



# MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

## A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY 22, 2026



## KEY DATES

Archway Galileo Benchmark  
**January 23**

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:  
prep.attendance@maryvaleprep.org*

### GATE CLOSURE TIMES:

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

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# PREP AND ARCHWAY NEWS

## LOCKDOWN DRILL

We will have a practice lockdown drill tomorrow, **1/23**. As these experience may trigger fear or concern, please talk to your children as you see fit. We do push to take these seriously and ensure that we consistently revisit practice and procedures to ensure safety.



## ATHLETICS

- PARENT 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.



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

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 30 2026**  
**FROM 8AM-9AM IN THE PREP 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](#)

## PLEASE NOTE ERD

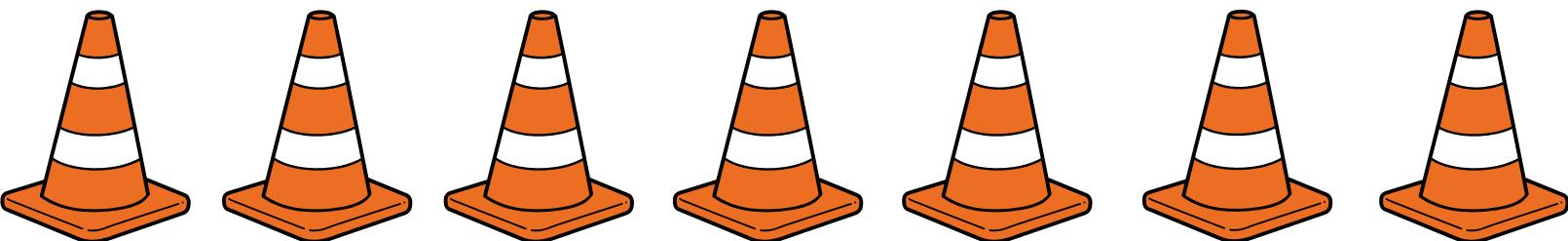
Please note that due to the Great Hearts staff in-service on **February 6th**, we will be on an early release day schedule. This in-service day is also for Athenaeum employees, as such, there will be no Athenaeum for students that day. Please make arrangements ahead of time.



# PREP AND ARCHWAY NEWS

## 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.



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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,



I hope you all had a great weekend and that our observance of Civil Rights Day gave you and your family a chance to reflect, discuss and honor this legacy and to reflect on Dr. King's message of respect, responsibility, and kindness. We are thankful for your continued partnership in guiding our scholars toward lives of virtue and purpose and hope that when these moments come around that through remembrance they are able to re-commit to empathy, integrity, and kindness.

Have a wonderful weekend!

## GALILEO ASSESSMENTS

We will finish up our Galileo Math and ELA assessments this week. 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



If you registered your scholar for an extracurricular club, please note that those begin next week on **Monday, January 26th**. Please note that they must be picked up promptly after club ends at 4:30pm.



## 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 submit payment through [Configio](#) no later than two weeks prior to your student's scheduled field trip. Permission slips will also be available in Configio and must be completed for all students in order to attend. Students who do not have a completed permission slip on file will not be permitted to participate in the field trip.

## 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



Miss Zepeda is the 7th grade Physical Science teacher at Maryvale Prep. She is also one of the Lead Coaches for the Robotics Team, Safety Third.

Miss Zepeda was born in Las Vegas, Nevada where she graduated high school with a certificate of achievement in Biotechnology. After completing her associate's degree, she moved to Flagstaff and studied Biological Sciences, later receiving her bachelor's degree from Northern Arizona University. After college, Miss Zepeda moved to Phoenix, Arizona where she worked at Mayo Clinic as a Processing Lab Technician. Throughout these transitions, Miss Zepeda discovered her love of education and became a 6th grade Math and Science teacher on the Archway side for 2 years and now has joined the Prep side as a 7th grade science teacher.

Miss Zepeda says, "I am so happy to have found Maryvale Prep. It brings me so much joy to share my love of science with my students and encourage them to explore the world around them through a different set of lenses. They ask such incredibly deep questions, and I hope they never lose that sense of curiosity."

When not teaching, Miss Zepeda enjoys oil painting, crocheting, and reading books in the park (or anywhere, really).

## 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

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9<sup>th</sup> Grade ASU Field Trip is on **2/3**. Complete Configio Permission Slip and \$20 payment by **1/30**



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University

- Apply for the Aspiring Youth Teen Entrepreneurs Camp Spring Break Camp by **1/29** ([Click Here](#))
- Coffee with Counselor **1/30**
- **2/11** Maryvale Prep College & Career Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Students: Apply to attend the [High School Journalism Workshop at ASU](#) by **2/15** [Apply Here](#)
- **2/28 @ 3:15 pm** Great Hearts College Symposium @ Scottsdale Prep [Register Here](#)
- Fee ACT Practice Exams and 30-Minute Advisement Session ([Click Here](#)).

See Mrs. Ayala for details or send an email to  
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