



# MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

## A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY 15, 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**

100<sup>th</sup> Day of School  
**January 27**

Coffee with Counselors  
**January 30**

ERD  
**February 4 and February 6**

## MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY SCHOOL HOURS/INFO

### ARCHWAY (K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

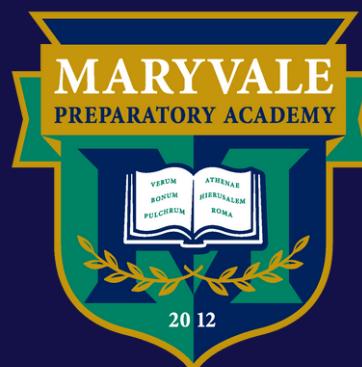
**FULL DAYS:** 8:00AM-3:15PM    **HALF DAYS:** 8:00AM-12:45PM

*Archway Office Phone Number:  
623-247-6095*

*Report an absence at:  
attendance@maryvaleprep.org*

### 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:  
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### GATE CLOSURE TIMES:

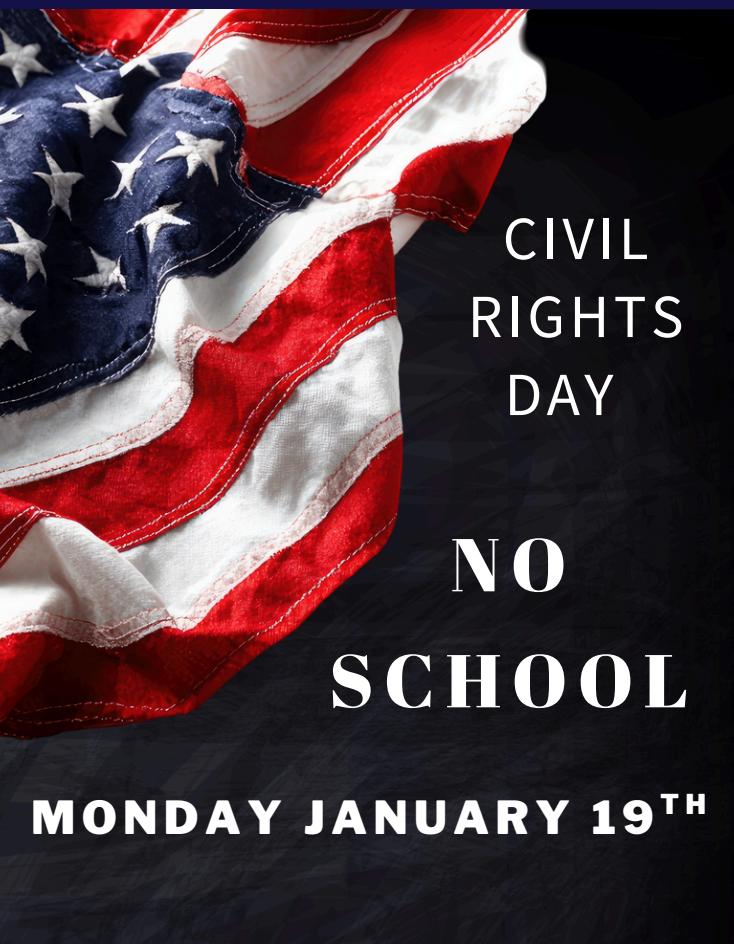
**FULL DAYS:** 1:00PM-2:30PM  
**ERD:** 11:00AM-12:15PM

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# PREP AND ARCHWAY NEWS



## A P S O E V E N T

### 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



**SIGN UP NOW**

 602-643-6137

 PSOpresident@maryvaleprep.org



## TRAFFIC NOTICE

Our neighbors to the East, Alsco Uniforms, needs to have their gate, entry and parking clear of traffic. Please **DO NOT** park there. It has been noted that their ask for parents to relocate and park elsewhere has at times been met with pushback or disrespect. They do have the right to call police if someone is parked there but would rather not. Let's be good neighbors moving forward.



