



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 12, 2026



KEY DATES

No School- President's Day
February 16

R&R Weekend
February 16

K-2nd Grade- Spring Concert
February 25

No School- Spring Break
March 9-13

ERD- Spring Fiesta
March 20



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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YouTube

NO SCHOOL MONDAY FEBRUARY 16th



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](#)



Sports Physicals



SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
IN THE GYM



Scan the QR code to sign up!

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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



Reminder: All families are required to upload new Arizona proof of residency documentation during re-enrollment.

ARCHWAY NEWS KINDER- 6TH GRADE

A MESSAGE FROM ARCHWAY HEADMASTER DR. CRUZ



Hello Archway Families,

It was so great to see so many of you last night at Family Partnership Night. We had many families attend and as of right now, Kinder had the most parents in attendance. We are awaiting one more class whose session had to be postponed before we can note final percentages and the winner of the class party. We look forward to celebrating that winner soon and sharing our overall percentages! If you were unable to attend, your child's teacher will be sending home resources. Thanks to all who stayed after their sessions to complete the survey!

As we shared across 3-6th grade sessions, last night, our testing theme is "Bring your "A" game!". Our students collectively showed us last year that it was possible to earn an A rating and we know they are capable of a repeat. As we move into testing season which has begun with practice and preparation for the testing dates through end of March and the bulk of April, please continue to encourage your child and engage with the resources provided.

Lastly, you received your family feedback survey this week on February 10th via email. Our goal is at least an 80% response rate. When you complete this, please note that specific written comments help us the most to glean from the data. Additionally, don't forget to shout out teachers by name as they receive all of this praise and they light up and feel so honored by your words of recognition! Thank you for your belief in us and the courage to offer ideas for how we can continue to improve!

Have a wonderful three day weekend!

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.



STUDENT SUPPORT: GROUP CHATS

Over the course of the last few weeks, we presented to 4th-6th graders about the ins and outs of group chats and texting. We had been finding that many of our student issues were stemming from group chats via phone or gaming. We were able to share ways to stay kind, responsible and in control and guided them to only engage in the things that are kind, true, and useful. We also highlighted the dangers associated with group chats when content is questionable or harmful. Many of them had questions and comments about how to block group chats and certain numbers, about how to report to parents when they aren't sure or scared, and more. It was very telling that they are facing concerns via these chats but don't know how to respond or seek guidance. We encouraged they reach out to parents and to us as needed but we wanted to shed more light on this. If you would like our slides or more information on how to make their devices safer, please reach out and also keep an eye out for upcoming counselor sessions that line up with this topic.



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

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.



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.

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.

FAMILY FEEDBACK SURVEY



You should have received our family survey link on Tuesday. Please complete this as your feedback is so valuable and helps give us insight to improvements. Additionally, your praise allows us to celebrate those who are doing well and keep momentum around what you love! Last year we had a 78% completion rate amongst Archway families and this year we are aiming higher! 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.

A MESSAGE FROM PREP HEADMASTER



Hello Maryvale Prep Families,

Semester 2 is off to a strong start! This week, Prep students have enjoyed Spirit Week, dressing in pajamas, their favorite decade, cowboy or pirate attire, and finishing the week in Valentine's Day wear. Yesterday was an exciting day on campus, with College and Career Day for our high school students and Academic Games for our middle school students. High school students had the opportunity to learn from more than 30 presenters representing colleges, the Phoenix Fire and Police Departments, interior design, ultrasound technology, engineering, and many other career pathways. Middle school students participated in games such as the Human Knot, Music Scategories, Math Trashketball, and building a marshmallow tower, all designed to encourage teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving.

Throughout the month of February, students in 7th, 9th, and 10th grades will be attending field trips. Please be sure that all required permission slips have been completed in Configio to ensure your student may participate.

Our Family Survey has also been emailed to all Prep families. We kindly ask that you take a few minutes to complete the survey, as your feedback is incredibly valuable and directly informs improvements to our programming. We are aiming for a 100% completion rate at the Prep level and truly appreciate your partnership in this effort.

Finally, please remember that each grade level uses a Band app to share important announcements and updates. If you have not yet joined your grade-level Band app, we encourage you to do so to stay informed.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

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

Ms. Trujillo is our ESS Aide, working closely with our ESS Department, and serving 7th-12th grade. She enjoys working at Maryvale Prep as it is a safe place for teachers, students, and their families to confide in.



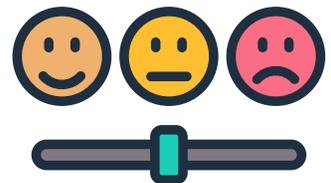
Ms. Trujillo grew up in Virginia and moved to Arizona about 8 years ago. She graduated from high school here in Phoenix, Arizona. She is a first-generation college student, currently pursuing her Bachelor's in Educational Studies at Arizona State University. Before working at Maryvale Prep, Ms. Trujillo has a variety of previous work experience including Home Depot, Boys and Girls Club, and Read Better Be Better.

Ms. Trujillo enjoys art; she often paints and draws for her friends and family. She is really passionate about accessibility, advocacy, and equality. She serves some of her free time volunteering for local organizations such as LUCHA AZ and The Young Center. When not at MVP, she also enjoys spending time with family, going to concerts, and taking walks in the park.

FAMILY SURVEY

Our Family Feedback Survey was sent to all families on **February 10**.

We are aiming for a 100% 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.



PREP NEWS 7TH GRADE - 12TH GRADE

! 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.

GRADES 7-12 ONLY

PREP YEARBOOK PRE-ORDER

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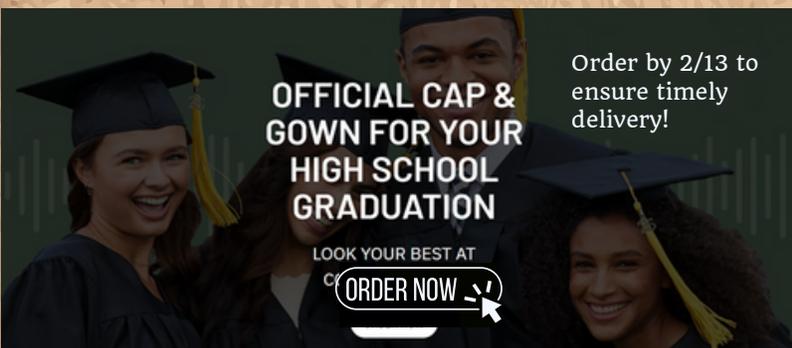
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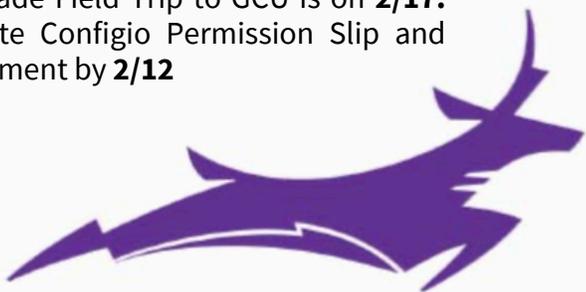
Order by 2/13 to ensure timely delivery!

- 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**



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