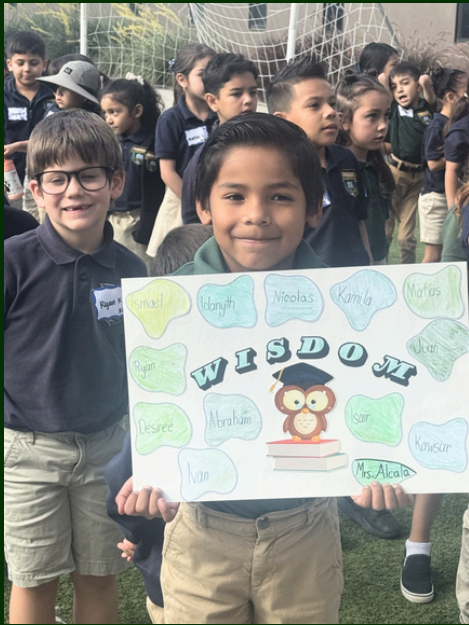
#### OFFICE HOURS

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

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



# ACADEMIC OLYMPICS DAY





## POWERSCHOOL PUBLIC PORTAL FOR EVALUATIONS

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.

The portal to review progress can be accessed at:

<https://greatheartsaz.powerschool.com/public/home.html>.

PowerSchool SIS  
PARENT PORTAL

## THEMATIC GOAL UPDATE: TURNING PAGES TOGETHER

Did you know that the best predictor of summer loss or summer gain is whether or not a child reads during the summer? And the best predictor of whether a child reads is whether or not he or she owns or has access to books.

If your child doesn't read over the summer, they will likely lose skills but, more importantly, are missing out on the significant role reading can play in personal growth—especially for developing children and teens. Children need to read outside of school. Research clearly shows that the key to fighting summer reading loss is finding novel ways to get books into the hands of children and adolescents during the summer break. In addition to considering summer school, here are some great ideas for summer reading that you can start planning for now.



### IDEAS TO HELP STUDENTS READ MORE DURING THE SUMMER

by Dr. Kimberly Tyson

 1. Visit your local library -- often	 2. Enroll your child in a summer reading program	 3. Have your child record their books	 4. Check out whether your school has library hours over the summer	 5. Explore games, apps, and online reading sites for young readers
 6. Read aloud	 7. Encourage vocabulary -- have fun with it!	 8. Read with them -- and 'get caught' reading (books)	 9. Find a good book list (relevant to them)	 10. Keep reading materials around the house
 11. Check out kid's magazines, books based on games and movies, etc.	 12. Check digital tools to support reading and writing skills	 13. Join or create a book club!	 14. Consider reading (and writing) fan-fiction	 15. Look for high-interest texts like books based on movies, video games, or cultural trends

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## LOCKDOWN DRILL

Tomorrow, **Friday, May 9th**, we will have a lockdown drill. Due to the sensitivity of these drills, we continue to inform parents so you can partner alongside us in preparing your children ahead of time.

## SPRING SPORTS BANQUET CELEBRATION

The Sprint Sports Award Ceremony and Banquet Celebration is on **Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**.

Coaches will send additional information for this event.



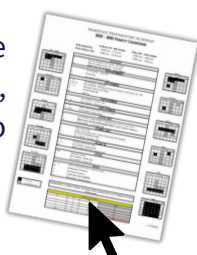
## THANK YOU

On behalf of the Maryvale Prep Teachers, Administrators and Staff, we thank our parents and PSO for making our Teacher Appreciation Week such a special time. We enjoyed the treats, notes, presents and kind words of appreciation.

**THANK YOU!**

## 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 4<sup>th</sup>** and the first day of school is on **Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**.





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

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



## MAY MEAL MENUS

BREAKFAST

KINDER LUNCH

1-6TH LUNCH

Online Menus



# IMPORTANT MAY CELEBRATIONS

## 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, backpacks are not needed on this day. Graduation regalia is not permitted for promotions. ***Students not promoting to 1<sup>st</sup> 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 your 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



### 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](mailto:attendance@maryvaleprep.org). We need the full name of the student, their new grade and specify its 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](http://MaryvalePrep.org/Uniforms)