## PLEASE NOTE ERD

Please note that due to the Great Hearts staff in-service on **February 6th**, we will be on an early release day schedule. This in-service day is also for Athenaeum employees, as such, there will be no Athenaeum for students that day. Please make arrangements ahead of time.

# PREP AND ARCHWAY NEWS

## ATHLETICS

- PATENT MEETING FOR SPRING SPORTS IS JANUARY 27 AT 6PM IN THE MARLEY CENTER.
- WINTER BANQUET IS FEBRUARY 18. DOORS OPEN 5:45PM CEREMONY STARTS 6PM IN THE MARLEY CENTER. DINNER AFTERWARDS IN MPR.



Come enjoy some coffee and donuts with the counselors!  
Overarching Topic: Student Opportunities & Literary Resources  
Join us to learn about:  
• Student Volunteer Program  
• Presented by Councilwoman Betty Guardado  
• Literary Resources for Families  
• Presented by the Phoenix Library – Palo Verde Branch

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

[Link: December Session](#)

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## HIRING EVENT

### WEST VALLEY

📍 Archway Trivium Classical Academy

⌚ 12:30 - 2:30 PM

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## 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,



Our first full week of school for 2026 has been a full one and we are thankful for the joy that has been seen and shared across the week. Our 2nd-5th grade students began and continue to take their benchmark assessments and we are seeing strong growth that we look forward to sharing that progress soon.

We are also looking forward to and preparing for our next Family Partnership Night on February 11th and are excited to share about academic successes and goals.

Enjoy your three day weekend ahead!

## GALILEO ASSESSMENTS

We will continue testing until January 23 with our 2nd through 5th grade students as they take 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.



## SEMESTER 2 EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS



Our next round of extracurricular clubs will begin on **January 26** and run through **April 24th**. Sign-ups on Configio began on **Wednesday, January 14th**. We will keep them open for one week so please sign up as soon as possible. Should a club not fill up, you will receive a call to choose an alternative club.

## FAMILY PARTNERSHIP NIGHT-SAVE THE DATE

Please save the date for our second and final Family Partnership Night of the school year! During this meeting, we will continue to forge strong connections as a school community while providing you with updated student data, resources, and information that are critical to supporting your child's academic growth.

**When:** Wednesday, February 11th

**Where:** Your Child's Classroom

**NEW Times:**

**Kinder-2nd Grade:** 2:30-3:30pm

**3rd-6th Grade:** 4:15-5:15pm

We will also be doing a class party for the class with the most attendance during the K-2 time and the 3-6 time.

More information will be sent soon by our administrators and teachers. Attendance is mandatory (please limit to one parent/guardian per child as space is limited). Carpooling is recommended. Students may not attend but childcare will be available.



# ARCHWAY NEWS KINDER- 6TH GRADE

## 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,



## UPCOMING ARCHWAY FIELD TRIPS

We are moving into field trip season and wanted to share the dates so you can begin planning ahead. As we get closer, teachers will share more details and reach out about chaperone opportunities. In order to be considered as a chaperone you will need to have clearance through Raptor before the field trip. Raptor clearance must be renewed annually, if you were cleared last year, you must complete the clearance process again for the **2025-26** school year. The cost is \$6 and it only takes a few minutes. [Click here](#) to start the process. Field trips have a fee to help cover transportation and venue fees. Payment and electronic permission slip must be completed by parent/guardian in [Configio](#). Payment can be processed two weeks ahead, the notify me feature can send you a reminder. Please make sure you select the correct participant for the field trip and their grade.

6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Sonoran Desert Museum (Tucson)	February 2
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Musical Instrument Museum	February 25
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Arizona Science Center	March 6
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Pioneer Museum	March 6

## 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.

**Kinder**- 3:30-4:00 (3:15 pm arrival)

**1st Grade**- 4:30-5:00 (4:15 pm arrival)

**2nd Grade**- 5:30-6:00 (5:15 arrival)

**SAVE  
the DATE**

# PREP NEWS 7TH GRADE - 12TH GRADE

## UPCOMING PREP FIELD TRIPS

Date	Field Trip	Grade
February 3	Arizona State University	9th
February 17	Grand Canyon University	10th
February 26	Phoenix Symphony	7th

Please make your payment 2 weeks before field trip on [Configio](#)

Permissions slips will be available via configio and will be needed for all students. No student will be allowed to attend field trip without a permission slip.

