



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 29, 2026



KEY DATES

Coffee with Counselors
January 30

Class Picture Day
February 5

ERD
February 4 and
February 6

PSO K-12 Jean Day for 1.00
February 6

College and Career Day
February 11

MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY SCHOOL HOURS/INFO

ARCHWAY (K-6th Grade)

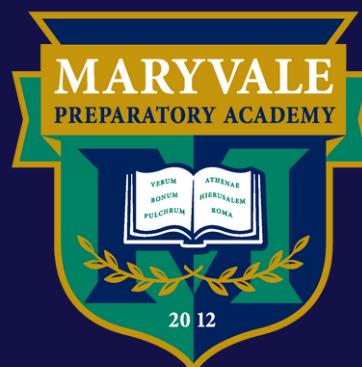
FULL DAYS: 8:00AM-3:15PM **HALF DAYS:** 8:00AM-12:45PM

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
ERD: 11:00AM-12:15PM

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PREP AND ARCHWAY NEWS

PSO EVENTS

SPECIAL PERSON DANCE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2026
ARCHWAY MPR
6:00-8:00 PM

SCAN THE QR CODE TO PURCHASE YOUR WRISTBANDS

WRISTBAND \$10 = 1 ADULT & 1 STUDENT





Jean Day

Allowed:

- Archway & Prep
- Students & Staff
- Spiritwear
- Jeans

February 6, 2026
\$1.00

Not Allowed:

- No ripped jeans
- No crocs, boots or open-toed 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



ATHLETICS

- THE WINTER SPORTS BANQUET WILL BE HELD ON **FEBRUARY 18**. DOORS WILL OPEN AT **5:45 P.M.**, AND THE CEREMONY WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE MARLEY CENTER. DINNER WILL FOLLOW IN THE MPR.
- WE INVITE YOU TO TAKE A MOMENT TO VIEW THE MOST RECENT ATHLETICS NEWSLETTER POSTED ON OUR [WEBSITE](#)





COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELORS

HOSTED BY OUR SCHOOL COUNSELORS
MRS. SOPER AND MS. MARTINEZ.



FRIDAY, JANUARY 30
FROM 8AM-9AM IN THE PREP MPR

Come enjoy coffee and donuts with the counselors!
Learn from our special guests as we discuss:
Overarching Topic:
Student Opportunities & Literary Resources
Topics Include:

- Student Volunteer Program
- Presenter: Councilwoman Betty Guardado
- Literary Resources for Families & Library Cards

Presented by: Phoenix Public Library – Palo Verde Branch

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support!
Non-school-aged children are welcome!

PREP AND ARCHWAY NEWS

CLASS PICTURE DAY

Class picture day is coming up on **Thursday, February 5th!**



- Students must be in full uniform for pictures.
- To pre-order, please visit: <https://mydorian.com/prepayment/>
- Order forms are also available in the front office. Forms must be returned with the student on picture day.

Volunteers Needed:

Volunteers are welcome to help guide students in the gym. If you are able to help, please sign in at the **Archway front office before 8:00 a.m. via Raptor**. Thank you for your support!

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.

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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](#)



A MESSAGE FROM ARCHWAY HEADMASTER DR. CRUZ



Hello Archway Families,

I hope this finds you all doing well. We celebrated our 100th day of school this week. It was fun reflecting on what we have learned so far and seeing many of our students and faculty dress up like old people added extra joy to the week. If you have pictures of your little old scholars, please tag them on our Maryvale Instagram!

We are at the midpoint of the quarter and reviewing progress and communicating needs. Please continue to engage with the grade portal and your child's teachers to determine where there have been successes to celebrate and where gaps may exist. We look forward to sharing some overarching data at Family Partnership Night on February 11th.

Lastly, I want to take a moment to acknowledge that we are facing uncertainty in our country right now. Some of our families have been reaching out with worry and concern around immigration, documentation, and the possibility of status checks. While we can't make promises around the things occurring on the outside, please be reminded that our school exists to serve all of you with dignity, care, love, and respect. We are committing to following all established protocols, protecting student and family privacy, and maintaining a safe, orderly, joyful and welcoming environment for every child entrusted to us each day.

