



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 23, 2026

KEY DATES

Coffee with the Counselor
April 24

Semester 2 Clubs End
April 24

Spring Arts Showcase
April 29

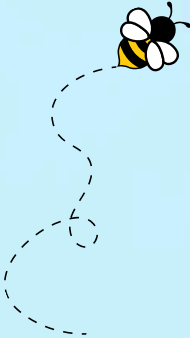
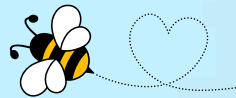
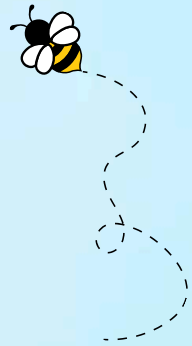
6th Grade Pathway to Prep
May 13

Kinder Promotion
May 20

8th Grade Promotion
May 20

Last Day of School
May 22

Commencement
May 22



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

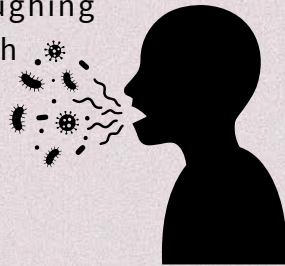
NOTICE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

We have a confirmed case of Pertussis (also known as “whooping cough”. Pertussis is a highly contagious disease caused by bacteria spread through the air by coughing, or contact with secretions from the mouth, nose, or throat. Please watch for the following symptoms and check with a provider.

Symptoms can begin up to 3 weeks after exposure (commonly 5-10 days).

Symptoms can include:

- Cold-like stage (first 1-2 weeks of illness)
- Throwing up after fits of coughing
- Uncontrollable fits of coughing
- Change of skin color with coughing
- “Whooping sound” with cough
- Pauses in breathing (apnea)



SUMMER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT OPEN



Learning Never Takes a Vacation – Register for Summer School!

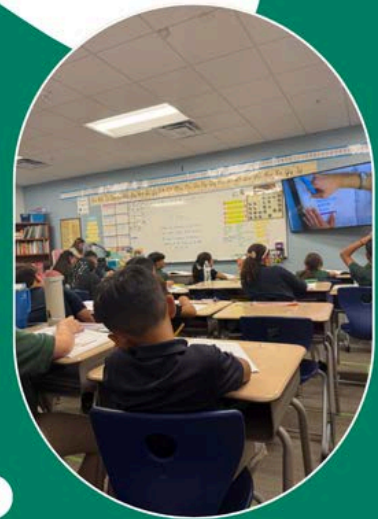
- ✓ Strengthen Skills
- ✓ Build Confidence
- ✓ Improve Mastery
- ✓ Credit Recovery (High School)

Monday-Thursday
June 1st-25th
8:00am-11:30am

Register Now on Configio!

Archway

Prep

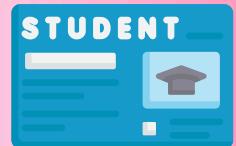


RE-ENROLLMENT UPDATE:

The portal for parents to complete re-enrollment is now closed. To complete this process you will need to contact the main office to schedule a time to fill it out alongside the office team. We can do this over the phone or on Zoom. This must be done prior the last day of school on May 22nd. After this, no further changes can be made and all data moves over without import of contacts, medical updates, etc.

STUDENT ID CARDS

Having your student ID card helps speed up our tardy sign in process. If you lost yours, we can re-print for \$5. If you need a reprint, please email emendez@maryvaleprep.org with subject line ID CARD for reprint. She will prepare and front office will reach out to provide and collect payment.



LUNCH MENUS

BREAKFAST MENU

KINDER LUNCH MENU

1ST-8TH LUNCH MENU

9TH-12TH LUNCH MENU



PREP AND ARCHWAY NEWS

ATHLETICS

Please see the Spring Sports Practice Schedule below.

Sports	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
T&F	3:15-5p	3:15-5p	1:10-1:45p	3:15-4:30p	3:15-4:30p
HS Baseball	Cage 3:30-5p Field 5-5:30p	Campus 3:30-5:30p	Off	Park 4-6p	Cage 3:30-5p Field 5-5:30p
HS Softball	Field 4-5p Cage 5-6p	Park 4-6p	3:30-5:30p	Campus 4-6p	Field 4-5p Cage 5-6p
MS Boys Bball A	3:30-5:15	3:30-5:15	3:30-5:15	3:30-5:15	OFF
MSB Bball B	3:30-5:15	3:30-5:15	OFF	3:30-5:15	OFF
MSB Bball C	3:30-5:15	OFF	OFF	3:30-5:15	OFF
MS Girls Bball A	OFF	4:30-6:30	OFF	4:30-6:30	4:30-6:30
MSG Bball B	OFF	4:40-6:30	OFF	4:40-6:30	4:40-6:30

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, APRIL 24
FROM 8AM-9AM IN THE PREP MPR

Coffee with Counselors: Our Summer Farewell!

