



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 18, 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

PSO.....

PSO Presents

PREP & ARCHWAY

Disney
Lilo & 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
Preparatory School of Orange County

JOIN US FOR

GREAT HEARTS DAY

AT THE **D-BACKS**

Great Hearts is partnering with the Diamondbacks once again to bring you another **Great Hearts Day at the D-Backs**! Enjoy discounted tickets, enter for the opportunity to win game day experiences and prizes, and arrive early to participate in a special pre-game parade around the warning track- exclusive to Great Hearts families and faculty! Find out more information and purchase your tickets by scanning the QR code or via the link below. We hope to see you there!



DBACKS V. DODGERS
Wednesday, Sept. 24
SCAN FOR TICKETS



SEPTEMBER LUNCH MENUS

BREAKFAST MENU

KINDER LUNCH MENU

1ST-8TH LUNCH MENU

9TH-12TH LUNCH MENU



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**.



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**.

Title I Annual Parent Meeting

The annual Title I Annual Parent Meeting will be held virtually Monday, September 29, 2025. Two sessions will be available:

- Session 1 at 9:30 AM:
<https://arizona.greatheartsamerica.org/title1/morning/>
- Session 2 at 1:00 PM:
<https://arizona.greatheartsamerica.org/title1/afternoon/>

These sessions will answer the questions: What is Title I? What is the Title I Grant Program? What resources are available for students who qualify for this assistance? The meeting will conclude with an open Q & A. Following the meeting, a brief survey will be distributed to collect feedback from attendees.

Questions about this event or Title I: Please email Missy Penniman at melissa.penniman@greathearts.org"

ARCHWAY NEWS KINDER- 6TH GRADE

A MESSAGE FROM ARCHWAY HEADMASTER DR CRUZ

Hello Maryvale Prep Families,



We hope this finds you doing well as we close out the week and with only two weeks left until Fall Break. It has been an exciting quarter and there is much to be proud of. Thank you for working alongside us and your continued partnership. One of the questions we asked at Family Partnership Night was how you engage in wonder with your children at home. As you begin making fall break plans, start thinking of ways that you can slow down and notice the little moments of wonder with your children. Wonder can be encouraged in simple ways, such as watching the seasons change, trying a new recipe or activity together, looking at the stars, or even just in simple “I wonder” conversations. Encourage your child’s curiosity and imagination by slowing down, listening closely, and exploring together. These small moments of shared wonder help children see the world as full of beauty! Have a great weekend!

5TH AND 6TH LYCEUM

Tomorrow, during our Lyceum block, our 5th and 6th graders will attend a Lyceum regarding Social Media and Online Platform use, impacts and expectations. An opt out form was sent on **Monday** so be sure to return that if you do not want your child to attend. The session will cover the positive and negative impacts of social media and online platforms, understanding digital footprints, expectations for safe and responsible use of social media and online platforms and the importance of planning and discussion social media and online platform use with parents. While this session is just for 5th and 6th graders, we do encourage all parents to talk about these things with their children and monitor use to ensure your children are engaging with appropriate boundaries and accessing only what is good for them.



ENROLLMENT UPDATE

We have many openings in 1st grade and are hoping to fill those sections and serve more students earlier on in their K-12 journey. If you know of anyone looking for a new opportunity for their 1st grade child, please encourage them to apply to Maryvale Prep by visiting our [website](#).

REGISTER NOW



HOMEWORK AVERAGE DATA COLLECTION

Next week, please choose a day to time how long it takes your child to complete homework. Only time actively engaged minutes, pause timer for breaks. Our goal is to ensure that homework is an extension of practice and that it does not take longer than it should based on grade level. Feel free to note anything back for teachers regarding your students successes or challenges with homework. You can write your time and comment on their agenda or on their homework page if a separate sheet is not provided.



PLEASE NOTE:

Next week Prep will have Spirit

Week prior to Homecoming and

Prep students **ONLY** (7th -12th

grades) will have spirit days out

of uniform. Please note this **does**

not apply to Archway (Kinder-

6th.) students.



DRESS CODE REMINDER

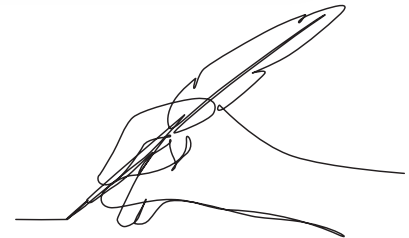
Please be sure to review our uniform and dress code policy on pages 40-42 of our Archway Family Handbook. Our faculty and staff are doing their best to log any dress code infractions which you should be receiving. A few things we are noticing are hair accessories, jewelry, lunchboxes, water bottles, 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.

BARD COMPETITION



If your 3rd-5th grade student is interested in participating in the Bard Competition, registration is now open! Please read the **Bard Competition Guidelines** carefully and either send an electronic registration form to Taylor Saar at tmarshall@maryvaleprep.org or submit a paper copy to your child's homeroom teacher by **Friday, October 3rd**.



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.

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.



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

- 10th grade ACE application workshop- 9/25 @10:45am
- 11th grade College 101- 9//22 during HL



Internships available!

See Mrs. Ayala for details or send an 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)



Literary & Historic Figure Day

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 @6:00pm Seniors Vs Juniors Flag Football, Please see Mr. Barringer for more details



Friday, 9/26: Fall Fun Friday

1. 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.
2. 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