



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 19, 2026



KEY DATES

K-2nd Grade- Spring Concert
February 25

No School- Spring Break
March 9-13

ERD- Spring Fiesta
March 20

No School- Family Day
April 3

No School- Family Day
April 6

MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY SCHOOL HOURS/INFO

ARCHWAY (K-6th Grade)

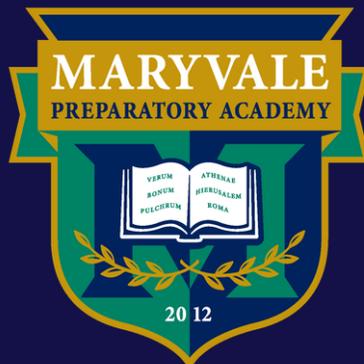
FULL DAYS: 8:00AM-3:15PM
HALF DAYS: 8:00AM-12:45PM

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

Archway and Prep Families,

Thank you for partnering with us in so many ways. As we reflect on all of the ways we ask for you to show up, which are many across academic, athletic, and community functions, we are thankful to be doing this work with all of you. Each year, we have the opportunity to hear directly from you as well via our Family Feedback Survey. On Tuesday, February 10th, you received an email with our survey [link here](#). Thank you to those of you who have already completed this and shared valuable insight. On the Archway side, 39% of families have responded and on the Prep side, 19% of families have responded. In Archway, Kinder families are taking the lead with the most responses and in Prep, 7th grade is taking the lead. Our goal is to have 80% of our families respond to this survey. Without a larger quantity of responses we won't have the best data set to help us identify clear patterns for which to make informed decisions. A higher response rate, ensures that the feedback we act on truly reflects the experiences and perspectives of our entire community. Tomorrow, your child's only homework will be to ask you to complete the survey and to sign off that you have! The grade levels with the highest rates will receive a jeans and spirit wear day and a celebration treat!

We take this survey seriously because your voice matters. We read comments as they are coming in and look for trends. As of now, the one thing that stands out is that students do not like our school provided lunches. While we must stay within the parameters of the National School Lunch Program which provides these lunches currently for free to all students, we have already begun the process of connecting with our caterer to identify some ways we might be able to sample or survey items with students to make some slight adjustments. We have also loved reading the comments you have left so far for teachers. Each year we share your comments directly with teachers and it is such a boost, so keep writing those!

In this survey, we also ask about your intent to return next school year. As of now, 82% of Archway families and 89% of Prep families who have completed note they definitely will return. This is the perfect time for you to complete re-enrollment which also opened up this week and we hope that those of you who said you definitely will or might return act quickly and let us know you want your child here. Knowing ahead of time who is returning and who is not, allows us to begin planning for new enrollment and predicting the number of open seats and offers and also guides are financial planning, hiring, and logistics for next year. Please take a few moments to complete this as soon as possible.

We look forward to continued survey responses and to seeing re-enrollment completions and thank you greatly for the time it takes to do both of these!

Have a great weekend!

Dr. Crystal Cruz | Archway Headmaster Ms. Rachel Mercado | Prep Headmaster

PREP AND ARCHWAY NEWS



TRAFFIC UPDATE



Camelback Road between 43rd Avenue and 51st Avenue will undergo pavement maintenance on weekends to minimize traffic disruption. Crack sealing is scheduled for Feb. 21-22, followed by slurry seal application on Feb. 28 and Mar. 1. At least one lane in each direction will remain open, though brief delays and restricted left turns may occur. Drivers should avoid fresh slurry and expect final striping after work is completed.

For questions, call 602-532-6250 or visit GlendalePavementManagement.com.

COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELORS

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27
FROM 8AM-9AM IN THE PREP MPR

Topic: Cellphone and Group Chat Safety for Youth

Come partner with the counselors as we learn about the best practices for keeping children safe while using cellphones.

We will dive deep into group chat safety, something many children are actively participating in on both the phone and gaming devices.