Come visit with the counselors one last time! Learn about summer resources for the family, and how to plan for next school year!

Presented:
• City of Phoenix
• Trio
• Headstart

Younger siblings always welcome, raffle prizes available!

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

PSO

PSO FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

FEATURING:

SUPER MARIO

Friday, April 24, 2026

Archway Lawn

Gates Open: 7:00 p.m.

Movie Start Time: 7:30 p.m.

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.

April 24, 2026

\$1.00

Need spirit wear?

Contact Mr. Jones:
DJones@MaryvalePrep.org



EVENTS

ARCHWAY NEWS KINDER- 6TH GRADE

A MESSAGE FROM ARCHWAY HEADMASTER DR. CRUZ



Hello Archway Families,

I hope you have had a great week. We finished AASA testing this week and had a blast celebrating our students and their hard work and focus today. While we won't receive results on their efforts until summer time, we are confident that they did their best and look forward to using the data to plan ahead.

We will continue with additional content and reading assessments across K-6 through the next few weeks and want to continue to push alongside you all for a strong finish.

As we prepare for many events on campus, it is crucial that you read newsletters thoroughly and log dates, arrival times and logistics. Many of our events overlap and as you know parking spaces are limited. Please be mindful of any events that have a guest limit, strict arrival and departure times, and other important logistics. As we prepare for promotions and commencement, our no food/no drink and no balloons policy in Marley will be strictly enforced. Please know that all of these logistical expectations are in place to ensure our events run smoothly and the spaces are set for one to happen right after another.

We look forward to the milestones ahead left to celebrate and the progress to be made as we inch closer to the last day of school. Please join us tonight for our PSO hosted Mario Movie Night! While you are at the movie, please do not forget to thank our PSO team. It is volunteer appreciation week and the countless hours they spend assisting us and pouring into our community are so many and much appreciated! Have a great weekend!

LAST DAY OF EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS

Please note that the last day of clubs will be **TOMORROW**, Friday, April 24th. Make sure you have a plan for the week after to ensure they do not end up in late pick up on days they normally would have had clubs

6TH GRADE PREP TOURS

Across the next few weeks, our Middle School Dean of Students, Mrs. Perez, will be taking small groups of students to visit the Prep campus and tour. We hope this eases their transition and gets them excited for all that is to come.

ARCHWAY NEWS KINDER- 6TH GRADE

K-6 ACADEMIC OLYMPICS

We are excited for our upcoming Academic Olympics event that will take place on campus on Wednesday, May 6th. For this event, we are looking for a few finger-printed family volunteers to be extra hand on deck. The time commitment for this will be from 7:30 am-11:00 am. Only the confirmed volunteer can attend and must not bring additional children or guests as this is not a spectator event due to limited space. Please email Mrs. Kennedy at SSidoti@maryvaleprep.org by Wednesday April 29th if you are interested in volunteering for this fun event! We will confirm your spot shortly after this deadline.



Thank you!

YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

It has been brought to our attention that we have some eager entrepreneurs in Archway. While we value their contributions to our economy, we do not allow students to sell items on campus. Please ensure that your child is not bringing items for sale at school or bringing cash to purchase said items. The trending item to watch for are plastic ducks.



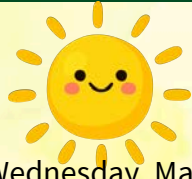
ARCHWAY VIRTUE ASSEMBLIES



Each year we honor students who have exemplified our 9 core virtues throughout the year consistently. On Thursday, May 21st we will have our virtue assemblies for 1st-5th grades. Kinder will do classroom awards and 6th grade will have their virtue assembly during their Pathway to Prep Ceremony. If your child is receiving an award, you will receive an invitation from Ms. Grado in advance with details. If you do receive that invite, please keep it a surprise as we reveal to the student during the assembly.

ARCHWAY NEWS KINDER- 6TH GRADE

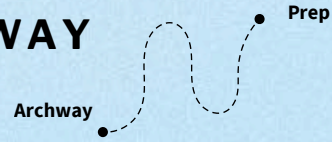
KINDER PROMOTION



Kinder families please save the date for Wednesday, May 20th for Kinder Promotion.

