



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 30, 2026



KEY DATES

Teacher Appreciation Week
May 4-8

6th Grade Pathway to Prep
May 13

Kinder Promotion
May 20

8th Grade Promotion
May 20

Prep Semester Finals
May 20-22

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



PREP AND ARCHWAY NEWS

NOTICE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

End of year reminders:

- If your scholar has medication in the health office, it will need to be picked up by **May 22nd**. Medications that are not picked up by that date will be discarded.
- New action plans and consents are needed for every new school year. Blank action plans and consents for the 2026/2027 school year are available upon request.
- Vaccinations need to be compliant by August 26 for scholars to be able to attend school this upcoming year. Summer is a great time to get vaccinations up to date, so please consider contacting your scholar's provider to check their vaccination status.

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

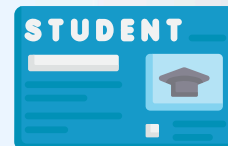


RE-ENROLLMENT UPDATE:

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

PSO EVENTS



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.**

Need spirit wear?
Contact Mr. Jones:
DJones@MaryvalePrep.org

May 1, 2026
\$1.00



Teacher Appreciation WEEK

LET'S CELEBRATE THE AMAZING WORK YOU DO FOR OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!

May 4 - May 8

Monday

- Coffee
- Enjoy a good variety of coffee, teas and lemonades.
- Please place your order no later than 5/3.



Tuesday

- Nacho Bar
- Bring your favorite salsas & guacamole
- We'll provide the rest



Wednesday

- E & Tony's Grill
- Enjoy some homemade burgers & hotdogs
- Times TBD



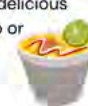
Thursday

- Ice Cream Bar
- Enjoy making your favorite ice cream combos



Friday

- Elote Bar
- Enjoy some delicious corn in a cup or tostilocos



BROUGHT TO YOU BY:



If you would like to help by providing any items for the menus, please reach out to psopresident@maryvaleprep.org

ATHLETICS



Spring Sports Pictures
Wednesday, May 6

More information to follow
via the Band App and email.



Spring Sports Banquet
Wednesday, May 13

More information to follow
via the Band App and email.

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

ARCHWAY NEWS KINDER- 6TH GRADE

A MESSAGE FROM ARCHWAY HEADMASTER DR. CRUZ



Hello Archway Families,

It is hard to believe that May is upon us tomorrow! Our days ahead in school are so few but so important. The last three weeks is still ample time to close gaps and collect data to prepare us for the upcoming year. If your child is deficient or would benefit from summer school, please consider signing them up. Summer regression affects all students and this is a great opportunity to keep them sharp with skills and still give them time to relax and have fun during their break.

Next week is Teacher Appreciation week and our teachers deserve so much praise. I am so proud to work with this group of teachers who pour so much of their time and talents into your students. Please be sure to let them know how much you appreciate them.

We have many events ahead of us. Please be sure to review all communications to ensure that as a unit we operate efficiently and effectively!

Have a wonderful weekend!

2026-2027 ROSTERS

We know that class placement is important to families, and we truly value the trust you place in us to support your child. As we prepare rosters for the upcoming school year, our team carefully considers a wide range of factors to create balanced classrooms that meet the academic, social, and emotional needs of all students.

To ensure equity and the best possible learning environment for every child, we are not able to accept specific teacher or classmate requests. This process allows us to thoughtfully build classrooms where all students can thrive.

Thank you for your understanding and partnership as we make these important decisions with the whole school community in mind.

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.



Thank you!

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

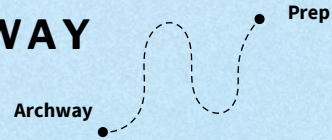
KINDER PROMOTION



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.

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

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



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 DATES TO REMEMBER

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 4-8

11th Grade Drama

May 7-8

Senior Dinner

May 15

Final Exams

May 20-22

8th Grade Promotion

May 20

Commencement

May 22

A MESSAGE FROM HEADMASTER MERCADO

Hello Maryvale Prep Families,



As we enter the final month of the 2025-2026 school year, students are completing their curriculum and preparing for finals. We also look forward to several special events in the weeks ahead, including the 11th Grade Drama Production, Spring Sports Banquet, Grad Walk, Senior Dinner, finals, 8th Grade Promotion, and Commencement.

Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week. Our teachers care deeply about the academic and emotional well-being of our students and have worked diligently throughout the year to provide an excellent educational experience, as well as a safe and engaging environment for learning. We encourage families to join us in showing gratitude for their dedication and service.

If you received an email regarding summer school, please contact the front office to register. Summer school is a valuable opportunity for students who need to recover credit or who would benefit from continued academic growth during the summer months.

Please continue encouraging your students to finish the year strong by attending school each day, completing assignments, and giving their best effort. Thank you for your continued partnership and support throughout the year.

PREP NEWS 7TH GRADE - 12TH GRADE

Maryvale Prep Academy 8th Grade



Congratulations 8th graders on your accomplishment!
Let's celebrate and have a good time!



Wednesday, May 20, 2026

<i>Ceremony</i> (Parents welcome)	<i>Marley Center</i>	<i>11:15-11:45 a.m.</i>
<i>Party</i> (Students only)	<i>Gym</i>	<i>11:45-1:00 p.m.</i>



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

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.

STAFF HIGHLIGHT

Ms. Alarcon is Teacher Assistant and a recent graduate here at Maryvale Prep. She used to be a part of the varsity High School team for three years, playing as a part of the defense group and as a sub goalie.



Ms. Alarcon was born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona. Ms. Alarcon is currently attending Grand Canyon University pursuing her dream major, a bachelor's degree in nursing and a minor in Business. Although pursuing nursing is hard, she decided to minor in business to surprise her dad so they can build a business together. After college she wants to work at any Honor Health or Banner, to eventually go back to school for her master's in nursing.

Ms. Alarcon loves Off-Road driving, spending time with her son Mateo, as well as hanging out with friends to go try new matcha places. She incorporates being a recent graduate to help students realize that high school does not last forever to work hard for any scholarships and make as many memories as possible.

When not at work Ms. Alarcon enjoys being with her son, taking him to different places, new ice cream shops, and buying him any little car he truly wants. She loves having quality family time and being with her friends.

SEMESTER FINALS – MAY 20-22

Students wrap up each semester by taking Semester Exams. Semester Exams are an important part of the educational process. These are comprehensive assessments, spanning the curriculum taught across the full semester and account for 10% of the semester grade. Students take two exams per day on the final three days of the semester, **May 20-22. All three days are Early Release Schedule.**

It is important that students are present, on-time, and prepared for their exams. Do not plan for winter break travel to begin until after Finals are completed. **Students will not be exempted from taking the exams for travel or other unexcused absences and will receive a zero on any missed exams.** Exams are not given early, so families should make every effort to have their students present for those dates. Students can make up missed finals on Tuesday, May 26th.

Study Guides will be distributed by teachers no later than May 15th. Please support your student's preparation by reviewing their study guide instructions with them and allow them appropriate time and place to study. If you have any questions on a particular final exam, please reach out to that teacher.

PREP NEWS 7TH GRADE - 12TH GRADE

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).

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Congratulations Maryvale Preparatory Academy

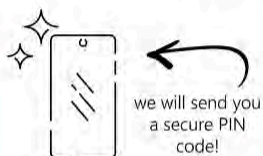
GRADUATES!

Enroll to have commencement photos sent directly to your phone.

SCAN THE QR CODE



ENTER YOUR MOBILE NUMBER



COMPLETE ENROLLMENT

Submit a selfie of your graduate. Proofs will be sent when available.



GRADES 7-12 ONLY

PREP YEARBOOK PRE-ORDER

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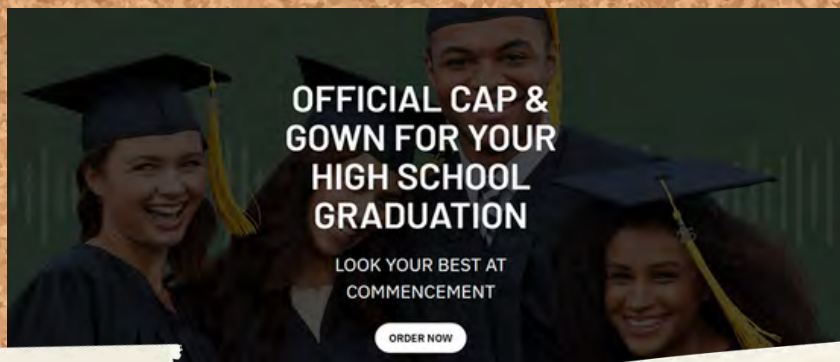
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YEARBOOKS ARE DELIVERED IN MAY

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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