



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 25, 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

www.maryvaleprep.org



YouTube

PREP AND ARCHWAY NEWS

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**.

PSO

PSO Presents

Disney **Lilo & Stitch**

MOVIE Night

PREP & ARCHWAY **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 Maryvale Preparatory Academy Service Organization

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**.



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



NO SCHOOL

There will be **no school** on **Monday, October 13th, and Tuesday, October 14th** due to Parent-Teacher Conferences. **PREP** students are required to attend their scheduled conference; otherwise, it will be rescheduled.

October
6TH - 10TH

FALL BREAK
NO SCHOOL



SEPTEMBER LUNCH MENUS

[BREAKFAST MENU](#)

[KINDER LUNCH MENU](#)

[1ST-8TH LUNCH MENU](#)

[9TH-12TH LUNCH MENU](#)



A MESSAGE FROM ARCHWAY HEADMASTER DR CRUZ



Hello Maryvale Prep Families,

We are down to the wire here, with only next week left until we close out quarter one and welcome Fall Break! Your scholars have done a great job this quarter. As we finalize grades we reflect on how far they have come and consider how else we can push their progress forward in the quarter ahead. In addition to reflecting on their academic progress, we want to ensure we are not losing sight of their moral formation. When you partner with us by reviewing their upcoming grades, we encourage you to also help them reflect on the ways they have grown in virtue. It is not all work and no play, here at Maryvale, so don't forget to join us for our first Movie Night. We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow on the field to share in community together and enjoy cooler temperatures! Starting next week I will be out on leave for some time. I will be sure to note who to contact in my out of office reply and leave you in good hands, hoping to return as soon as possible. Have a wonderful weekend!

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE INVITES

You will receive a conference invitation on Monday for your Archway scholars. Please be sure to sign up for a time slot as all October conferences are mandatory. These will take place on October 13-14. Please note that each child can only have one conference slot despite custody arrangements to ensure we are able to serve and see every family.



GRADING PHILOSOPHY



As you prepare to receive your child's first quarter grades it is important to know that, according to our liberal arts approach, teachers do not just crunch numbers to determine a final grade. The evaluation of students by their teachers is an important part of the educational process. This ongoing process of evaluation informs the teacher about the present state of the student; what the student has learned; and what he or she should learn next. It is also useful to the student's understanding of what has successfully been appropriated, what needs to be improved upon, and how improvement might be made. Finally, it is crucial for the parents if they are successfully to give oversight to the education of their children. The evaluation of student work should be ongoing, thorough, and practically useful to the student. A student should be able to see and understand where he or she has said something intelligent, made the right move, solved the problem, etc., and also to see and understand what went wrong and how to make improvements.

To elaborate what our strongest scholars exemplify and what we can jointly push for An "A" student is characterized by confidence and consistent mastery of subject matter and concepts presented. Besides just participating in classroom discussion, "A" students demonstrate that they take the information gleaned from these discussions and apply the information across the curriculum and to real-world situations. "A" students organizational and study skills need little refinement and/or monitoring and raise their achievement to higher levels. The "A" student demonstrates the ability to think and discuss concepts beyond the parameters of the obvious questions posed. They are able to identify patterns, similarities and differences and articulate problems and pose questions that demonstrate the depth and breadth of his understanding. This student has both the stamina and an appetite for the unknown and is not deterred by discomfort that can come with the unsolved problem solving process. The "A" student's attitude demonstrates that they are going beyond their teacher's expectations and is developing their own educational pursuits. Regardless of the level that they start at, "A" students take the initiative and create their own methods to improve their performance.



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.

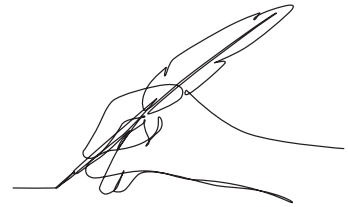
Additionally, it has come to our network left nails out of our handbook this year. Students will be allowed to wear nail polish but their nails must be of natural length to ensure safety and hygiene. Nails should **be void of raised/3D embellishments and pop culture**. Should a student become distracted 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**.



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



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. 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 support your child.



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

- FAFSA Night - 10/2 in the Prep MPR attend one session: 5:30pm **or** 6:45pm
- Coffee with the Counselors- 10/24 @8:00am



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.

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).



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)!

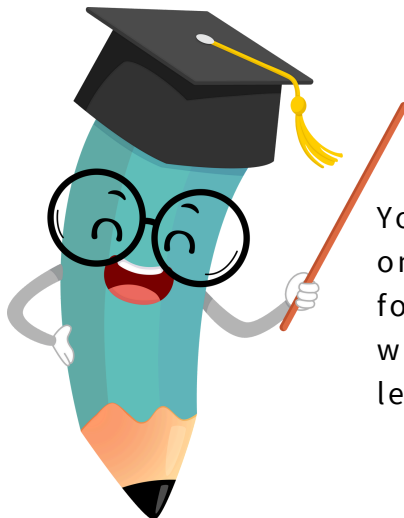
ALLOWED Non-ripped jeans, sneakers, Crocs ON THEME ONLY, minimal face paint (not the whole face)

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

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.



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE

You should have received an email with a specific link for your child on Tuesday September 23rd. Please be sure to sign up for a time slot for your designated class section conferences are mandatory. These will take place on October 13-14. Please note that these are student lead conferences, your student will need to be present.