



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 11, 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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HEALTH OFFICE NEWS

Hello Maryvale family,

Did you know that pumpkin spice season is also cold and flu season? As we gather together daily, we must remember that in addition to sharing truth, goodness, and beauty, we are also sharing germs. Mild coughing or cold symptoms can be managed at school with handwashing, coughing into our sleeves, and good old-fashioned perseverance. However, if your scholar has a fever, severe cold symptoms, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, rashes, or pink eye, please keep them at home to prevent the perpetual spread of illness to scholars and staff. While we appreciate the high level of importance that is placed on attendance, we must surrender to the fact that a sick child, though present, is not learning. If you need excuse your scholar's absence, email attendance@maryvaleprep.org.



UPCOMING LOCKDOWN DRILL



We will be conducting a lockdown drill on **Friday, September 12th at 2:20pm**. Please take a moment to speak with your child about the importance of this drill in helping us stay safe and prepared. If you are planning to pick your child up early that day, please schedule accordingly to avoid any disruption during the drill.



SPORTS

MP Information about all things athletics can be found on the athletics [website here](#). A few things to note below"

- **Big Teams Website**- to upload your Sports Physical
- Mini matador families please be aware we will be charging **\$15** for every student that is not picked up by **1:50pm**.

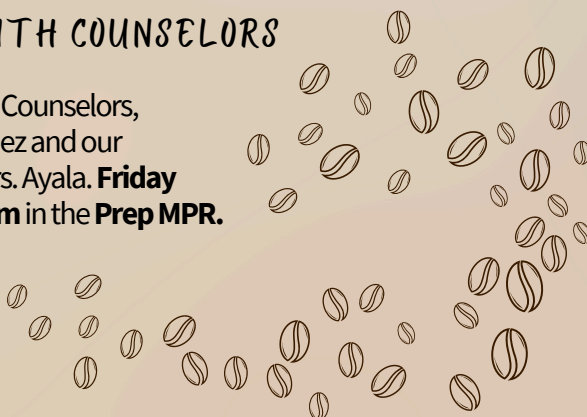
DISMISSAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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.

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**.



SEPTEMBER LUNCH MENUS

BREAKFAST MENU

KINDER LUNCH MENU

1ST-8TH LUNCH MENU

9TH-12TH LUNCH MENU



A MESSAGE FROM ARCHWAY HEADMASTER



Hello Maryvale Prep Families,

It was so great to see so many of you at our Family Partnership event yesterday. With 69% in attendance, we are pleased with our turnout. Our teachers have been working hard for weeks and staying late into the evenings in some grade levels to prepare resources for your children to use at home. We hope that the night was fruitful for you and that you are better equipped to partner alongside us as we ensure your child's academic success. We want to push for 100% attendance at these events and encourage you to mark your calendars for the next one on **February 11th** and to encourage others to attend. With just four weeks left of the quarter, we hope to partner closely alongside you to finish out our first academically strong. In addition to academics, we believe greatly in every aspect of human flourishing and want to continue engaging in the role moral formation plays at school. As always, we ask for your partnership in guiding students in the virtues by reinforcing the same habits that encourage friendship, kindness and responsibility. As we have moved into the year and friendships are forming, we are also finding that we are having to guide behaviors and kindness much more. One thing we encourage you to talk about with your students at home is the story of Socrates and the Three Sieve (<https://mot.global/2020/05/the-story-of-socrates-and-the-three-sieves/>). This story is something we can apply to our lives and encourage our students to do as well. It is important to guide our children to ask themselves whether a story, action, or comment is true, kind, and necessary before passing it on. Together, we can help our children grow not only in knowledge, but also in character and are thankful to do it alongside you. 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. You may have noticed in the Parent Portal that it currently shows an "F" or failing grade for special area courses. Please know that your child is not failing. This is simply a technical issue with how the system displays grades. At this point in the term, specialists are required to enter an "IP" (In Progress) mark, which the system unfortunately reads as a 0% or "F." This is only a placeholder and does not reflect your child's effort, performance, or standing in class unless you specifically receive a deficiency notice from your child's specialist.



DEFICIENCY NOTICES

You will continue to receive deficiency notices if your child drops into that category prior to the end of the grading period. Please continue to reach out to your child's teacher to identify ways to support progress for your child.



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.



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.

