



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 04, 2025



KEY DATES

12th Grade Drama
December 4 & 5

PSO Spirit and Jean Day
December 5

Prep Winter Showcase
December 10

PSO Pajama Day and Movie Night
December 12

Coffee with Counselor
December 12

Winter Break-No School
December 22- January 6

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

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.

Need spirit wear?

Contact Mr. Jones:
DJones@MaryvalePrep.org

December 5, 2025
\$1.00



DURING
SCHOOL EVENT



DECEMBER 12, 2025



DRESS CODE GUIDELINES:

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|---------------------|-------------------------|
| LONG PJ PANTS | NO HOODIES |
| NON-RIPPED JEANS | NO POP CULTURE |
| HARD SOLED SLIPPERS | NO SEE-THROUGH CLOTHING |
| SWEATSHIRTS | NO TANK TOPS |
| UGGS & CROCS | NO SHORTS |

AFTER SCHOOL
EVENT

DURING SCHOOL
EVENT



MOVIE NIGHT POLAR EXPRESS

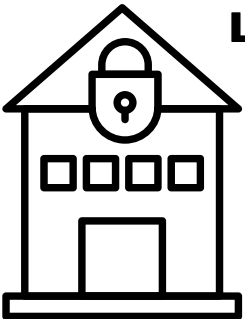


FREE
ENTRY

DECEMBER
12

GATE OPENS
AT 5:30 PM

LOCKDOWN DRILL



On **December 12th**, we will hold a lockdown drill. Please discuss with your children the importance and seriousness required

during these practice and preparation opportunities. It is our hope that we never have to go beyond practice but it is important that we are prepared for emergency situations.



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!

PREP AND ARCHWAY NEWS

ATHLETICS

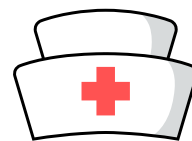
- All sports payments are due before the first games. Please make sure your payment is submitted to avoid any delays in participation.

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

- Mini Matadors has began. 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!

NO SCHOOL- Winter Break December 22- January 6



HAPPY
Holidays!



DECEMBER 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,

I hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and that you have much to be grateful for. We are back in full swing this week and are aiming for a strong finish to the semester. December comes with a large commitment for focus and effort academically as we finalize grading for the term. It also comes with many moments for joy and celebration. Please be sure to review key dates in this newsletter and in your classroom newsletters. We look forward to the various opportunities in which we can come together.

GRADEBOOK ACCESS

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.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Due to the shorter month, K-6 birthday celebrations for the month of December will take place on **Wednesday, December 17th**.



UPCOMING HOLIDAYS & CELEBRATIONS

At Maryvale Prep we think fondly of the holidays and the opportunities they provide for families and communities to celebrate with one another and partake in cherished traditions. At our academy, we have intentionally decided not to bring those celebrations in order to focus use of academic minutes wisely and due to the vastness and content of holidays.

Please do not send Christmas themed treats or candy to class as we will not be having any celebrations.



KINDERGARTEN ATHLETIC FIELD DAY

Our Kinder Athletic Field Day has been rescheduled for Wednesday, December 10th. 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. If you wish to sign your child out afterwards, you must do so through the main office first and then your child will be released to you.

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	Courage	White
KA Team 2-	Friendship	Yellow
KB Team 1-	Citizenship	Red
KB Team 2	Wisdom	Orange
KC Team 1	Responsibi	Green
KC Team 2	Honesty	Blue
KD Team 1	Integrity	Purple
KD Team 2	Perseveran	Black

PREP NEWS 7TH GRADE - 12TH GRADE

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

HOT COCOA & DONUT HOLES



Hot Cocoa
\$2.00

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025
7:00-7:40 AM

PREP ONLY

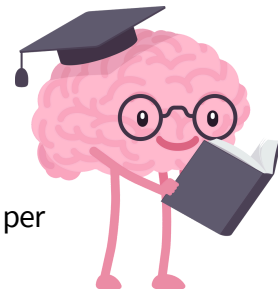
SEMESTER FINALS

Semester Finals: December 17-19

Students will take their Semester Finals on December 17-19. These exams review what students have learned over the whole semester and count for 10% of their semester grade. Students will take two tests per day, and all three days will be Early Release.

It is very important that students are at school, on time, and ready to test. Please plan family travel after finals are finished, as exams cannot be taken early.

Teachers will give study guides by December 12. Please help your student prepare by looking over the guide with them and making sure they have time to study. If you have questions about a specific class exam, please contact that teacher.



7TH AND 8TH SPELLING BEE

Hello,

I am excited to share that your student has won their classroom spelling bee and will be representing their class in our School Spelling Bee on **Thursday, December 11, from 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the Marley Center**. We are very proud of their hard work, focus, and

perseverance. Families are welcome to attend. To avoid morning traffic, please arrive after 8:15 a.m. and park in the back lot next to the main Prep building. All visitors must check in at the Prep front office with a photo ID before entering the Marley Center. The event will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m., so please plan accordingly. Spelling Bee contestants should report to their first-period class at 8:00 a.m. for attendance and will be dismissed to the Marley Center by their teachers. The winner of our school competition will advance to the Great Hearts Spelling Bee on Monday, January 12, at 6:45 p.m. at Veritas Preparatory Academy to compete against winners from other Great Hearts campuses. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. Good luck to all our contestants!

All the Best,

Rachel Mercado | Prep Headmaster



STAFF HIGHLIGHT

Ms. López teaches Spanish I, III, and V at Maryvale Prep. She was born and raised in Mexico City, where she earned her Bachelor's degree in Modern Language and Literature, specializing in Italian, from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM).

Passionate about languages and culture, she has experience teaching both Spanish and Italian. Before joining Maryvale Prep, she worked as a legal assistant at a nonprofit organization supporting unaccompanied immigrant children; an experience that deepened her commitment to compassion, advocacy, and culturally responsive education.

What Ms. López loves most about working at Maryvale Prep is the strong sense of community and the opportunity to empower students through language learning. She strives to create a warm, engaging, and inclusive classroom where students feel confident expressing themselves in Spanish and grow both academically and personally. Outside the classroom, she enjoys reading, cinema, cooking, boxing, and spending time with her husband and two young children. She is grateful to be part of Maryvale Prep and looks forward to continuing to share her love of language and culture with her students.



* SHOP NOW *

GRADES 7-12 ONLY

PREP YEARBOOK PRE-ORDER

PRE-ORDER BY DECEMBER 31ST
\$40

ORDER AFTER JANUARY 1ST
\$45

PURCHASE ON
CONFIGIO

YEARBOOKS ARE
DELIVERED IN MAY

COLLEGE COUNSELOR

- 12th Grade It's Time to Order Your Caps and Gowns! [Jostens - Home Page](#)
- 12/9- College 201
- 12/10- Lunch & Learn w/ Aspiring Youth
- 12/11- College 101
- 12/13- Coffee with the Counselors- Preparing for College Early 8:00 am (Prep MPR)
- 12/19- Moose Youth Awareness Deadline

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