If your family is feeling anxious, overwhelmed, or simply in need of reassurance, please do not carry that burden alone. You are always welcome to reach out to our school leadership, counseling team, or front office. We may not have answers to everything, but we are here to listen, support, and walk alongside you. Thank you for your continued trust in our school and for the grace you show one another during challenging times. We are grateful to be your partners in caring for your children.

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.

You should have received an email from your child's teacher yesterday, be sure to look for that as it contains additional logistics.

3D Families, please see emails from Mrs. Kennedy, noting your teacher and room assignment for FPN.

We will send another Headmaster reminder one week before with a portion for you to return with an RSVP. 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

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. If selected as a field trip chaperone, you need to have clearance through Raptor before the field trip.

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

If you are concerned about sending your child on a field trip due to uncertainty with current concerns, please reach out to the Headmaster. We will connect with you and provide alternatives where needed.

DEFICIENCY NOTICES



We are midway through Quarter 3 and thus it is time to identify grade deficiencies and report home. Between now and February 6th, if your child is deficient or coming close to it, you will receive an email or phone call from his/her teacher to note the deficiency. If your child is in 3rd-6th grade, you may check the grade portal to gather more insight. For all grades, you may also engage further with the teacher if you have additional concerns or need resources or ideas to support your child at home.

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**

DRESS CODE REMINDER

The student uniform is an essential part of our identity. It unifies our community of learners, reflects our shared pursuit of the true, the good, and the beautiful, and minimizes distractions of fad and fashion. By doing so, the uniform supports our students' intellectual and moral development, reminding us that true individuality is formed in the heart and mind—not in appearance.

Bottoms:

- Khaki dress slacks or shorts with black or brown dress belt.
- Girls may wear school plaid or solid skirts (from vendor).
- Skirts and shorts shall be no shorter than just above the knee.

Footwear:

- Shoes must be solid black or white. Athletic shoes or dress shoes are permitted.
- Socks must be solid black or white.
- Girls may wear solid black or white knee highs or tights with skirts.

Accessories:

- All accessories must be free of pop-culture, political messages, and/or inappropriate messages.
- One necklace, one pair of small earrings, one ring, one bracelet, and one simple watch are allowed. Smartwatches and facial piercings are not allowed.
- Headwear and sunglasses may not be worn inside the school buildings.

Hygiene and personal care:

- Hair must be a naturally occurring color and clean, styled, and out of the face. Neatly groomed facial hair is permitted.
- Hair accessories should be small and match the uniform.



HOT COCOA & DONUT HOLES



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2026
7:00 - 7:40 AM

PREP ONLY

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

February is Friendship month in our Maryvale Prep calendar of virtues. Friendship is the virtue of loving your neighbor as yourself. As C.S. Lewis explains in *The Abolition of Man*, across all of history and throughout all of time, a basic law has been recognized by all people. It has gone by many names, though the most familiar to most of us is probably the "Golden Rule:" treat others as you would wish to be treated. Here are just some examples of the ways in which philosophers have articulated this most fundamental expectation of virtuous human friendship:

"Never impose on others what you would not choose for yourself." – Confucius

"The sage has no interest of his own, but takes the interests of the people as his own. He is kind to the kind; he is also kind to the unkind: for Virtue is kind. He is faithful to the faithful; he is also faithful to the unfaithful: for Virtue is faithful" – Tao Te Ching

"Men were brought into existence for the sake of men that they might do one another good" – Cicero

Great Hearts scholars show the virtue of Friendship by helping a classmate organize their locker, by holding the door for the person behind them, by keeping one another on time and on focus in class, or by being happy to play with anyone during fellowship. They can show friendship by helping one another pursue what is good, not what is easy. For example, scholars should refuse to let their friends copy their homework or other work. Instead, offer tutoring and support. All scholars are expected to show friendship to others at all times. Kindness, generosity, seeking after what is good for those around us, and treating one another with respect permeate the culture of our classrooms and our school.

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
April 1	U of A	11th
April 24	Medieval Times	8th

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.

STAFF HIGHLIGHT



Ms. Vickers is the 10th-grade Algebra II teacher at Maryvale Prep. She also serves as the head coach of the varsity softball team and the assistant coach for the middle school softball program.

Born and raised in Joshua Tree, California, Ms. Vickers pursued her undergraduate studies at Grand Canyon University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in Youth Ministry. Following graduation, she began her teaching career with Great Hearts as an Archway teacher. During this time, she also earned a master's degree in Law Advocacy from Arizona State University and is currently working toward her paralegal certificate.