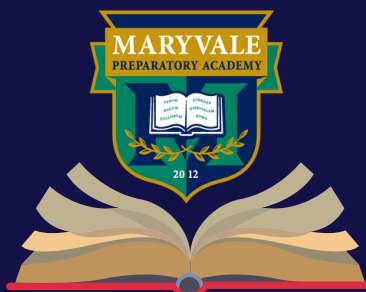
### CLASSICS TO KEEP

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  
Register 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 2<sup>nd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 <sup>th</sup> 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

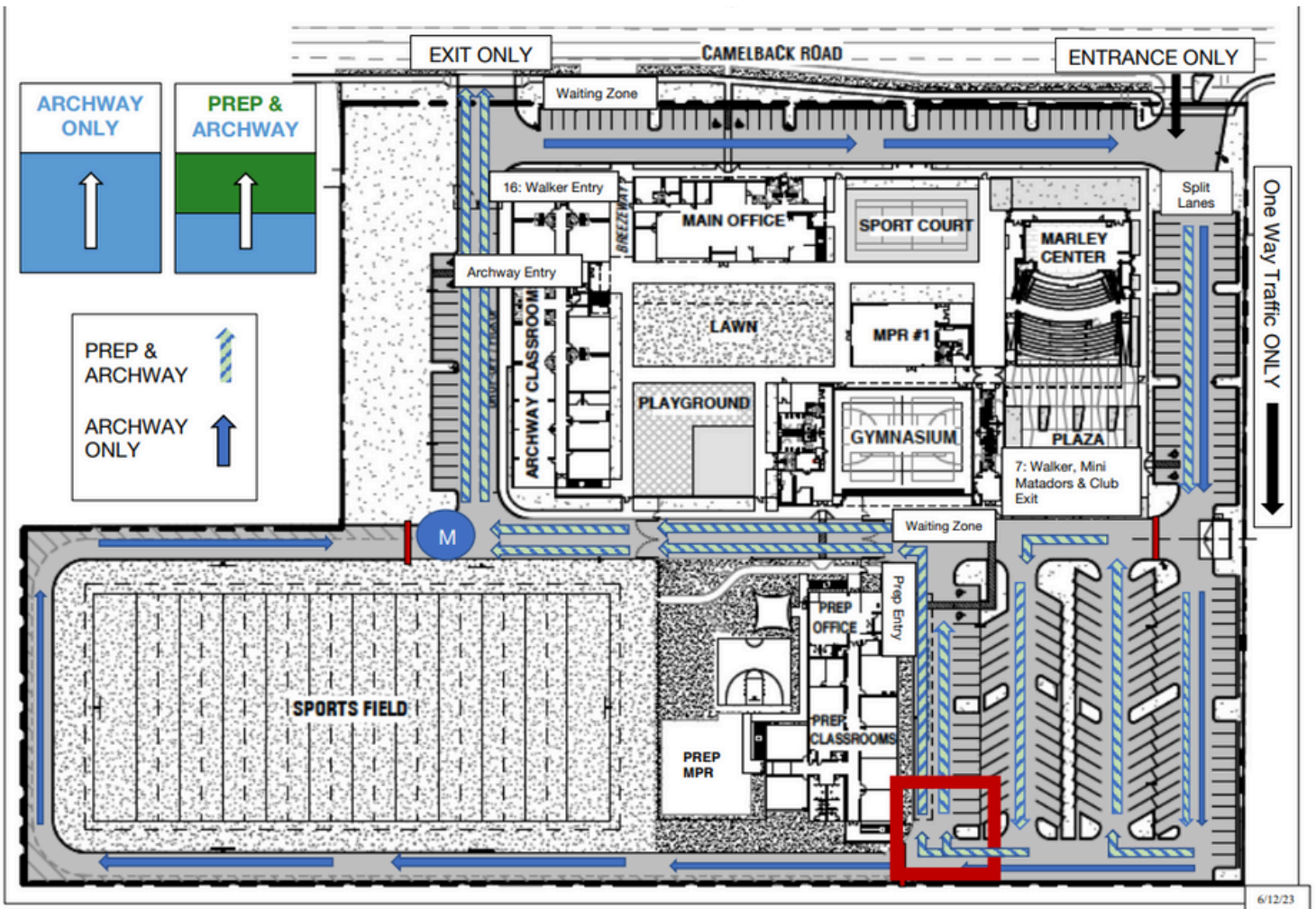


## STUDENT DROPOFF

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](mailto: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.