



# MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 20, 2025



### KEY DATES

*Coffee with Counselor*  
**November 21**

*Last day of Archway Clubs*  
**November 21**

*Thanksgiving Break- No School*  
**November 26-28**

*12th Grade Drama*  
**December 4 & 5**

*Prep Winter Showcase*  
**December 10**



### MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY SCHOOL HOURS/INFO

#### ARCHWAY (K-6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:prep.attendance@maryvaleprep.org)

#### GATE CLOSURE TIMES:

**FULL DAYS:** 1:00PM-2:30PM

[www.maryvaleprep.org](http://www.maryvaleprep.org)



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# PREP AND ARCHWAY NEWS

**NO SCHOOL- Thanksgiving Break November 26-28**

*Happy Thanksgiving*

**This is our last newsletter for the month, and we look forward to sharing more updates with you in December!**

## 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>

## 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



HOPE FOR HUNGER  
FOOD BANK



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.

## FAMILY RESOURCES

I wanted to share some helpful local resources for families who may need a little extra support with groceries, meals, or affordable options this season. These programs are available to help stretch your budget and ease some stress. I hope they bring a bit of comfort and brightness to your home.

- Aldi – Thanksgiving Assistance - **Aldi Thanksgiving**
- Salvation Army – Thanksgiving Support - **Salvation Army Thanksgiving**
- Peter Piper Pizza – \$2.99 one-topping personal pizzas for kids 15 and under (Mon–Fri, 2–5 p.m., dine-in only)
- Phoenix Rescue Mission – Food Assistance - **Phoenix Rescue Mission**
- Fresh Start Women’s Foundation - **Fresh Start Women's Foundation | Empowering Women Since 1992**
- Friendly House – Launching Lives Further - -**Friendly House – Launching Lives Further**
- Phoenix Food Assistance & Community Resources - **Phoenix Food Assistance and Community Resources**
- Find local food banks: **Get Food - Arizona Food Bank Network**
- A free holiday meal for veterans, families, and neighbors in need; **Annual Thanksgiving Dinner | Metro Phoenix**
- Helping to fill in the gaps until SNAP benefits are back in place: **Hope for Hunger - Phoenix Rescue Mission**

## NOVEMBER LUNCH MENUS

**BREAKFAST MENU**

**KINDER LUNCH MENU**

**1ST-8TH LUNCH MENU**

**9TH-12TH LUNCH MENU**



# PREP AND ARCHWAY NEWS

## ATHLETICS

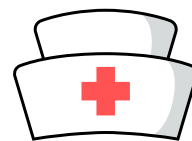
- All sports payments are due before the first games. Please make sure your payment is submitted to avoid any delays in participation.

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



- Unfortunately, due to the low interest, the Cavity Free program will be postponed. We will try again in the spring, at which time more information will be provided.

### 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!

## REQUESTS FOR COURT DOCUMENTATION



As a school, we do not provide written statements, character references, or documentation, unless it is formally requested through the appropriate legal channels, such as a subpoena. If you need record of dates you have attended meetings (e.g. conferences, Family Partnership Nights, etc.) and do not have your Sign Up RSVPs, please reach out to our office team and they can help gather these dates.

## HOLIDAY ART SHOWCASE

It's a Great Hearts tradition to showcase our student artwork in our annual holiday card. If your child is interested in creating a winter/holiday themed piece of art, please upload it no later than November 30th to be considered. This is open to all students in grades K-12. You can submit your artwork here: <https://arizona.greatheartamerica.org/holiday-card/>

Please contact Shannon Richards with any questions.

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# ARCHWAY NEWS KINDER- 6TH GRADE

## A MESSAGE FROM ARCHWAY HEADMASTER DR. CRUZ



Dear Maryvale Prep Families,

November does not come with many full weeks due to holidays so we are thankful to be closing out this complete week. It is always a special week when we are graced with the beautiful sounds of our students at the annual Winter Concert. These special showcases are a beautiful time to remind us of all of the ways our students engage when they are afforded a classical, liberal arts curriculum. Many schools no longer offer music programs and we are so thankful that we are committed to that. As we have noted our thematic goal ties to wonder and music invites students to explore sound in ways that sparks curiosity and deepens their sense of wonder. Music opens their minds to new questions and possibilities and we are very thankful for the ways our music teachers push our students to delight in this form of wonder!

### 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!

### LAST DAY FOR CLUBS

Our last day of clubs for this season is **Friday, November 21st**. We hope that your scholars enjoyed their clubs and are looking forward to the next season. Our next season will take place from January 26-April 24. We will release sign-ups after winter break.



### 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.

## NEW DRESS CODE INFRACTION

Prep parents: Please be aware of the new dress code infraction system which is intended to notify you when your child has received a dress code infraction that needs to be corrected before the following school week. Please contact Mr. Mendez or Ms. Wolpert with any questions



## 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> 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!

\* SHOP NOW \*

GRADES 7-12 ONLY

## PREP YEARBOOK PRE-ORDER

PRE-ORDER BY DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>  
\$40

ORDER AFTER JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>  
\$45

PURCHASE ON  
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YEARBOOKS ARE  
DELIVERED IN MAY

## COLLEGE COUNSELOR

- 12/1- Scholarship Application Contest. Show Mrs. Ayala confirmation of any scholarship submissions between Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Nov. 29th and enter a chance for with each submission to win a raffle prize. Apply for Scholarships: [Click here](#)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade It's Time to Order Your Caps and Gowns! [Jostens - Home Page](#)
- 12/19- Moose Youth Awareness Deadline
- 12/3- Latino Media Presentation in collaboration with ASU (Marley Center)
- 12/13- Coffee with the Counselors- Preparing for College Early 8:00 am (Prep MPR)

See Mrs. Ayala for details or send an email to [\*\*gayala@maryvaleprep.org\*\*](mailto:gayala@maryvaleprep.org)