## 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

Mr. Butler serves as the 7th grade Music Theory teacher and 9th grade Poetry teacher at Maryvale Prep, providing students a foundational knowledge and appreciation for the arts. He is also the lead coach of the school's new Robotics team.



Mr. Butler grew up in Southern Indiana. After graduating from high school, Mr. Butler attended Baylor University in Waco, TX, where he majored in History and minored in Political Science. While there, he participated in Model Organization of American States, a program focused on political dialogue and diplomacy in the Americas, for all four years of college. After college, he returned to Indiana before moving to Arizona in 2024. He previously taught at Great Hearts Christos in Gilbert before joining Maryvale Prep this year.

Mr. Butler has a strong passion for Music, and has played piano for over 16 years. As such, he believes in the importance of maintaining excellence while enabling students to engage with and find joy in the material. Mr. Butler says, "I am lucky to have found Maryvale Prep and to be a part of a unique and thriving school culture. I appreciate the students' willingness to learn and attempt difficult things in class, and they have proven time and time again that can take on new things and succeed with the right guidance and effort. I love seeing the progression in both ability and in mindset that students have from the start of the semester to the end, and having students come back and ask to keep being in class."

When not teaching, Mr. Butler enjoys reading history books, travelling, exploring National Parks, writing and producing music, and spending time with family and friends.

## 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](mailto: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:

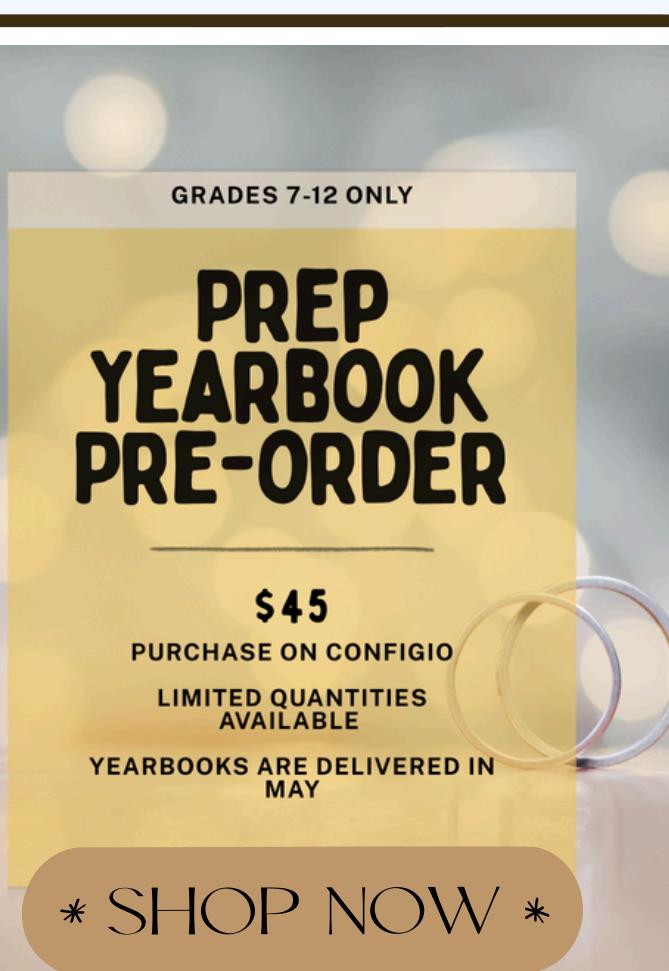
### Approved Campus Outerwear:

- 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

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## COLLEGE COUNSELOR



- 12<sup>th</sup> 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)**

- Coffee with Counselor **1/30**

- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade ASU Field Trip **2/3**

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