



# MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

### APRIL 16, 2026

## KEY DATES

*Junior/Senior Preview Night*  
**April 22**

*Coffee with the Counselor*  
**April 24**

*Semester 2 Clubs End*  
**April 24**

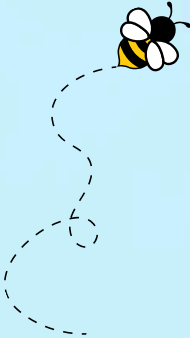
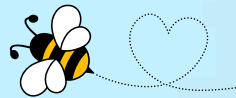
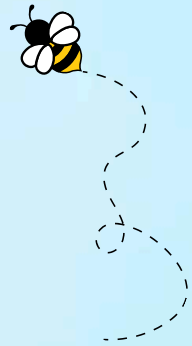
*6<sup>th</sup> Grade Pathway to Prep*  
**May 13**

*Kinder Promotion*  
**May 20**

*8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion*  
**May 20**

*Last Day of School*  
**May 22**

*Commencement*  
**May 22**



## MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY SCHOOL HOURS/INFO

### ARCHWAY (K-6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:attendance@maryvaleprep.org)

### OFFICE HOURS:

**FULL DAYS:** 7:00AM-4:00PM  
**HALF DAYS:** 7:00AM-1:30PM



### PREP (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:prep.attendance@maryvaleprep.org)

### GATE CLOSURE TIMES:

**FULL DAYS:** 1:00PM-2:30PM  
**ERD:** 11:00AM-12:15PM

[www.maryvaleprep.org](http://www.maryvaleprep.org)



YouTube

# PREP AND ARCHWAY NEWS

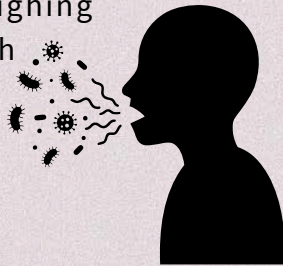
## NOTICE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

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)



## CAMPUS SAFETY OFFICER UPDATE



## Welcome *Officer Hershkowitz*

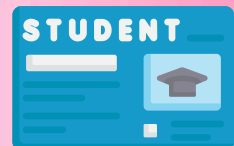
Officer James “Hershey” Hershkowitz was born and raised in Wickenburg, Arizona, where he participated in track and field during high school. Following graduation, he proudly served in the United States Marine Corps. After completing his military service, Officer Hershkowitz began a career in the security field, which ultimately led him to join the community at Great Hearts Maryvale 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](mailto: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

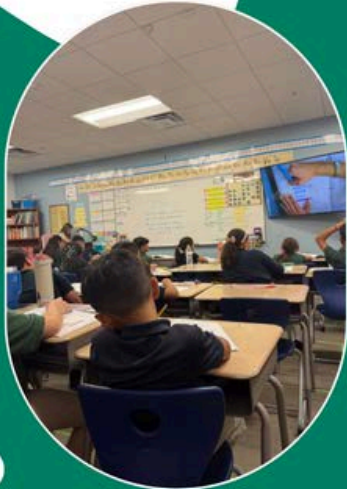
## SUMMER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT OPEN



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!

<https://maryvaleprep.configio.com>

## 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 Basbeall      | Cage 3:30-5p<br>Field 5-5:30p | Campus<br>3:30-5:30p | Off        | Park 4-6p   | Cage 3:30-5p<br>Field 5-5:30p |
| HS Softball      | Field 4-5p<br>Cage 5-6p       | Park 4-6p            | 3:30-5:30p | Campus 4-6p | Field 4-5p<br>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 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



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# ARCHWAY NEWS KINDER- 6TH GRADE

## A MESSAGE FROM ARCHWAY HEADMASTER DR. CRUZ



Hello Archway Families,

I hope you have had a great week. We have one more week left of AASA testing for 3-6th grade students and cannot wait to celebrate them. They have persevered through a month long of testing and we are so proud of them. As always, we won't get scores until summer time but look forward to reviewing them and identifying successes and areas we need to dive deeper on for each student next year. In the rest of our grades and in additional ways for K-6, we will continue progress monitoring and assessing through the end of May. While the month ahead will include some fun celebratory days such as AASA Celebration Day, Academic Olympics, Kinder and 6th Grade Promotion events, and more, there is still much to accomplish academically. With this, we ask that you engage with your children at home about all of the ways they can finish strong! Continue sending them to school consistently so that we can make the most of these last few weeks!

Thank you!

