



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 08, 2026



KEY DATES

No School- Civil Rights Day
January 19

Archway Galileo Benchmark
January 9- January 23

PREP Galileo Benchmark
January 21

Archway Extracurricular Clubs Begin
January 26

100th Day of School
January 27

Coffee with Counselors
January 30

ERD
February 4 and February 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



OPEN DOOR MEETING

Agenda:

- Meet the new PSO Board Members
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Zumba/Yoga
- Special Person Dance
- Spring Fiesta

ALL WELCOME!

WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 14, 2026

ARCHWAY
MPR

2:30 P.M.

Email us at: PSOpresident@maryvaleprep.org

P S O E V E N T S

Join us for an energizing
ZUMBA CLASS

DANCE, SWEAT & STAY FIT!

- ✓ Fun & Easy-to-Follow Moves
- ✓ Everyone Welcome
- ✓ Boost Energy & Relieve Stress
- ✓ Burn Calories While Having Fun
- ✓ Refreshments & Snacks Provided

Saturday, January 17, 2026
 8:30 AM



ARCHWAY LAWN

SIGN UP NOW

602-643-6137

PSOpresident@maryvaleprep.org

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GREAT HEARTS EVENT

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HIRING EVENT

WEST VALLEY

Archway Trivium Classical Academy

12:30 - 2:30 PM



JANUARY 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

Hello Archway Families,



Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful and joy-filled break. We are excited for a strong start to Semester 2. This semester comes with much to look forward to and much to bring focus towards. Soon we will begin field trip season, which is a fantastic opportunity to take our theme of wonder to the next level. From trips to the farm, the science museum, and more, our students have the opportunity to take their curiosity beyond our classroom walls. In April, our 3rd through 6th graders will take their AASA state assessment. We will have other fun celebrations and milestones, such as our 100th day of school, Literary Figures Day, our Spring Fiesta, and more.

As we embrace these joyful experiences, we will also lean into the work that deepens learning and continue to embrace our thematic goal. We will continue to invite our students to ask questions, explore, and imagine with wonder; we will teach them to persevere, think carefully, and rise to meaningful challenge through rigorous engagement. We are grateful for your partnership as we guide students through a semester that balances curiosity with discipline, joy with purpose, and exploration with excellence.

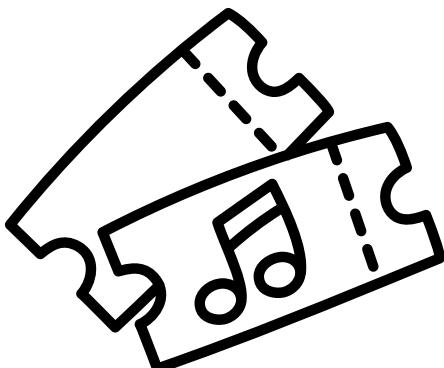
GALILEO ASSESSMENTS



From January 9-23 our 2nd through 5th grade students will be taking their ELA and Math Galileo Benchmarks. Please review their classroom/grade level newsletters for exact dates and times and be sure to plan ahead so that they are in attendance and well rested.

FAMILY PARTNERSHIP NIGHT-SAVE THE DATE

Our next Family Partnership Night will take place on **February 11th**. Please save the date and plan to attend. More information coming soon.



K-2 SPRING CONCERT-SAVE THE DATE

Please save the date for our K-2 concert to take place on **February, 25th**. Students will wear black bottoms, black shoes, and white tops. Additional details forthcoming.

ARCHWAY NEWS KINDER- 6TH GRADE

SEMESTER 2 EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS

Our next round of extracurricular clubs will begin on **Monday, January 26** and end Friday, April 24. Sign-ups on Configio will begin on **Wednesday, January 14**

SEMESTER 2 CONFERENCES

Thank you to those of you who attended a conference if you were invited. These conferences as noted were to discuss deficiencies and to provide resources and next steps to close gaps. In some cases, the possibility of retention versus promotion to the next grade level were discussed. If you did not make your conference, your child's teacher will send home the notice about possible retention and you are encouraged to review their grades on the portal (for 3-6 students) and to reach out as needed to teachers.

LOST & 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.

100TH DAY OF SCHOOL

January 27th is our 100th Day of School and we are excited to celebrate 100 days of growth and wisdom. Your Archway child may dress up like an old person if they wish to represent the 100th day of school. Students may either wear their uniform or special dress.

ALLOWED

Trousers, appropriate length dresses or skirts, non-ripped jeans, hard soled slippers with socks, any sneakers, robes, accessories (walkers, canes, glasses, bonnets, suspenders, hats).

NOT ALLOWED

Pop culture images or words on clothing, hoodies, shorts, tank tops, Crocs, sandals,



PREP NEWS 7TH GRADE - 12TH GRADE

A MESSAGE FROM HEADMASTER MERCADO

Hello Maryvale Prep Families,



I am so happy to welcome our students back to campus for Semester 2! This semester is filled with many exciting opportunities, including Spring Fiesta, grade-level field trips, the Senior Trip to Washington DC, Winter and Spring Spirit Weeks, College and Career Day, Fine Arts Day, State Testing, Prom, 8th Grade Promotion, and 12th Grade Commencement to name a few!

