



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 06, 2025



KEY DATES

Veterans Day- No School
November 11

Mini Matadors Begin
November 12

Sports Banquet
November 13

3-5 Music Concert
November 19

Last day of Archway Clubs
November 21

Thanksgiving Break- No School
November 26-28

Prep Winter Showcase
December 10



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

www.maryvaleprep.org

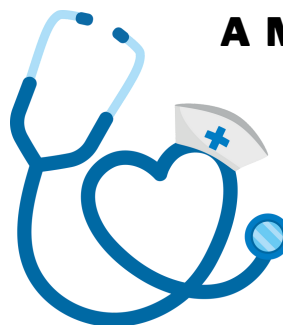


YouTube

PREP AND ARCHWAY NEWS

SPORTS MP

- Sports Banquet is on **Thursday November 13th** save the date
- HS winter sports begin **Monday, November 3,** Our next season of Mini Matadors begins on **Wednesday, November 12.** Please be sure to sign up ahead of time and note all pick up logistics. Middle School sports (5th and 6th grade included) also begins the **week of November 10th.** Information about all things athletics can be found on the athletics website



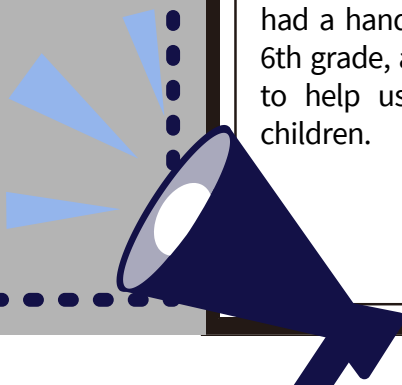
A MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Attention Kinder, 2nd, and 6th grade parents! Please be on the look-out for a consent form for a free program

offering dental screenings and sealants at school on **Thursday November 20.** Consent can also be given electronically.

Passing Out Trend

It has come to our attention that there is a challenge/trend circulating in which students hold their breath to make themselves pass out. We have had a handful of students doing this, especially in 6th grade, and wanted to bring it to your attention to help us express the danger of this to your children.



26-27 OPEN ENROLLMENT & RE- ENROLLMENT

Open Enrollment for new students for the 2026-27 school year is **now open!** If you have a child who will be new to Great Hearts—or know friends, neighbors, or relatives who are interested—now is the perfect time to **submit an application.**

Open Enrollment Dates are October 20 – December 31, 2025

New Students:

If you have a child entering Kindergarten or a sibling who is not yet enrolled, please be sure to submit a new application during this Open Enrollment window. Applications submitted by December 31 are included in the lottery.

Re-Enrollment for Current Students starts Tuesday, February 17, 2026

- All current Great Hearts students will complete the re-enrollment process on this date to secure their spot for the 2026-27 school year.

Thank you for being a part of the Great Hearts community and for sharing your positive experiences with others. We do still have seats available for this school year. Please share with your family and friends. Additionally, we are hosting an Information Night for Prospective Parents on **11/6.** Please encourage them to reach out for information and to join us!

PREP AND ARCHWAY NEWS



GreatHearts®
Athenaeum After-School Program

GreatHeartsArizona.org/athenaeum

Dear Athenaeum families,

Effective immediately, we will no longer be using the current online attendance link for updates. Please send all Athenaeum attendance changes by either:

- Text: (480) 247-1532 (site phone)
- Email: Programs.Maryvale@greathearts.org

This change allows our team to respond and clarify details quickly when needed. An updated attendance link may be introduced later this year; until then, text or email is the required method.

When you contact us, please include:

- Student's full name.
- Date(s) of the change and what's changing (days attending that week, absent, different pick-up person, extra day, etc.)
- Any other details we should know

If this has already been your method of Athenaeum attendance communication, please disregard this message. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep your scholars safe and accounted for.



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PSO EVENTS.....

Jean Day



Allowed:

- Archway & Prep
- Students & Staff
- Spiritwear
- 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.**

November 7, 2025

\$1.00



Need spirit wear?

Contact Mr. Jones:

DJones@MaryvalePrep.org



enjoy
FOOD & FUN

AND RAISE SOME DOUGH

15% of all food, beverage and funpass game credit sales benefit

Maryvale Prep Academy "Family Fun Night"

Date: Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Time: 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Place: Peter Piper Pizza at Maryvale
4105 N. 51st Avenue, Suite 111
Phoenix 85031

CAN'T MAKE IT OR IN A HURRY?