## AASA TESTING



Next week, 3rd-6th grade students will take the AASA Math tests. AASA testing will happen ongoing until April 24th. Please review your child's classroom newsletters for exact dates and times for their respective sessions and plan for them to be in attendance unless they are ill. Please also ensure that they are well rested and well nourished.



## AASA MOTIVATION REWARDS

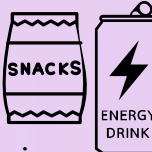
As we prep our students for and celebrate their hard work after AASA, we are providing ongoing and culminating rewards. We created a wish list on Amazon with all the daily prizes and items we want to give students to pump them up during state testing! If you would like to donate items from our wish list, 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>



## SNACKS AND ENERGY DRINKS

We have been pushing nourishment and healthy snacks with students during this testing season even more so. While we want students to be well fed and alert, we are noticing many energy drinks and snack sharing. Students should not bring energy drinks to campus. While we love friendships and sharing, we do ask our students to refrain from sharing snacks due to allergies and to prevent germs from circulating. Please ensure your children are not bringing energy drinks or sharing sized snack packages.



# 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](mailto: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!

## LAST DAY OF EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS

Please note that the last day of clubs will be on **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.

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> we will have our virtue assemblies for 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades. Kinder will do classroom awards and 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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/>

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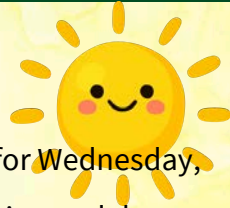
## UPCOMING ARCHWAY FIELD TRIPS

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.

|           |                         |          |
|-----------|-------------------------|----------|
| 5th Grade | Desert Botanical Garden | April 28 |
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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.

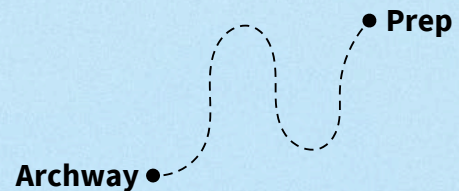
## KINDER PROMOTION



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 and for KC/KD parents at 9:30 am. This will be a ticketed event with a limit of 6 people per student. Additional details and logistics will be forthcoming.

## 6<sup>TH</sup> 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! This event is for parents/guardians only. Other than toddlers and babies, no other siblings or family members should attend. Additional details and logistics will be forthcoming.



## ARCHWAY DETENTIONS - 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE



As we move into testing season, the expectation for our 6th grade students to silently transition in hallways becomes non-negotiable, versus other times when they are allowed more freedom to chat during those transitions. This is important as students all around are testing and distractions can cause them to lose focus. Students are aware of these expectations and understand the consequence is detention. We have been receiving many questions on detention so want to bring our 6th grade detention policy back to the forefront.

- Detention will be served on the next school day after it is issued (No detention on Wednesday)
- Parents will receive notification on the day it is issued via email and text notifications (for those subscribed)
- Detention is served from 3:03-3:35 pm.
- After serving detention, 6th graders will be dismissed to school pickup, atheneum, clubs or sports practices.
- Please ask your children why they are receiving the detention as this guides them to take more ownership of their actions and to reflect. The notices sent, will not list the details.

## A MESSAGE FROM HEADMASTER MERCADO



Hello Maryvale Prep Families,

We have reached the midpoint of the quarter, with just five weeks remaining in the school year. This is an important time for students to stay focused and finish strong academically. Tomorrow, you will receive an email from Ms. Vaughn with a link to your student's Quarter 4 Mid-Quarter Report. This report provides an overview of your student's current overall grade, along with a percentage breakdown for each grading category in all of their classes. For a more detailed view of assignments, teacher comments, and grade specifics, please log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

We are pleased to share that state testing has officially concluded for the year. Thank you for ensuring that your students were present, on time, and well rested throughout the testing period. Your support plays a critical role in their success. Tomorrow, we will celebrate the completion of state testing with ice cream for all students during Lyceum.

Additionally, all parents of current 10th and 11th grade students are invited to join us on Wednesday, April 22 for an informational meeting. This event will provide a preview of what to expect in the junior and senior years, including key events, curriculum highlights, and college counseling support.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support of Maryvale Prep.



