



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2, 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



October
6TH - 10TH

FALL BREAK
NO SCHOOL



SPORTS MP

- **October 13 & 14** in the Prep Courtyard Area -Athletics will be having a **CLEARANCE SALE** on all "old" Spirit Wear. Styles, sizes, colors are limited to what is on-hand, but everything must go to make room for NEW SPIRIT WEAR!! Come check out the reduced prices and pick up something for you or your scholar!!

- **October 16 5:30pm** in the Marley Center we will be having our Winter Sports Parents Night! If your scholar wants to play a winter sport please attend this meeting; this is your chance to ask questions about pricing, registration, and to meet your coaches!



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.

PSO

FALL
FEST



TRUNK OR TREAT, HAUNTED
HOUSES & FOOD

Friday, October 24, 2025

6:00 - 9:00 pm
4825 W Camelback Rd.

PSOPresident@maryvaleprep.org

Buy your wristbands on configio!!



Jean Day

Allowed:

- Archway & Prep
- Students & Staff
- Spirit wear
- jeans

Not Allowed:

- 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

October 3, 2025
\$1.00



Need spirit wear?

Contact Mr. Jones:
DJones@MaryvalePrep.org

Trunk-or-Treat Reservation:

Please use this [link](#) to reserve your spot to decorate your trunk and hand out treats during our Fall Festival



OCTOBER 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,

It is hard to believe we are done with the first quarter of the school year. There is so much to be proud of and your child's teachers are busy preparing for conferences and are excited to share progress and next steps with you. Please be sure to sign up for a time as these are mandatory and one of the most crucial ways in which we partner with you on behalf of your child.

Have a wonderful Fall Break! We look forward to seeing you soon!

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.

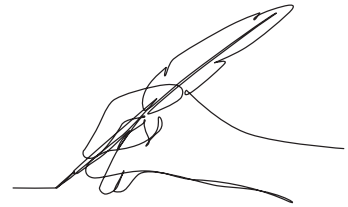
Additionally, it has come to our network left nails out of our handbook this year. Students will be allowed to wear nail polish but their nails must be of natural length to ensure safety and hygiene. Nails should **be void of raised/3D embellishments and pop culture**. Should a student become distracted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



COLLEGE COUNSELOR

- Coffee with the Counselors- 10/24 @8:00am
- Study for the PSAT! Exam will take place on October 21st for 10th and 11th grades. Students, **click here** to create an account and download the Bluebook App for practice exams.

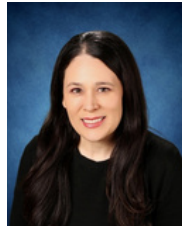


See Mrs. Ayala for details or send an email to gayala@maryvaleprep.org

MESSAGE FROM PREP HEADMASTER

Hello Maryvale Prep Families,

As Quarter 1 comes to a close, I want to take a moment to celebrate what a wonderful start to the year it has been. Our students have thrived—growing in their academics, building strong friendships, and engaging in extracurricular activities. Last week's Spirit Week was a success! From the football game to the Powder Puff match and a lively Homecoming Dance attended by more than 200 students, these events highlight the joy and community spirit we are striving to cultivate together at Maryvale Prep. Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome you to our mandatory Parent-Teacher Conferences on Monday and Tuesday, October 13–14. These conferences are required for all students and parents and serve as an important opportunity for reflection on Quarter 1 and for setting clear goals as we enter Quarter 2. Quarter 2 promises to be full and exciting, with highlights including Parent-Teacher Conferences, Athletic Field Day, PSAT testing, Fall Festival, Galileo testing, Winter Showcase, 11th-grade Drama performances, and Semester Finals. We encourage you to stay connected by reading this newsletter, checking the Parent Portal and Band app, and following us on our social media platforms. Wishing you and your family a restful and restorative Fall Break!



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE



You should have received an email with a specific link for your child on Tuesday, September 23. 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, so your student will need to be present.

PARENT PORTAL

As part of our ongoing communication with families, we encourage you to regularly use the Parent Portal. Families of students in grades 3–12 can review homework, participation, quiz, and test grades on a weekly basis. This is a valuable tool for monitoring your scholar's academic progress and addressing any questions related to deficiency notices.

Please note: PowerSchool is currently closed while teachers finalize grades. It will reopen on **October 13th** in preparation for Parent-Teacher Conferences. Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting your scholar's success!

