



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 11, 2025



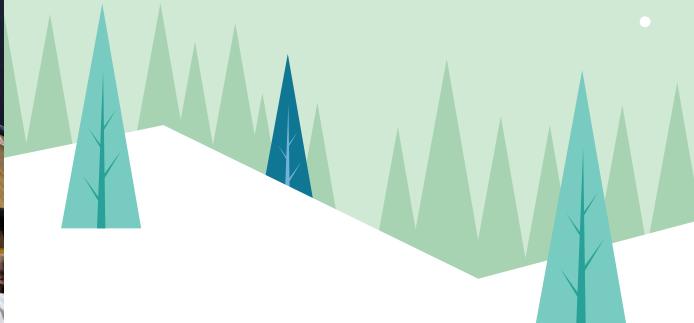
KEY DATES

PSO Pajama Day and Movie Night
December 12

Coffee with Counselor
December 12

Prep Finals
December 17-19

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

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 19, 2025
\$1.00



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.



Pajama Day
For Students & Staff
\$1.00
December 12, 2025
DRESS CODE GUIDELINES:
LONG PJ PANTS
NON-RIPPED JEANS
HARD SOLED SLIPPERS
SWEATSHIRTS
UGGS & CROCS
NO HOODIES
NO POP CULTURE
NO SEE-THROUGH CLOTHING
NO TANK TOPS
NO SHORTS

Jean Day
December 19, 2025
\$1.00

Movie Night
Polar Express
December 12
Movie starts at 6:00 P.M.
Free entry
Gate opens at 5:30 P.M.

COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELORS
HOSTED BY OUR SCHOOL COUNSELORS
MRS. SOPER AND MS. MARTINEZ.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12
FROM 8AM-9AM IN THE PREP MPR

Come enjoy some coffee and donuts with the counselors! Learn from our special guests about wonderful educational programs that promote leadership and college readiness! Guests Include: Be a Leader, Trio Program & Fresh Start Women's Foundation.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support!
If you missed Coffee with the Counselors in September, or would like to watch it again, you can view the session at the link below.

Link: November Session

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.



Rate Bowl
NEW MEXICO VS. MINNESOTA
DECEMBER 26 CHASE FIELD 2:30 P.M. MST PHOENIX, AZ

DECEMBER 26, 2025 • 2:30 PM • CHASE FIELD

Great Hearts Academies - Maryvale Prep

Enjoy exclusive group pricing for this year's Rate Bowl!
\$35 per seat (\$55 value)

Join Great Hearts Academies - Maryvale Prep as we celebrate their Wishes for Teachers recipient(s) at halftime.
For groups of 20+ email azawicki@fiestabowl.org to avoid fees

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT AUSTIN ZAWICKI AT AZAWICKI@FIESTABOWL.ORG | 480-738-3808

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- Januaray 6



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,



We are closing out our last normal week of the first semester, and we are so proud of the growth we have made. As we close out next week, we will continue assessing student progress to be able to report to you how they are doing in evaluations and/or conferences. Don't forget the last three days next week are Early Release Days. Have a wonderful weekend and we hope to see many of you at our Polar Express movie night tomorrow.

MORNING CLUBS



We will not have morning academic clubs **Wednesday, December 17** through **Friday, December 19th** to allow time for teachers to prepare

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.



LOST AND FOUND

Our Lost and Found is overloaded. Please take time to stop outside of the main office before and after school to look for lost items. PSO will remove all items right before break and donate.

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.



PREP NEWS 7TH GRADE - 12TH GRADE

HOMEWORK DEFICIENCY NOTICE

Beginning in January, Homework Deficiency notices will no longer be sent home weekly. All Prep students and families can view current grades through the Parent Portal, which is accessible on both phones and computers. Teachers will be communicating directly with parents for significant academic and behavior concerns.

Please make sure you and your student are checking the Parent Portal regularly and contacting your student's teachers with any questions. The portal shows all missing assignments, homework, participation, quiz and test grades, as well as any comments from teachers. Gradebooks are updated each Monday by 8:00 a.m.

Mid-quarter reports, quarter and semester student evaluations will still be sent out as usual. If you need assistance accessing your Parent Portal account, please contact the front office.



HOT COCOA & DONUT HOLES



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025
7:00 - 7:40 AM

PREP ONLY

SEMESTER FINALS

Semester Finals - December 17-19

Students wrap up each semester by taking Semester Exams. Semester Exams are an important part of the educational processes. These are comprehensive assessments, spanning the curriculum taught across the full semester and account for 10% of the semester grade. Students take two exams per day on the final three days of the semester, **December 17-19. All three days are Early Release Schedule.**



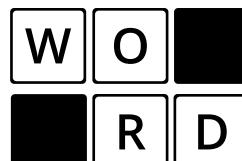
It is important that students are present, on-time, and prepared for their exams. Do not plan for winter break travel to begin until after Finals are completed. **Students will not be exempted from taking the exams for travel or other unexcused absences and will receive a zero on any missed exams.** Exams are not given early, so families should make every effort to have their students present for those dates. Students can make up missed finals on Monday, January 5th.

Study Guides will be distributed by teachers no later than December 12th. Please support your student's preparation by reviewing their study guide instructions with them and allow them appropriate time and place to study. If you have any questions on a particular final exam, please reach out to that teacher.



7TH & 8TH SPELLING BEE

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!



VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

Humility is the virtue of putting others before yourself. Humility is crucial to everything from sportsmanship to magnanimity. As students grow in their understanding of what it means to be humble, they begin to instinctively show kindness to their teammates during games and to take due pride in their accomplishments regardless of whether they finished before or after their classmates. Please talk with your student about how they can demonstrate humility at school and at home.



PREP NEWS 7TH GRADE - 12TH GRADE

12TH GRADE DRAMA PERFORMANCE

Congratulations to our 12th graders on a successful night! Here are a few photos from our wonderful event. A special thank you to our Drama teacher, Mrs. Rand-Lowe, for her dedication and hard work in making this evening such a success.



* 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](#)
- 12/13- Attend a free event hosted by Aspiring Youth exploring Entrepreneurship in the Health, Fitness, and Wellness Industry. ([Click Here to Register](#))
- 12/12- Coffee with the Counselors- Preparing for College Early 8:00 am (Prep MPR)
- 12/19- Moose Youth Awareness Deadline
- ASU Journalism Workshop- Reach out to Mrs. Ayala by 1/16 to be added to the interest list. ([click here](#))

Solid GPAs lead to merit scholarships. Example 3.75 = \$11,000 at NAU, 3.0 = \$3,000 at GCU, 3.25 = full tuition scholarship at Maricopa Community Colleges. Remember to end this semester as strong as possible

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