You can still donate by ordering online or through the app.

1. Order at peterpiperpizza.com or through our app on the fundraiser date
2. Select the restaurant hosting the fundraiser
3. Enter the promo code **FRESHDOUGH** at checkout for donation contribution



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NOVEMBER 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 DR. CRUZ

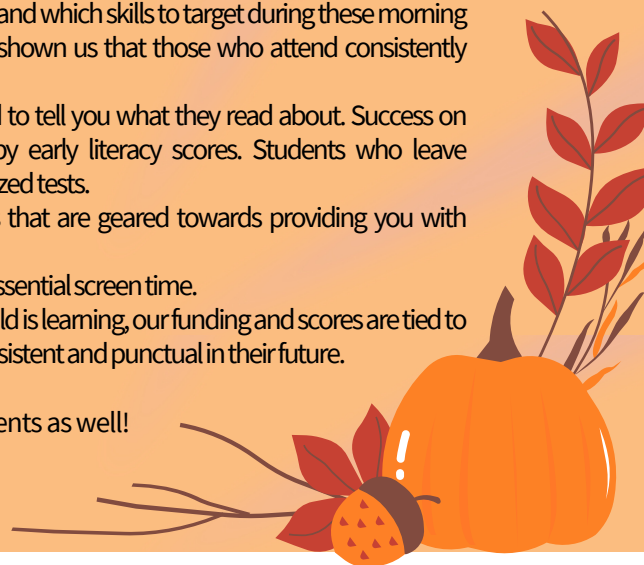


Dear Maryvale Prep Families,

We hope that you have seen by now our note about us attaining an “A” letter grade from the Arizona Department of Education. This has been years in the making and with just as much work as it required to attain an “A”, it will take just as much to maintain it. Here are some things that you already are or can continue doing to partner to keep us on an upward trajectory.

- Send your child to Academic Morning Clubs
 - We review progress monitoring and test data to determine exactly which students and which skills to target during these morning blocks. Their attendance solidifies their understanding and historically data has shown us that those who attend consistently score better from one test to another.
- Encourage reading at home daily and ask comprehension questions or ask your child to tell you what they read about. Success on standardized assessments that begin in 2nd and 3rd grades are often measure by early literacy scores. Students who leave Kindergarten reading on grade level are more likely to maintain proficiency on standardized tests.
- Attend parent teacher conferences, Family Partnership Night and any school events that are geared towards providing you with resources to help your child.
- Shift screen time so that more time is spent on IXL review versus video games and non-essential screen time.
- Ensure punctuality and consistent attendance. Not only does being here ensure your child is learning, our funding and scores are tied to attendance and punctuality. Furthermore, consistency now, sets your child up to be consistent and punctual in their future.

Thank you for all that you do to partner with us. Again, this recognition belongs to parents as well!



UPCOMING FIELD DAYS

On Wednesday, November 19th, our Kindergarten students will have their Athletic Field Day. Parents are welcome to come as spectators but must drop their child off as normal and then return to park and enter through the main office no earlier than 8:15 am. Parents must sign in and will be escorted to the lawn. Game rounds begin at 8:30 am. Parents must leave campus at 10:35 am at the end of Round 4. Your child may wear their class colors or their uniform. If they were class colors and athletic shorts or leggings they must be uniform length and free of holes, graphics, or pop culture. They must wear athletic shoes. Students should not bring a backpack that day.

Class/Team Colors

-Your child's teacher will note who is in Team 1 and Team 2

KA Team 1 - Pierre	Courage	White
KA Team 2- R. Perez	Friendship	Yellow
KB Team 1- Stokka	Citizenship	Red
KB Team 2 - Alcala	Wisdom	Orange



KC Team 1 - Luna	Responsibility	Green
KC Team 2 - Y. Perez	Honesty	Blue
KD Team 1 - Wirt	Integrity	Purple
KD Team 2 - Mejia	Perseverance	Black

3RD-5TH GRADE MUSIC CONCERT

Please save the date for November 19th for our Fall Concert for 3rd-5th grades. Times are as follows and students must arrive 15 minutes before their performance time. Student and family entrance will take place at Gates 6 & 7.

- 3rd grade will perform at 4 pm
- 4th grade will perform at 5 pm
- 5th grade will perform at 6 pm

Student attire is: white tops (solid color/no vests), black dress bottoms, and solid black shoes. Hairbows, if worn, must be black or white and modest.





