



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 04, 2025



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY SCHOOL HOURS/INFO

ARCHWAY (K-6th Grade)

FULL DAYS:
8:00AM-3:15PM

HALF DAYS:
8:00AM-12:45PM

Archway Office Phone Number:
623-247-6095

Report an absence at:
attendance@maryvaleprep.org

OFFICE HOURS:

FULL DAYS:
7:00AM-4:00PM

HALF DAYS:
7:00AM-1:30PM



PREP (7th-12th Grade)

FULL DAYS:
8:00AM-3:00PM

HALF DAYS:
8:00AM-1:00PM

Prep Office Phone Number:
623-247-6095 Option 2

Report an absence at:
prep.attendance@maryvaleprep.org

GATE CLOSURE TIMES:

FULL DAYS: 1:00PM-2:30PM

EARLY RELEASE DAYS: 11:00AM-12:15PM

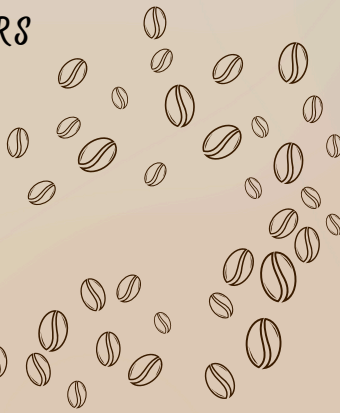
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PREP AND ARCHWAY NEWS

COFFEE WITH COUNSELORS

Hosted by our School Counselors, Mrs. Soper, Ms. Martinez and our College Counselor, Mrs. Ayala. **Friday 9/26**
8:00 am - 9:00 am in the **Prep MPR**.



PICTURE DAY

Students took pictures today. All students will receive an ID badge. Archway parents will be able to use these ID's to quickly sign-in their tardy students. Prep students should have their badge for tardies, checking out resources, etc. All students, Archway and Prep, need their badges for entry into home Athletic games, some PSO events, and community discounts (e.g. Harkins). To order portraits, visit:
<https://mydorian.com/prepayment/>



PSO



Prep & Archway **Jean Day**

- No Ripped Jeans
- No crocs, boots or open toe shoes
- No jean shorts, skirts or overalls
- Students not following guidelines will be required to call home for a change of clothes

Sept. 5, 2026
\$1.00

Need merch? Contact Mr. DJ Jones:
DJones@MaryvalePrep.org



JEAN DAY

SPORTS

MP Information about all things athletics can be found on the athletics [website here](#). For all Athletics News and Events, please note the website below is where you can upload your sports Physical.

Big Teams Website

VOLUNTEER NOW!



Need a little **HELP** with your athletic **FEES**? We've all been there, just **DONATE** a little of your **TIME!!!**

Pick 4 events to volunteer at and cut 50% off your fees. It's that simple



Save yourself and family some money



Give some time to the Maryvale Prep Athletics Department



CHEER as your favorite athletes while you're working

greatheartmaryvaleathletics.org



Volunteer Specifics

- 1 slot - \$25 off fees
- Maximum of 4 slots
- Use the QR Code or the link provided to sign-up
- Show up early when you signed up for quick training on tasks

PSO Presents

Disney Moana Stitch

MOVIE Night

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

Come enjoy a lovely summer movie night with your family beneath the stars! Enjoy some good snacks, food and drinks.

DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM

THE MOVIE STARTS AT 7 PM
on the Sports Field

Concessions will be open

PSO



DISMISSAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On **Wednesday, September 17th**, our faculty and staff will be heading to various Great Hearts campuses for network wide professional development which has them **starting at 1:45 pm**. To ensure we are providing them with enough travel time, we are hoping to have **10-15 volunteers** to help us out with dismissal, primarily serving as carline attendants-opening car doors and carline escorts. If you are able to assist us, please reach out to emendez@maryvaleprep.org. The time commitment could be from **12:20 to approximately 1:30 pm**. Your scholars can remain in the classroom until you are done supporting.



SEPTEMBER LUNCH MENUS

BREAKFAST MENU

KINDER LUNCH MENU

1ST-8TH LUNCH MENU

9TH-12TH LUNCH MENU



ARCHWAY NEWS KINDER- 6TH GRADE

A MESSAGE FROM ARCHWAY HEADMASTER

Hello Maryvale Prep Families,

I hope you all had a great long weekend and are ready for September to kick in to full gear. We are well equipped at this point with extensive student data and are excited to connect with you more on how we can partner with you to help students academically. Our biggest partnership opportunity will be on September 10th at Family Partnership Night and we are pushing to beat our attendance rates from last year.

As we dive further into the quarter as well, I want to remind you all to engage with your child's teachers outside of these formal events. They are easily accessible via email and always happy to connect. Third through Sixth grade families are encouraged to check grades on the parent portal each week as well and to communicate as they see fit based on grade changes. Lastly, if your child is deficient, we are at that midway point in the quarter in which you will begin hearing from now up until the end if your child falls into the deficient range in grades.

Remember, there are many opportunities to ensure your child is successful academically and we hope you are taking advantage of things like morning academic clubs if offered, IXL time at home and any communications and resources going home.

