



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 13, 2025



KEY DATES

3-5 Music Concert
November 19

Coffee with Counselor
November 21

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



CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. THOMAS BARRINGER, 2025 EXCEPTIONAL TEACHER AWARD WINNER

Last Friday, Great Hearts hosted their annual Gala and we are proud to share that our very own, Mr. Thomas Barringer was this year's recipient of the Exceptional Teacher Award. Mr. Barringer, also known as Coach Barringer and DJ Tommy B on campus, has been serving our students at Maryvale for the last 12 years. At the gala, he was highlighted for inspiring our students and going above and beyond to enrich their experiences both inside and outside of the classroom. He teaches science classes in our Prep school, coaches football, spins the tunes as DJ at our school functions and has led a variety of clubs and extracurriculars. He seeks opportunities to enhance our campus and provide experiences for our students and has received the Teacher Toolbox Grant previously and helped us secure The Neighborhood Grant through Sprouts. He started our gardening program and has been a caretaker for many class and campus pets. Mr.

Barringer excels at building excellent rapport with students and families and fostering academic growth and moral formation. We are so honored to have him at Maryvale Prep and look forward to the many more ways he will undoubtedly impact our community!



PREP AND ARCHWAY NEWS

COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELORS

HOSTED BY OUR SCHOOL COUNSELORS
MRS. SOPER AND MS. MARTINEZ.



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025
FROM 8AM-9AM IN THE PREP MPR

This month we will have guests from Friendly House. Along with sharing more family resources in our area, we will continue to have coffee, donuts, and gift card raffles.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support!

If you missed Coffee with the Counselors in October, or would like to watch it again, you can view the session at the link below

Link: <https://youtu.be/pNywKbLK9Q0>



Dear Athenaem families,

Effective immediately, we will no longer be using the current online attendance link for updates. Please send all Athenaem 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 Athenaem attendance communication, please disregard this message. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep your scholars safe and accounted for.

FOOD DRIVE

NOVEMBER 10-25

Non-perishable food in jars, cans, bottles & sealed packets

Canned fruit, green beans, corn, and sweet potatoes / Broth / Cranberry sauce / Gravy (no glass) / Stuffing mix (2 boxes) / Mashed potatoes (3 pouches) / Marshmallows / Corn muffin mix / Macaroni & cheese / Foil roasting pan



Please donate non-perishable food items to our November Food Drive for Responsibility month! We are currently accepting food donations in any amount to be distributed to families during this holiday season. **Please consider donating prior to November 21;** however, donations are accepted throughout the entire month. Boxes are located at multiple stations across campus, including front offices. Thank you for partnering with us and with Phoenix Mission Hope for Hunger, located here in our Maryvale community, to provide nutritious food and holiday food boxes this Thanksgiving season.



NOVEMBER LUNCH MENUS

BREAKFAST MENU

KINDER LUNCH MENU

1ST-8TH LUNCH MENU

9TH-12TH LUNCH MENU



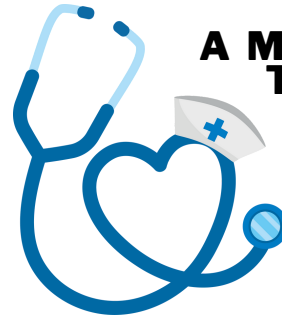
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MP SPORTS

- All sports payments are due before the first games. Please make sure your payment is submitted to avoid any delays in participation.

Also — High School sports start next week! Get ready for a great season!

- Mini Matadors has begun. Please be sure to note all pick up logistics. Middle School sports (5th and 6th grade included) is also in full swing. If your child is enrolled, please be sure you are signed up for the Band Apps for their respective sport.



A MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

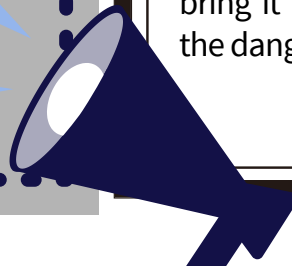
Attention Kinder, 2nd, and 6th grade parents!