Coffee, pastries, and toys for younger siblings will be provided, as well as a gift card raffle.

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

ATHLETICS

Sports Physicals

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

Scan the QR code to sign up!

Brought to you by:

We invite you to take a moment to view the most recent Athletics newsletter posted on our [website](#)

K-12 RE-ENROLLMENT

Re-Enrollment **NOW OPEN**

Re-enrollment for the 2026-27 school year began 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. If we achieve **80% completion**, we could get **free** Jean Day every Friday for the month of March.

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RE-ENROLL STARTS FEB. 17

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,

I hope you have enjoyed this week. Thank you so much for your attending Family Partnership Night. Our attendance went up by 5% from this time last year with 49% attending. Prioritizing events like this is important to your child's success so thank you for making the time. The winners of the ice cream party are KD and 3A! We look forward to celebrating them.

Additionally, thank you to those who have completed the family survey. As of midweek, we have had 39% of Archway families complete the survey! We are tracking quite a ways from our goal of 80% so please complete this as soon as possible! Tomorrow, your child's only homework will be to ensure you complete the survey and sign off that it's been done!

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)

LITERARY FIGURES DAY

On **Monday, March 2**, Archway students will celebrate Literary Figures Day. Students will celebrate Literary Figures Day by dressing as their favorite classical literary character, scientist, or historical figure.

Costumes should be school-appropriate and align with classical themes. Pop culture costumes, masks, or items depicting violence, weapons, or drugs/alcohol are not permitted.



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.

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, 2/10**. 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.



UPCOMING PREP FIELD TRIPS

Date	Field Trip	Grade
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.

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

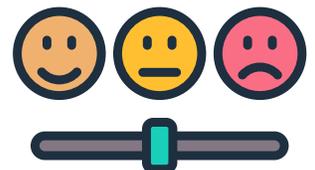
"The sage has no interest of his own, but takes the interests of the people as his own. He is kind to the kind; he is also kind to the unkind: for Virtue is kind. He is faithful to the faithful; he is also faithful to the unfaithful: for Virtue is faithful" – Tao Te Ching

"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.

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.

Skirt Length:

- Girls may wear school plaid or solid skirts (from vendor).
- Skirts shall be no shorter than just above the knee.

Hair Color:

- Hair must be a naturally occurring color and clean, styled and out of the face.
- Hair accessories should be small and match the uniform.

GRADES 7-12 ONLY

PREP YEARBOOK PRE-ORDER

\$45

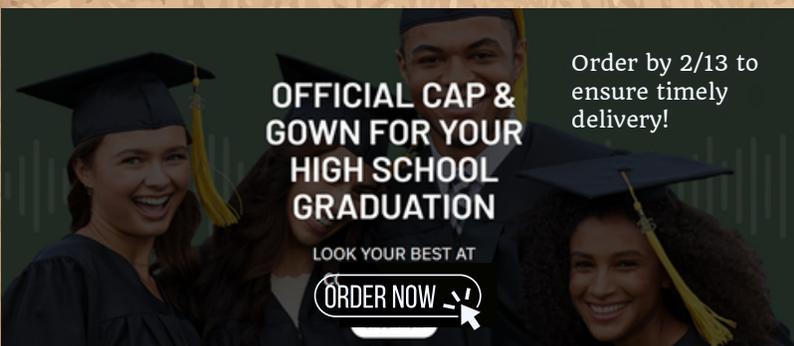
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11th Grade Field Trip to the University of Arizona is on **4/1**. Complete **Configio** Permission Slip and \$25 payment.



- **2/28 @ 3:15 pm** Great Hearts College Symposium @ Scottsdale Prep **Register Here**
- Free ACT Practice Exams and 30-Minute Advisement Session (**Click Here**).
- **3/1 @ 1:00 pm** RMACAC College Fair @ ASU West **Register Here**
- Study for the ACT (**Click Here**)



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