Thank you for partnering and we look forward to seeing you in a few weeks!



ENROLLMENT

We still have openings for most grade levels, with offers likely to be granted immediately in Kinder- 2nd grade. Please share this with your family and friends. We have had more outreach from within the community about openings and are happy to spread the word and serve more students if possible.



3RD-6TH GRADEBOOK



Every Monday grades will be updated in the parent portal for 3rd-6th grades. We highly encourage you to review these with your child and reach out to your child's teacher with any concerns or to find out how else you can help your scholar.

FAMILY PARTNERSHIP NIGHT

Please save the date for our first Family Partnership Night of the 2025-2026 school year! During this meeting, we will build strong connections as a school community while providing you with updated student data, resources, and information that are critical to supporting your child's academic growth at home.

When: Wednesday, September 10th

Where: Your Child's Classroom

NEW Times:

5th-6th Grades: 2:15-3:15

3rd-4th Grades: 3:30-4:30

Kinder-2nd Grade: 4:45-5:45

Attendance is mandatory (please limit to one parent/guardian per child as space is limited). Students may not attend but childcare will be available.



DRESS CODE REMINDER

Please be sure to review our uniform and dress code policy on pages 40-42 of our Archway Family Handbook. Our faculty and staff are doing their best to log any dress code infractions which you should be receiving. A few things we are noticing are hair accessories, jewelry, lunchboxes, water bottles, backpacks, keychains etc. with pop culture/cartoon characters. Personal items should be void of these. Students will be able to choose one keychain to keep on their backpack which helps with identification for some, but this should not be in the form of a stuffed animal (e.g. Labubu's, Squishmallows or larger than finger sized). Please be sure to examine what your child is bringing to school and make adjustments.

Additionally, it has come to our network left nails out of our handbook this year. Students will be allowed to wear nail polish but their nails must be of natural length to ensure safety and hygiene. Nails should be void of raised/3D embellishments and pop culture. Should a student become distracted with their nails/polish, they will receive a dress code referral. Artificial nails are not recommended for Archway students, but should you choose to allow it for your child, please ensure the length is natural.

A MESSAGE FROM HEADMASTER MS MERCADO

Hello Maryvale Prep Families,

We are more than halfway through Quarter 1! It has been wonderful to see students coming to class prepared with homework and materials, in dress code, and enjoying fellowship with their classmates.

This past week marked the start of our high school sports season. Our varsity volleyball team, along with our football and cheer teams, held their first games, and our cross-country team will begin its season on Saturday, September 12. We are looking forward to an exciting season of fall athletics! In middle school sports, we have over 60 students participating in flag football, volleyball, cheer, and cross-country!

Enrichment courses are now in their second week, and students are enjoying activities such as robotics, baking, choir, LEGO building, drawing, and instrumental music. These courses provide unique opportunities for students to engage in specialized interests beyond our daily curriculum.

Our 12th-grade students will soon take the first field trip of the 25-26 school year to Northern Arizona University. They will spend the day touring the beautiful campus in Flagstaff and enjoying time together, shopping, and eating downtown.

If your student needs additional academic support, please encourage them to attend office hours in the mornings from 7:25-7:50 a.m. or to join Homework Club, which meets every full day from 3:00-3:30 p.m.

Throughout September, our prep community is focusing on the virtue of Citizenship. During morning announcements this week, students were encouraged to take opportunities to be good citizens of Maryvale Prep. They were reminded of examples found in our curriculum and within our own community. Here is the announcement shared with students to introduce the virtue of Citizenship: "Citizenship is the virtue of acting for the good of the community. Students at Maryvale have many opportunities to embody the virtue of Citizenship. Picking up a piece of litter helps keep the school clean and beautiful for every one of our students; raising a hand quietly rather than calling out an answer helps make a student's classroom a more peaceful place for all.



This month, we will host Civics Celebration Day and Student Council Elections. Each day this week, we will explore a different theme or topic around Citizenship. "There are so many great things happening at Maryvale Prep! Thank you for your continued partnership in providing a safe and excellent education for our students.

MID-QUARTER REPORT

On **Friday afternoon, September 5th**, Ms. Vaughn will be emailing the Mid-Quarter Report to families which will show the category totals and overall grades for each class as of that day. The MQR can be accessed via the link at the bottom of the email. This is a snapshot of students' academic performance so far in Quarter 1, which ends in only 5 weeks! As always, the most current and up-to-date grades can be viewed on the Parent Portal. If you do not receive an email, please check the spam folder or email Ms. Vaughn directly at mvaughn@maryvaleprep.org



COLLEGE COUNSELOR

field trip



12th grade field trip to **NAU on Friday September 12th**. Check your email for the required permission slip and configio payment.

Internships available! See Mrs. Ayala for details or send email to

gayala@maryvaleprep.org

or information about the Moose

Youth Awareness program [click here](#) or see Mrs. Ayala for details.



PARENT PORTAL

Part of our communication with families is the Parent Portal. Weekly, 3rd - 12th grade families can review homework, participation, quiz, and test grades on the Parent Portal. This is a great tool to use for specific questions you might have on any deficiency notices received, or just to keep up with your scholar's weekly performance.

