



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 26, 2026

KEY DATES

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

www.maryvaleprep.org



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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!

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



GRADE LEVEL SURVEY WINNERS

We are excited to announce that 6th grade was the grade level that completed the most surveys in Archway and 7th Grade for Prep. As a result, they will earn a free jeans and spirit wear day tomorrow, 2/27! Please ensure that jeans are non-ripped and shoes are closed toe-athletic shoes.



Because we got 80% combined across K-12, we will also have another free spirit wear and jeans day on Friday, March 6th. This normally is our paid PSO jeans day, but on the house for your participation!

MEAL SERVICE UPDATE

In response to your survey feedback about students not liking school lunch, our Vendors will bring in food samples to survey students about potential new menu items in order to adjust based on results. This process will take place during lunches on March 3rd and we hope eventually leads to more lunches students favor. As always, we are fortunate to provide breakfast and lunch to ALL students and those who would like an alternative are welcome to bring their own meals from home.



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,

Thank you so much for your participation in our annual family survey. Our goal was 80% completion and for Archway specifically we had 67% of families complete the survey. Your feedback is so important to us as it allows us to celebrate and keep momentum going in the areas in which you are satisfied. As part of that celebration, we are delighted each year to share your specific shout outs with those teachers you mentioned. In other cases, your feedback points us to where we need to provide greater clarity around the why of our mission and practices and protocols around that. Lastly, your feedback highlights areas where we need to consider adjusting and improving. That you for being so willing to share. As always, please note that you never have to wait for a survey opportunity to engage with us. We will always make time to hear celebrations, provide clarity or receive constructive feedback.

84% of you noted that you intend to return and that is exciting! If you have not already, please note that commitment during this current re-enrollment process by visiting the enrollment portal. During this re-enrollment timeline, we need all families to note if they are returning, if they are undecided or if they wish to withdraw for the upcoming school year. This early indication helps us plan responsibly and strategically for the school year ahead. Early and accurate re-enrollment numbers directly impact our ability to:

- Make informed staffing decisions, including hiring in high-need areas
- Ensure we are maximizing efforts to maintain four sections per grade level
- Allocating resources and materials appropriately
- Finalizing master schedules to maximize student supports
- Plan budgets with care and stewardship
- Open seats to new families when space is available

In short, your timely response allows us to piggyback off of your feedback to ensure we are building a strong foundation for next year academically, financially, and operationally. Even if you are undecided, marking that status is extremely helpful as it allows us to predict next steps and follow up thoughtfully in supporting you in your decision-making process.

Thank you for partnering with us in these important steps. Your feedback and clarity now, truly makes a difference for our entire school community.

AASA MOTIVATION REWARDS

As we prep our students for and celebrate their hard work after AASA, we are providing ongoing and culminating rewards. We created a wish list on Amazon with all the daily prizes and items we want to give students to pump them up during state testing! If you would like to donate items from our wish list, visit this link to have them sent directly to campus or feel free to purchase like items and drop them off.



Our theme is BRING YOUR A GAME! Link: <https://a.co/cdCNzaE>

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.

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| 1 st Grade | Arizona Science Center | March 6 |
| 2 nd Grade | Pioneer Museum | March 6 |
| Kinder | Tolmachoff Farms | March 25 |
| 4th Grade | Natural History Museum | March 27 |

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

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.



FAMILY FEEDBACK SURVEY GRADE LEVEL WINNERS

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A MESSAGE FROM PREP HEADMASTER MERCADO



Hello Maryvale Prep Families,

It is hard to believe that there is only one week remaining in Quarter 3! This semester has flown by, and we are so grateful for the continued partnership of our families. Thank you to everyone who completed our Family Survey. Your feedback is deeply valued. Our leadership team will be meeting to carefully review your responses and determine thoughtful next steps to strengthen our programs and community. Your voice truly matters, and we are thankful for your commitment to helping us provide an excellent educational experience for every student at Maryvale Prep.

This Sunday, our senior class will depart for their trip to Washington, D.C., accompanied by Ms. Vaughn, Mr. Echeverria, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Barringer, and myself. We are eagerly anticipating the opportunity to visit many of the historic landmarks our students have studied throughout their K-12 classical education. It is always a meaningful experience to see history come alive in our nation’s capital.