HOMECOMING DANCE



- Tickets are payable in advance and at the door and are non-refundable.
- Tickets are purchased with cash during Lunch/Break or through **Configio-Homecoming**

Any/all 7th-12th graders are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Dress Code

Dresses

- Dresses may not be strapless.
- Dresses may be backless.
- Dresses may not show midriff.
- Dresses may not have a slit that exceeds mid-thigh.
- Dresses may not be cut below the bust line.
- Dresses cannot have cuts or slits in them exposing skin underneath.
- Undergarments should not be visible. See-through apparel is not permitted.
- Dress or skirt length must reach at least the student's fingertips.
- Dresses may not be overly form-fitting.

Other

- Suits are acceptable attire.
- Jeans may be worn.
- Appropriate shoes for dancing should be considered.

Any one out of dress code will not be permitted entry.

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.



PREP NEWS 7TH GRADE - 12TH GRADE

Maryvale Preparatory Academy Spirit Week Attire Guidelines Fall: September 22nd–26th, 2025

General Guidelines for ALL Days:

1. Students must be in Spirit Week attire or the school uniform each day.
2. Clothing needs to cover at least the same areas as the school polo or oxford (just above the elbow) and the shorts/skirts (just above the knee) and contain no rips or openings.
3. Clothing must be without logos, words, or pop culture references (except where noted).



Monday, 9/22: Country vs. Rock 'n' Roll

1. Students are encouraged to emulate either a country music/star or rockstar, i.e. flannel, cowboy hats, boots, denim or black, jeans, studs, etc.

ALLOWED Non-ripped jeans, sneakers, boots

NOT ALLOWED Hoodies, ripped jeans, pop culture, shorts, tank tops, leggings, sweatpants, revealing clothing, wigs

Tuesday, 9/23: Class Colors Day

1. Students are encouraged to wear attire of their assigned class color.

- a. 7th Grade – Orange
- b. 8th Grade – Purple
- c. 9th Grade – Green
- d. 10th Grade – Pink
- e. 11th Grade – Red
- f. 12th Grade – Blue

2. Students may wear pants, shorts, shoes, socks, hair accessories, jewelry, etc. of their class color. If not adhering to class color, attire must be uniform.

ALLOWED Non-ripped jeans, sneakers, Crocs (class color only), class color accessories

NOT ALLOWED Hoodies, ripped jeans, pop culture, shorts, tank tops, leggings, sweatpants, revealing clothing,

ACTIVITY OF THE DAY: Class Color Competition

JV Football Homecoming Day Bagdad (6pm)



Wednesday, 9/24: Literary & Historic Figure Day

1. Students are encouraged to dress as their favorite literary or historic figure from the Great Hearts K-12 curriculum, i.e. Plato, Frog & Toad, Frida Kahlo, Frederick Douglass, Frankenstein's monster, etc.

2. Attire must be "school appropriate" and not contain pop culture references or comprise anything immodest. Use good judgement for what will be a comfortable and safe costume and will cover all the same parts of the body as the regular school uniform. Students out of compliance will be asked to change or sent home.

3. Props such as hats are permitted, props such as a sword are not.

Thursday, 9/25: Spirit Wear & MVP Spirit Day

1. Students are encouraged to wear MVP Spirit Wear, navy and maroon colors, and show Matador spirit. MVP athletes may wear their team jerseys.

ALLOWED Non-ripped jeans, sneakers, Crocs ON THEME ONLY, minimal face paint (not the whole face)

NOT ALLOWED Hoodies, ripped jeans, pop culture, shorts, tank tops, leggings, sweatpants, revealing clothing,

ACTIVITY OF THE DAY: Sandra O' Conner Civics Celebration Day, Fall Pep Rally

Powder Puff Game



Friday, 9/26: Fall Fun Friday

- Students are encouraged to dress in autumn-themed clothing. Attire includes jeans, flannels, boots, cozy wear (sweatshirts and cardigans are permitted, hoodies and sweatpants are not permitted), etc.
- Go as simple or all out as you desire (within the above general guidelines)!

ALLOWED Non-ripped jeans, sneakers, Crocs ON THEME ONLY, minimal face paint (not the whole face)
NOT ALLOWED Hoodies, ripped jeans, pop culture, shorts, tank tops, leggings, sweatpants, revealing clothing,

ACTIVITY OF THE DAY: Ice cream Sandwiches

Homecoming Dance, Saturday MS Volleyball Vs Glendale Prep @11:30am