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. With cooler weather approaching, please review the outerwear dress code:

- Sweaters:
- Color: Navy blue with the MVA Crest
- Style: Cardigan or pullover with a ¼ zipper
- Available from Lands' End
- Outerwear/Jackets:
- Jackets may be worn to school for warmth but must be free of logos and messages
- Definition: Waterproof fabric or wool, with zipper or buttons, and a single color scheme — no words or images allowed
- Jackets may only be worn before school, after school, and during recess
- Other items:
- Beanies and gloves are allowed when it's cold but must be single-color and free of logos or messages
- Cardigans with the MVA Crest may be worn inside and outside the classroom
- Long sleeve undershirts are not permitted

Thank you for helping us maintain a neat and consistent dress code as temperatures drop!

STUDENT BEHAVIOR AND VIRTUE

Recently, our boys bathrooms have been intentionally trashed. Paper towels are being wadded and thrown to the ceiling. We have narrowed this down most likely to upper grades (5th and 6th grade). Please talk to your children about respect and integrity. Consequences will be issued and these behaviors will not be tolerated. We may incur additional cleaning charges when intentional messes occur and these can be passed onto parents.



DEFICIENCY NOTICES

Next week brings us to mid quarter, as such, if your child is deficient in any grading areas, teachers will begin reaching out. Please also review 3rd-5th grade grades on the parent portal.



GRADE ACCESS FOR 3RD-6TH GRADES

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.



Help Us Spread the Word!!

Great Hearts is hosting Info Nights at all of our Archway Academies soon, and we'd love for you to invite friends, family, and co-workers who may be considering school options.



NOVEMBER 6 | 5 PM



At Info Night, prospective parents will:

- Tour the campus
- Meet teachers, leaders, and families
- Learn more about our classical education
- Connect with representatives from our Prep schools who can answer questions



Your voice makes the biggest impact, please share this opportunity with families in your circle so they can experience firsthand the welcoming community that makes Great Hearts unique.



LINK: [ENROLLINFONIGHT](#)



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS ONLY



HOT COCOA & DONUT HOLES



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025
7:00 - 7:45 AM

PREP ONLY

STAFF HIGHLIGHT

Dr. Ndade serves as the Exceptional Student Services (ESS) Coordinator for 7th grade, providing specialized instruction to students in grades seven through nine. She teaches basic reading, reading fluency, math calculation, and math problem solving.



Dr. Ndade was raised in Africa and began her teaching career as a general education teacher after earning her bachelor's degree. She later moved to the United States to pursue her graduate studies in special education, concentrating on learning disabilities at the University of Iowa and the University of Texas at Austin. Following her graduate work, she participated in a research project before returning to her true passion: teaching.

Dr. Ndade firmly believes that students can learn and thrive when given the right support and encouragement. She takes great joy in helping her students view challenges as opportunities for growth. Reflecting on her experience at Maryvale, she shares: "Students are eager to learn and grow, approaching each day with enthusiasm and determination. I celebrate their progress every day as they discover their confidence and realize they can achieve anything they set their minds to."

When she's not in the classroom, Dr. Ndade enjoys traveling, reading, and spending time with family and friends.



OUTERWEAR POLICY

As the weather begins to cool, we'd like to remind families of our outerwear policy to ensure all students remain in compliance with the school dress code:

Approved Campus Outerwear:

- Students may wear a school pullover or athletic jacket with the official school crest or approved emblem at all times during the school day.

Non-Academy Outerwear:

- Jackets or coats without the school crest may be worn before and after school, **outdoors only**. These must be free of pop culture references, political messages, or any inappropriate language or images.
- Non-zip-up hoodies are not permitted to be worn at any time during the school day, including drop-off and pick-up.

We appreciate your help in keeping our students focused and in uniform. Thank you for your continued support!

COLLEGE COUNSELOR

- Apply for Scholarships: [Click here](#)
- 10th grade **ACE Application** Deadline, Nov. 17th.
- 12th Grade It's Time to Order Your Caps and Gowns! [Jostens - Home Page](#)
- Nov 13th- Grade College 101 for 11th grade
- Nov 12th- **Trade Presentation** @Marley Center
- Apply for Internships click [here](#)
- [Explore Colleges](#) click [here](#)

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

GRADES 7-12 ONLY

PREP YEARBOOK PRE-ORDER

PRE-ORDER BY DECEMBER 31ST
\$40

ORDER AFTER JANUARY 1ST
\$45

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