



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 05, 2026



KEY DATES

ERD

February 6

PSO K-12 Jean Day for 1.00

February 6

College and Career Day

February 11

No School- President's Day

February 16



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY SCHOOL HOURS/INFO

ARCHWAY (K-6th Grade)

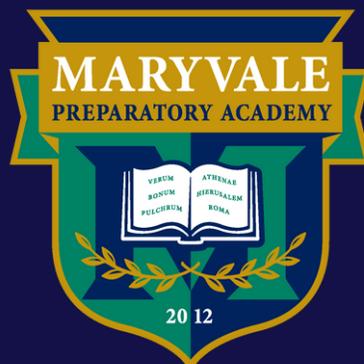
FULL DAYS: 8:00AM-3:15PM
HALF DAYS: 8:00AM-12:45PM

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

www.maryvaleprep.org



YouTube

PREP AND ARCHWAY NEWS

STUDENT SAFETY EMAIL

On Friday, 1/30, all K-12 families received an email about student safety and expectations regarding walk outs/protests. While we do not prohibit students from exercising their First Amendment rights, Maryvale Prep does not endorse any related events. Students are expected to remain in school unless signed out. Please read the email for greater detail.



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.

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**



A MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Greetings K-2 parents:

We have had an increase in bathroom accidents. Please reinforce the need for scholars to prioritize caring for their bodies vs playing at recess and giving themselves enough time to get to the bathroom and possibly wait in line. Also, please ensure your scholar has a full change of clothing in their backpack in case an accident arises.

PREP AND ARCHWAY NEWS

PSO EVENTS



SPECIAL PERSON DANCE



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2026

ARCHWAY MPR

6:00-8:00 PM

K-4TH GRADE ONLY



SCAN THE QR CODE TO PURCHASE YOUR WRISTBANDS

WRISTBAND \$10 = 1 ADULT & 1 STUDENT



Jean Day

Allowed:

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

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.**

February 6, 2026

\$1.00



Need spirit wear?

Contact Mr. Jones:
DJones@MaryvalePrep.org

K-12 RE-ENROLLMENT

Re-Enrollment Opens **February 17**

Re-enrollment for the 2026-27 school year begins on **February 17, 2026**. All families must log in to the Parent Portal to complete the re-enrollment application and indicate whether their student is returning, or withdrawing.

All families are required to upload new Arizona proof of residency during Re-enrollment, to comply with the Arizona Department of Education.

Completing re-enrollment on time helps us plan accurately for the upcoming school year



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,

February came quick and so did Field Trip season. We kicked our trips off with our 6th graders who went to the Sonoran Desert Museum in Tucson this week. This month our 2nd graders will head out to the Musical Instrument Museum. Our field trips are a beautiful extension of our curriculum. Whether they are exploring museums or historical sites or observing the natural world, they aren't simply going on a trip, they are deepening their understanding, making connections, and delighting in wonder. As we engage further with our thematic goal surround rigor and wonder, our fields trips give us that chance to slow down and observe closely, asking thoughtful questions and engaging with truth, goodness, and beauty in tangible ways. We are grateful for your partnership and support in making these experiences possible.

This month will pass us quickly and will offer many opportunities to engage in person at events like Family Partnership Night, our K-2 Spring Concert, our Special Person's Dance and more. As always, we look forward to seeing you all and connecting as much as we can.



HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS-VALENTINE'S DAY

We will celebrate Great Heart's Day instead of Valentine's Day on **Friday 2/13**. This is an intentional focus on our virtue of friendship! Your child's teacher will note any specifics in their classroom newsletter if relevant.

FAMILY PARTNERSHIP NIGHT-SAVE THE DATE

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. Please return your RSVP slip. 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

WELCOME ARCHWAY FRONT OFFICE ASSISTANT

Please welcome Ms. Ramirez, who will be transitioning from a current 6th grade TA position to our Archway Front Office Assistant on Monday, February 9th. We are excited to have her welcome and support you and all of your office needs. She loves our community and looks forward to engaging in this way and serving families. Please be sure to offer patience and grace as she learns new systems in this role!



FAMILY FEEDBACK SURVEY



Our family feedback survey will be emailed to all families on February 10th. We urge you to complete this as our Archway goal is to beat our response rate of 78% from last year. Your feedback is important and we would love for you to begin intentionally thinking about what is working well and what needs improvement so that you are ready to complete this when it comes your way. Additionally, the survey gives an opportunity to shout out faculty and staff and though anonymous, every comment is shared and much appreciated by those who are specifically named and praised!

Because of your feedback from last year, we were able to identify and work on some changes this year, including groupings students even further by ability levels in various grades and in some subjects (e.g. ELL, reading groups, math groups). Some of the lower scores last year were regarding student culture and as a result this year, we have incorporated a more robust approach to counseling and student support and have had more assemblies for students regarding kindness (in person and online).

We love hearing from you and hope you will be able to complete the survey again this year.

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.

**SAVE
the DATE**

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)



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.

3 rd Grade	Musical Instrument Museum	February 25
1 st Grade	Arizona Science Center	March 6
2 nd Grade	Pioneer Museum	March 6
Kinder	Tolmachoff Farms	March 25

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.

LITERARY FIGURES DAY

We are less than a month away from our next costume attire day! On **Monday, March 2**, Archway students will celebrate Literary Figures Day. This is a day to celebrate reading and to dress as literary or historical figures.



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.



FAMILY SURVEY

Our Family Feedback Survey will be emailed to all families on **February 10**. We are aiming for a 75% participation rate, and your voice truly matters in helping us reach that goal. We encourage you to begin thinking about what is working well at our school and where we can continue to grow, so you're ready to share your thoughts when the survey arrives. The survey also includes an opportunity to recognize and celebrate our faculty and staff. While responses are anonymous, all comments and shout-outs are shared and deeply appreciated by those who are named. We value your partnership and are grateful for your time and thoughtful feedback. We hope you will join us in completing the survey again this year and helping shape the future of our school.



HOT COCOA & DONUT HOLES



Donut Holes
3 for
\$2.00

Hot Cocoa
\$2.00

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.

UPCOMING PREP FIELD TRIPS

Date	Field Trip	Grade
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



A true Phoenix native at heart, Mrs. Pak Roman has called the Valley home since the age of four after immigrating from Mexico. After completing their K-12 education within the local Phoenix school systems, she attended Arizona State University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Education. As a first-generation college graduate, she is fueled by a lifelong passion to serve the community that helped shape her.

Throughout her career, Mrs. Pak Roman has gained extensive experience teaching Algebra 1 across several prominent local institutions, including Phoenix Union High School District, Tolleson Union High School District, and ASU Prep. What she values most about Maryvale Prep is the exceptional support system provided by colleagues, staff, and administrators. This collaborative environment fosters professional growth, allowing her to better support her students' mathematical journeys.

When the calculators are put away, she enjoys an active lifestyle. She enjoys scenic walks, hiking, traveling to new destinations, and spending time at church with her husband and two children.

PREP NEWS 7TH GRADE - 12TH GRADE

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.*

Monday

Pijama 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.



GRADES 7-12 ONLY

PREP YEARBOOK PRE-ORDER

\$45
PURCHASE ON CONFIGIO
LIMITED QUANTITIES AVAILABLE
YEARBOOKS ARE DELIVERED IN MAY

*** SHOP NOW ***

COLLEGE COUNSELOR

Order by 2/13 to ensure timely delivery!

OFFICIAL CAP & GOWN FOR YOUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

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ORDER NOW

- **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**)

10th Grade Field Trip to GCU is on **2/17**. Complete Configio Permission Slip and \$15 payment by **2/12**



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