Quarter 4 will be jam-packed with exciting events, beginning with our Spring Fiesta on March 20. We hope you will join us for this community celebration. Quarter 4 also marks our state testing season. These assessments provide important data about our academic growth and help inform adjustments to our instructional practices so we can continue striving for excellence. I am looking forward to the many memorable moments ahead in Quarter 4, culminating in our 12th Grade Commencement on Friday, May 22. Thank you again for your continued partnership and support. Wishing you and your family a restful and wonderful Spring Break!

UPCOMING PREP FIELD TRIPS

| Date | Field Trip | Grade |
|----------|----------------|-------|
| 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.

“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 TESTING DATES

Dear Maryvale Prep Families,

We're excited to inform you that state testing for our scholars is coming up! State testing is a valuable tool that helps us and the state understand your scholars' progress and make informed decisions to support their academic growth. It can also open doors for future opportunities and college admission.

| Date | Test | Grade |
|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Tuesday, March 17 | AzSci | 8th & 11th |
| Tuesday, March 24 | ACT | 11th |
| Thursday, March 26 | Pre - ACT | 10th |
| Tuesday, March 31 | ACT Aspire | 9th |
| Wednesday, April 1 | ACT Aspire | 9th |
| Wednesday, April 2 | AASA (Writing) | 7 th & 8 th |
| Wednesday, April 8 | AASA (Math & ELA) | 7 th & 8 th |
| Wednesday, April 15 | AASA (Math & ELA) | 7 th & 8 th |

Test-Day Essentials:

- Attend each test day – we are required to test at least 95% of our student body, and we want the results for all our students
- On test days, please ensure that your scholar arrives at school at 7:45. Testing takes place first thing in the morning, and students must be in their testing rooms by 8:00 am.
- Make sure they get a good night's sleep and have a nutritious breakfast.

We value the partnership between our school and parents in nurturing the academic growth of your scholar. State testing is an essential part of this process, and we are committed to providing a supportive and conducive environment for your scholar's success.

STAFF HIGHLIGHT

Alejandra Martinez is a bilingual professional who brings warmth, dedication, and community spirit to everything she does. She was born in Magdalena de Kino, Sonora, Mexico, and raised in Avondale, Arizona, where she built strong roots and a deep appreciation for connection and hard work.

Alejandra is a proud graduate of La Joya Community High School. Before beginning her career in education, she worked alongside her husband in their family-owned painting company, gaining hands-on experience in teamwork, responsibility, and entrepreneurship.

She currently serves as the Prep Front Office Assistant at Maryvale Preparatory Academy, where she is now entering her second school year. Alejandra truly loves her role and takes pride in being the first point of contact for families and students. She finds joy in welcoming everyone who walks through the front door and values the relationships she builds with parents, staff, and students alike.

Known for her friendly presence, strong work ethic, and bilingual skills, Alejandra plays an important role in creating a positive and supportive school environment. She is passionate about her work and grateful to be part of a community that feels like home.



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.

Shoes:

- Shoes must be solid black or white.
- Athletic 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

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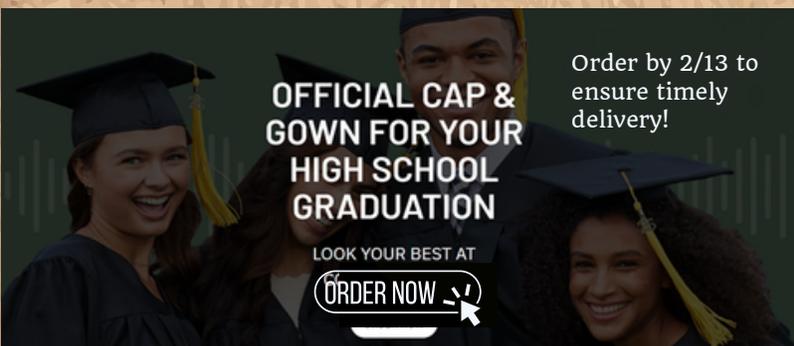
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11th Grade Field Trip to the University of Arizona is on **4/1**. Complete **Configio** Permission Slip and \$25 payment.



- **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**)



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