Please be on the lookout 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!

ARCHWAY NEWS KINDER- 6TH GRADE

A MESSAGE FROM ARCHWAY HEADMASTER DR. CRUZ



Dear Maryvale Prep Families,

It is hard to believe we are closing out the middle of the quarter. Our teachers are hard at work meeting about student data and identifying additional ways to help support them in closing any academic gaps. For all of us, this is a great time for reflection and renewed diligence. In the spirit of forming virtuous habit, we encourage students to take ownership of their learning, persevere through challenges, and finish the quarter with excellence in both moral and intellectual pursuits. Thank you for all of the ways you partner with us.



KINDER ATHLETIC FIELD DAY

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

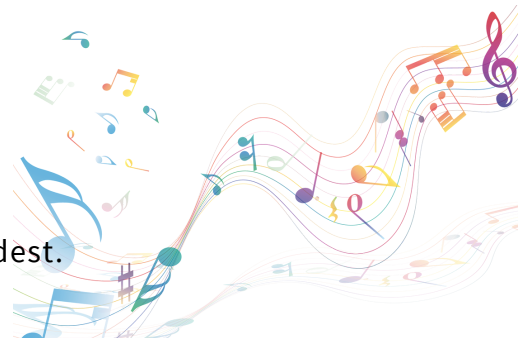


3RD-5TH GRADE MUSIC CONCERT

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!

NOTICE

DEFICIENCY NOTICES

From this point in the quarter on, 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.



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.



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS ONLY



MID- QUARTER REPORT

Hello Prep Families,

It is hard to believe we are halfway through Quarter 2. It's been exciting to see students engaged in learning and exceeding expectations in both academics and behaviors. By the end of the day, you'll receive an email from Ms. Vaughn with a link to your student's Mid-Quarter Report. This report provides an overview of your student's current overall grade, along with the percentage breakdown for each grading category in all of their classes.

For more detailed information—such as individual assignments that contribute to each grade—please log into the Parent Portal via the PowerSchool app or a web browser. For the most comprehensive view (including past grades and official report cards), we recommend using a browser. If you have any trouble accessing the portal, feel free to reach out to our office for support.

We encourage you to review the report together with your child and talk about steps they can take—both at home and in school—to finish the quarter strong. Students are welcome to reach out directly to their teachers with questions, and of course, you're always welcome to contact teachers as well. Their contact information available on the Parent Portal as well.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support!

STAFF HIGHLIGHT

Caleb Orella teaches 11th Grade Humane Letters and currently serves as a long-term substitute for 8th Grade Literature and Composition. Originally from Portland, Oregon, Caleb moved to Phoenix to attend Grand Canyon University as the first college student in his family. He studied theology and, after graduation, worked for a nonprofit in the Maryvale community for two years before joining Maryvale Prep to begin his teaching career.

Caleb has a passion for helping students realize their potential and become captivated by the great works of history—and how those works deepen our understanding of the human story and our place in it today. Teaching has been his dream since childhood, and he shares, "This community is one that I love and the mission of our school one that I believe in. I believe every scholar here has the potential to be challenged and grow in all the fields they are exposed to—not just in mind, but in character as well."

Outside the classroom, Caleb enjoys spending time with friends, writing, drinking good coffee, and making music with others.





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:

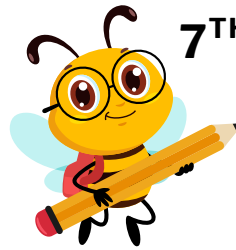
Approved Campus Outerwear:

- 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!



7TH AND 8TH SPELLING BEE

Our 7th and 8th grade students will take part in the National Scripps Spelling Bee classroom competitions on **Monday,**

November 24 and Tuesday, November 25. Each student received a spelling list this week and is encouraged to study nightly in preparation for the event. The top speller from each classroom will advance to the School Spelling Bee, which will take place on **Thursday, December 11 at 8:15am in the Marley Center.** We look forward to celebrating our students' hard work, courage, and love of words during this exciting academic tradition!

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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