MARYVALE PREPARATORY  
ACADEMY

*Junior/Senior  
Preview Night*

Wednesday, April 22, 2026 | 6:00-7:00 PM

Prep MPR

ALL CURRENT 10TH/11TH GRADERS AND  
PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

## PREP SPRING SHOWCASE

APRIL 29

# SPRING ARTS SHOWCASE

MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

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

**MANDATORY  
EVENT  
FOR 7C, 7D,  
7E, 8<sup>TH</sup>  
GRADE, 10<sup>TH</sup>  
GRADE**

# PREP NEWS 7TH GRADE - 12TH GRADE

## PREP DATES TO REMEMBER

AASA Testing (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
**April 15**

Mid-Quarter Reports  
**April 17**

\$1 Jersey/Jean Day  
**April 17**

Junior/Senior Preview Night  
**April 22**

Honors Choir  
**April 24**

Spring Spirit Week  
**April 27 - May 1**

## PREP SUMMER SCHOOL

**RETURNING 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:awolpert@maryvaleprep.org)

## MID-QUARTER REPORTS

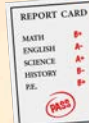
We are only five weeks until the end of the 2025-2026 school year! It's been exciting to see students engaged in learning and exceeding expectations in both academics and behaviors this year.

By the end of Friday, you'll receive an email from Ms. Vaughn with a link to your student's Quarter 4 Mid-Quarter Report. This report provides an overview of your student's current overall grade, along with the percentage breakdown for each grading category in all of their classes.

For more detailed information—such as individual assignments that contribute to each grade—please log into the Parent Portal via the PowerSchool app or a web browser. For the most comprehensive view (including past grades and official report cards), we recommend using a web browser. If you have any trouble accessing the portal, feel free to reach out to our office for support.

We encourage you to review the report together with your child and talk about steps they can take—both at home and in school—to finish the quarter strong. Students are welcome to reach out directly to their teachers with questions, and of course, you're always welcome to contact teachers as well. Their contact information is listed below.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.



## UPCOMING PREP FIELD TRIPS

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

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.

## 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



we will send you a secure PIN code!

COMPLETE ENROLLMENT

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



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JERSEY DAY  
FRIDAY 17  
APRIL

SCHOOL JERSEYS, COLLEGE JERSEYS, PROFESSIONAL JERSEYS

\$1.00 WEAR JEANS AND YOUR FAVORITE JERSEY

NEW MATADOR JERSEY FOR SALE  
15-17 APRIL - SEE COACH JONES OR COACH HERRERA IN THE ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

# 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 and Belts:

- Khaki dress slacks or shorts with black or brown dress belt.
- Shoes must be solid black or white. Athletic shoes or dress shoes are permitted.

### Shirts tucked in:

- Middle School: Navy blue or hunter green polo, short or long sleeved, with embroidered school crest, tucked into waistband. White undershirts are permitted.
- High School: White or light blue polo or Oxford, short or long sleeved, with embroidered school crest, tucked into the waistband. White undershirts are permitted. Juniors and Seniors may wear a school tie and blazer. High school students may wear a letterman jacket.

GRADES 7-12 ONLY

## PREP YEARBOOK PRE-ORDER

\$45

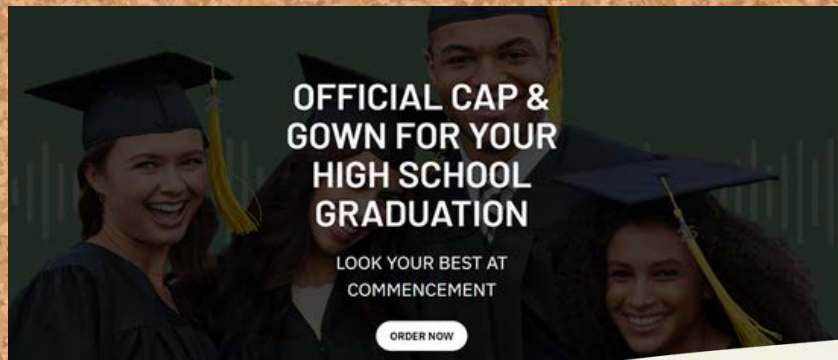
PURCHASE ON CONFIGIO

LIMITED QUANTITIES  
AVAILABLE

YEARBOOKS ARE DELIVERED IN  
MAY

\* SHOP NOW \*

## COLLEGE COUNSELOR



- April 22<sup>nd</sup> ASVAB Testing for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:00 pm Intro to College 101 for 10<sup>th</sup> grade parents and students

ORDER NOW

- Summer Camps grades 9-12. Apply NOW! [Apply Here](#)
- May 1st National Decision Day. Seniors wear your t-shirts to represent your college decision!

See Mrs. Ayala for details or send an email to [gayala@maryvaleprep.org](mailto:gayala@maryvaleprep.org)