As we begin the new semester, I encourage you to take a few moments to review the Policies page of this newsletter as a helpful refresher. Report cards are now available in the Parent Portal; please take time to review them with your student and discuss goals, needed adjustments, and plans for continued success. Teachers are always happy to partner with you if you have questions or would like additional insight.

I am grateful for the trust you place in us and are privileged to walk alongside your child in their academic journey. The faculty and staff all look forward to partnering with you for a strong, joyful, and successful Semester 2. Happy New Year!

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

January is Courage Month in our calendar of Virtues. Courage is the virtue of showing strength in the face of fear or difficulty. This month, we will talk about historical figures who exemplified moral courage. Here is our first historical figure we will be highlighting: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

During the Civil Rights Movement, Dr. King chose the difficult path of nonviolent resistance in the face of unjust laws, hatred, and violence. He endured imprisonment, constant threats, and physical danger, yet refused to respond with anger or revenge. While jailed in Birmingham, Alabama, he wrote Letter from Birmingham Jail, explaining that injustice must be confronted directly and that waiting for change often means allowing injustice to continue. Dr. King's courage was rooted in his deep Christian faith and his belief that every person is made in the image of God. He spoke boldly against segregation even when many urged him to remain silent or moderate his message. Rather than seeking personal safety or popularity, he accepted personal sacrifice for the sake of justice and peace. Dr. King believed that courageous action guided by love could transform both oppressors and the oppressed. His leadership helped bring about lasting change through the Civil Rights Act and Voting Rights Act. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life reminds us that true courage is not driven by hatred or fear, but by a steadfast commitment to truth, justice, and love.

STAFF HIGHLIGHT

Mrs. Mendez is the Director of Operation and Campus Safety Coordinator here at Maryvale Prep.



Mrs. Mendez was born in Atlanta, GA and spent most of her childhood years in Massachusetts, just north of Boston. She met and married her husband of 20 years in northern California and has 3 teenage daughters.

Mrs. Mendez specializes in Relationship Building. She has held many roles throughout her career, Logistics Coordinator, Operations, Design, Concierge and Customer Service, Last Mile Delivery, Interior Design and Decorating, and Ambassador. As a seasoned military spouse, she has travelled extensively. She has a true passion for culture, diversity, and the beautiful planet we live on. Relationships have fueled everything that has been successful in her life and career. Design, Faith, Family, Friends, Hospitality, and Hope have been the purpose of her never-ending quest for learning and have fostered an ever-expanding worldview.

This new chapter in her story has brought renewed joy and excitement each morning as she welcomes our scholars to campus. Mrs. Mendez believes that the people you surround yourself with are the keys to your success. "I am grateful to be here among all of you; to grow and be a part of the great things Maryvale Prep Students are accomplishing."

GALILEO TESTING

Galileo testing is quickly approaching! The Galileo assessment is a valuable tool that helps us understand your scholars' progress and make informed decisions to support their academic growth.

Here are some essential details and tips to help your child prepare for the upcoming Galileo Testing:

Testing Dates:

• Galileo Testing will take place on **Wednesday, January 21**.

Test Preparation:

• Encourage your scholar to review class notes and materials to reinforce their learning.
• Ensure they have a quiet and well-lit space for studying and homework.
• Be supportive and provide a positive environment for their preparation.

Test-Day Essentials:

• On test days, please ensure that your scholar arrives at school on time.
• Make sure they get a good night's sleep and have a nutritious breakfast.

Stay Informed:

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the Galileo Testing, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at smiano@maryvaleprep.org.



PREP NEWS 7TH GRADE - 12TH GRADE

HOMEWORK DEFICIENCY NOTICE

Homework Deficiency Notices will no longer be sent out as of **Monday, January 5**. All Prep students will have access to their grades via the Parent Portal which can be accessed on a phone or computer. Please ensure you and your student are checking the Parent Portal on a regular basis and reaching out to your student's teacher with any questions. The Parent Portal allows you to see all missing assignments, homework, participation, and test/quizzes grades and any comments teachers have made. The gradebooks are updated by **Monday morning at 8:00 a.m.** Mid-quarter, Quarter, and Semester reports will continue to go out each quarter. Please reach out to the Front Office if you need help accessing your Parent Portal account.

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!

GRADES 7-12 ONLY

PREP YEARBOOK PRE-ORDER

\$45

PURCHASE ON CONFIGIO

LIMITED QUANTITIES
AVAILABLE

YEARBOOKS ARE DELIVERED IN
MAY

* SHOP NOW *

COLLEGE COUNSELOR



- 12th Grade It's Time to Order Your Caps and Gowns! [Jostens - Home Page](#)
- Apply for the Aspiring Youth Teen Entrepreneurs Camp Spring Break Camp by **1/29 (Click Here)**
- ASU Journalism Workshop- Reach out to Mrs. Ayala by **1/16** to be added to the interest list. [\(click here\)](#)
- Coffee with Counselor **1/30**
- 9th Grade ASU Field Trip **2/3**

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