- Parking and doors will open for KA/KB families at 8:00 am
- Parking and doors will open for KC/KD parents at 9:30 am.
- This will be a ticketed event with a limit of 6 people per student. Please do not ask for exceptions. Tickets will be sent in homework folders on Friday, May 15th.
- Students should be in school uniform only and should not bring backpacks to school on this day.
- School is still in session the rest of the day and early sign out is discouraged. In the event you are signing them out, this can be done in Marley Center Plaza after each ceremony and only for the Kinder student or other students attending with you. Any other student sign outs need to occur in the main office.
- Parent departure for KA/KB is 9:05 am.
- Parent departure for KC/KD is 10:35 am.
- Departure times are strict in order to make way for the ceremony that follows.

6TH GRADE PATHWAY TO PREP



6th grade families please save the date for Wednesday, May 13. From 8:00-10:00 am, we will close the Archway chapter for our 6th graders and begin paving the way for them to move to the Prep school!

- Parking begins and gates open at 8:00 am. Parent seating is from 8:05-8:15 am.
- This event is for parents/guardians only. Other than toddlers and babies, no other siblings or family members should attend.
- Students should be in school uniform only and should not bring backpacks to school on this day.
- School is still in session the rest of the day and early sign out is discouraged. In the event you are signing them out, this can be done in Marley Center Plaza between 9:30 and 10:05 am but only for the 6th grade students. Any other student sign outs need to occur in the main office.
- You will have from 9:30-10:00 am to take pictures with your scholar and write them a note that will be given to them on the first day of 7th 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 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.

5th Grade	Desert Botanical Garden	April 28
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ARCHWAY NEWS KINDER- 6TH GRADE

2026-2027 EARLY KINDER ENROLLMENT

As we approach enrollment for next school year, we will begin early Kinder Testing for entrance. We have very limited spots and will only release a few at a time and up to a small number. To start, we are **ONLY** testing siblings of current students who will turn 5 between September 1st and October 31st. Students testing early must be potty trained, able to separate from parents easily and have basic number sense and alphabet concepts amongst several other indicators that will be tested. Please reach out to ccruz@maryvaleprep.org to schedule your test and note your availability along with child's full name, name of current Maryvale sibling(s) and date of birth for the child being assessed. We will gradually open up more spots for October-December birthdates so keep an eye out.

GreatHearts® Summer Programs

June 1-26, 2026

[MaryvalePrep.org/summer](https://maryvaleprep.org/summer)



The Great Hearts commitment to cultivate the minds and hearts of students continues throughout the summer. Great Hearts Summer Programs are aligned with the academy culture and offer a unique opportunity for scholars to stay engaged during the summer and make lasting memories with friends.

Maryvale Prep offers two incredible programs during the weeks of June 1-26, 2026.

Summer Programs include:

- Summer Camp is a full-day program where each week, Campers experience a unique theme full of hands-on activities, games, songs, on-site field trips, and just plain fun! It's a traditional summer camp experience with a classical twist!
- Kinder Readiness is designed to help your child feel ready to start kindergarten in the fall. In addition to being introduced to our academy culture and curriculum, our newest scholars will also build friendships that will help them feel confident on the first day of school.

Register today and give your child a summer experience they will always remember!

<https://maryvaleprep.greatheartsamerica.org/summer/>

PREP NEWS 7TH GRADE - 12TH GRADE

PREP DATES TO REMEMBER

Honors Choir Performance at
Camelback Church
April 24

Festival of the Arts
April 29

8th Grade Field Trip
April 24

Spring Spirit Week
April 27-May 1

PREP SUMMER SCHOOL

RETURNING 7th GRADE, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th GRADERS

ANY and ALL high school students earning a Semester F will automatically need to make up the credit online or in 2026 Summer School. This is a state and/or network requirement for graduation. Math and English classes will take place on campus, as well as online offerings.

Summer School Dates: Monday, June 1st – Thursday, June 25th

Summer School Hours: M-Th, 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. (No school Fridays)

Please see the [Configio](#) link to sign your child up for Prep Summer School 2026. You will receive a specific email from Ms. Wolpert if your child must enroll in MANDATORY Summer School; however, it is open to all.

Please contact Ms. Wolpert with any questions awolpert@maryvaleprep.org

APRIL 29

SPRING ARTS SHOWCASE

MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

	Time
Art Show	5:30-7:45 p.m.
7th Grade Music Concert 7C, 7D, 7E	5:30-6:00 p.m.
8th Grade Drama 8C, 8D	6:20-7:30 p.m.
8th Grade Music Concert 8A, 8B	6:25-6:55 p.m.
10th Grade Choir Concert	7:15-7:45 p.m.