Ms. Vickers brings her passion for learning into the classroom by using a variety of instructional approaches to support and engage all students. She values Maryvale Prep's strong sense of community, noting that the encouragement and support shared among staff and students is what she loves most about the school. Outside of the classroom, Ms. Vickers enjoys reading, hiking, and spending time with friends.

PREP NEWS 7TH GRADE - 12TH GRADE

12TH GRADE CPR TRAINING

In compliance with ARS 15-718.01, The Great Hearts network will provide CPR training for all 12th grade students at our Great Hearts Arizona Academies.



Maryvale Prep will hold our CPR training on **Wednesday, February 4**, in the Marley Center. Roslyn Phillips, our nurse who is certified in CPR training, will conduct the training during regular school hours- **8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Students will complete pre-work together and then learn how to perform CPR. At the end of the training, each Senior will receive a CPR card that is valid for two years.

SPIRIT WEEK WINTER: FEBRUARY 9-13, 2026

Maryvale Preparatory Academy Spirit Week Attire Guidelines Winter: **February 9-13, 2026**

General Guidelines for All Days:

1. Students must be in Spirit Week attire -or- the normal school uniform each day.
2. Themed clothing needs to cover the same areas as the school uniform and contain no rips or openings. Skirts and shorts must touch the knee.
3. Themed clothing must be without pop culture references.
4. **NOT ALLOWED:** ripped jeans, biker/volleyball shorts, leggings/athleisure, kangaroo pouch shirts/sweatshirts, open-toed/backless shoes, too-short or too-tight clothing, pop culture (logos, bands, images, etc).
5. Any themed accessories that are distracting or disruptive to class must be stored in lockers or could be confiscated.

***ANY violation of these guidelines** may result in being sent to the office to call home/change of clothes or being sent home at discretion of the administration.*

Examples of the themes:

Monday
Pajama Day



Tuesday
Decades Day



Wednesday
College Shirt & Jeans Day



Thursday
Ahoy vs Cowboy



Friday
Valentine's Day



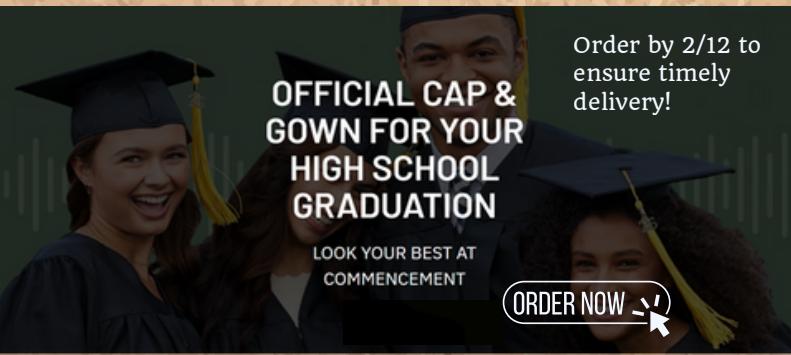
PREP NEWS 7TH GRADE - 12TH GRADE

COLLEGE AND CAREER DAY

On **February 11th**, our school will host its third annual College and Career Day for high school students. Students in grades 9-12 will have the chance to listen to guest speakers share their educational and career paths, explore our College and Career Fair, and learn more about the many options available after graduation. Meanwhile, middle school students will take part in our annual Academic Olympics, featuring engaging games and opportunities for teamwork and fellowship. We are excited to see students participate and enjoy these activities! All students in grades 7-12 are encouraged to wear college-themed attire on February 11th to show school spirit.



COLLEGE COUNSELOR



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



Arizona State University 

A yellow and white advertisement for the "PREP YEARBOOK PRE-ORDER". It features the text "GRADES 7-12 ONLY", "PREP YEARBOOK PRE-ORDER", "\$45", "PURCHASE ON CONFIGIO", "LIMITED QUANTITIES AVAILABLE", and "YEARBOOKS ARE DELIVERED IN MAY". A large button at the bottom right says "* SHOP NOW *".

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- 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
- 10th & 11th 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](#)
- Free ACT Practice Exams and 30-Minute Advisement Session ([Click Here](#)).

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