**MANDATORY
EVENT**
FOR 7C, 7D,
7E, 8TH
GRADE, 10TH
GRADE

MARYVALE
PREPARATORY
ACADEMY

SENIOR DINNER

CLASS OF
2026

5.15.2026

STARTING AT 6:00PM

MARYVALE PREPARATORY
ACADEMY ARCHWAY MPR

SPRING SPIRIT WEEK

Maryvale Preparatory Academy
Spirit Week Attire Guidelines
Spring: April 27 – May 1, 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, April 27
Camp Counselors vs Lifeguards



Tuesday, April 28
Tie-Dye Tuesday



Wednesday, April 29
Athletic Wear



Thursday, April 30
Throwback Thursday



Friday, May 1
BBQ Dads vs Soccer Moms



VIRTUE OF THE MONTH



April is Wisdom Month in our Maryvale Prep calendar of virtues. Wisdom is the virtue of knowing what is true and good, and choosing rightly because of that knowledge.

One of the greatest models of wisdom in the Western tradition is Socrates, whom many of you have encountered in your Humane Letters courses. Socrates was considered by the Oracle at Delphi to be the wisest man in Athens — and his response to that declaration is itself a lesson in wisdom. Rather than accepting the honor proudly, Socrates was puzzled. He went from person to person — politicians, poets, craftsmen — testing whether they truly knew what they claimed to know. What he discovered was that most people believed themselves to be wise when they were not. Socrates concluded that whatever small wisdom he possessed came from one thing: he knew that he did not know.

This is what philosophers call the "Socratic paradox," and it remains one of the most important ideas in all of human thought. True wisdom is not loudness or confidence — it is an honest reckoning with the limits of your own understanding. A student who says "I don't know, but I want to find out" is already wiser than one who pretends to certainty they do not have. Matadors, be curious. Be honest about what you do not yet understand. That is where wisdom begins.

UPCOMING PREP FIELD TRIPS

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.

Date	Field Trip	Grade
April 24	Medieval Times	8th

STAFF HIGHLIGHT



Born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona, Ms. Rodriguez pursued her studies at Grand Canyon University following her high school graduation. Initially intending to major in business while exploring her career interests, she began working at Maryvale Prep Academy during her time at the university. She later chose to pause her formal education to focus on her professional responsibilities and provide greater stability and support to her student. It was through this experience that she discovered a genuine passion for education. Ms. Rodriguez now plans to continue her academic journey at Phoenix College, where she intends to earn a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts and pursue a career as an art teacher.

Ms. Rodriguez is proud to be what is now known as a legacy student of the Maryvale Prep community, having attended the school herself since its founding when she was in kindergarten. As a student, she particularly enjoyed her Literature & Composition and Humane Letters courses, which fostered her lifelong appreciation for reading. Today, she brings that enthusiasm into her role, taking great pride in helping students understand the books they are reading and uncover meaningful connections within the texts they study.

Outside of her professional responsibilities, Ms. Rodriguez enjoys going to the movies, hiking, reading, and spending quality time with family and friends.

ATTENTION SENIORS!

Pre-register your graduate for commencement photos sent directly to your phone! Visit: ["https://www.quic.pics/checkin/27327432"](https://www.quic.pics/checkin/27327432).

Dorian

Congratulations Maryvale Preparatory Academy

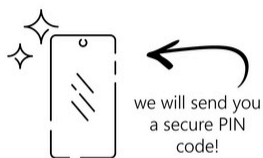
GRADUATES!

Enroll to have commencement photos sent directly to your phone.

SCAN THE QR CODE



ENTER YOUR MOBILE NUMBER



COMPLETE ENROLLMENT



GRADES 7-12 ONLY

PREP YEARBOOK PRE-ORDER

\$45

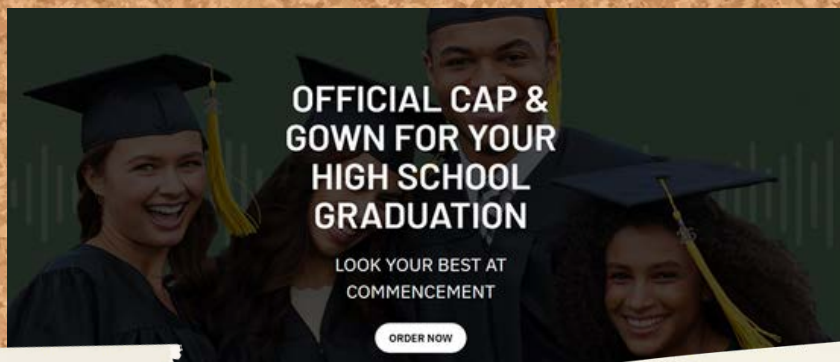
PURCHASE ON CONFIGIO

LIMITED QUANTITIES AVAILABLE

YEARBOOKS ARE DELIVERED IN MAY

* SHOP NOW *

COLLEGE COUNSELOR



ORDER NOW

- May 1st National College Decision Day. Seniors wear your t-shirts to represent your college decision!

- Summer Camps grades 9-12. Apply NOW! [Apply Here](#)

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