



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

SUMMER NEWSLETTER JULY 2026

KEY DATES

Kinder Orientation

August 10

Meet the Teacher Night K-7th

August 10

Meet the Teacher Night 8-12th

August 11

First Day of School

August 12

**BACK
TO
SCHOOL**

SUMMER SCHOOL AND SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

New 26-27 School Hours:

Monday - Friday

Full days:

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Early Release days:

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM



Summer Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

(Closed Fridays)

June 1 - July 24

8:00 AM - 12:30 AM

Office Phone Number:
623-247-6095

www.maryvaleprep.org



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PREP AND ARCHWAY

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTERS

We are in full swing here preparing for your scholars. Our newest employees have started training and next week our full staff returns to train and prepare. Please ensure your child has their uniforms and supplies ready for the first day of school and plan ahead to be present at Meet the Teacher Night.

We hope to see all of you back here and are excited to meet our new students and families as well. We are at full enrollment capacity and most grades but still have some seats left in Kinder through 3rd grade as well as 7th through 9th. If you are receiving this email and your scholar is not returning please ensure you withdraw them officially so that we can open up their seat for those on wait lists.

Across the next few weeks we will continue to send information and reminders and hope that your family continues to enjoy the summer amidst preparing for the year ahead and our first day on August 12th!
See you soon!

PREP HEADMASTER
MISS MERCADO



ARCHWAY HEADMASTER
DR. CRUZ



JULY/AUGUST OFFICE HOURS

- Office Closed from July 29-August 5th for Faculty Orientation
- Office Open August 6-7th from 8 am-1 pm
- K-12 offices closed Monday, August 10
- K-12 offices open Tuesday, August 11
- August 12 First Day of School

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR NOW AVAILABLE

Stay informed and plan ahead! The official school calendar for the 2026-2027 school year is now available on our website. It includes key dates such as the first and last day of school, holidays, breaks, parent-teacher conferences, and other important events. Visit the [Maryvale Prep website](#) to view or download the calendar and stay up-to-date throughout the school year.



2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

ARCHWAY AND PREP MEET THE TEACHER EVENTS

1st - 7th grade Meet the Teacher Night will take place on Monday, August 10th

- **1st-6th grade families** can come **between 4 and 7 pm** to visit each child's classroom, drop off all school supplies, and meet the teacher. Additionally, all families should visit the art rooms to meet specialists and gym booths as well. Please enter through the east gym lobby.
- **7th grade families** should enter through the **East Gym Lobby**. From there, please proceed to the **Prep MPR**, where you will check in and receive your student's schedule. After check-in, families are invited to visit the Prep building to meet teachers and tour classrooms according to their schedule.
 - **Last Name: A-L** 4:00-5:30 p.m.
 - **Last Name: M-Z** 5:30-7:00 p.m.

8th -12th grade Meet the Teacher Night will take place on Tuesday, August 11th

- **8th- 12th grade families** should enter through the gate nearest the Prep front office. From there, please proceed to the **Prep MPR**, where you will check in and receive your student's schedule. After check-in, families are invited to visit the Prep building to meet teachers and tour classrooms according to their schedule.
 - **Last Name: A-L** 5:00-6:00 p.m.
 - **Last Name: M-Z** 6:00-7:00 p.m.

9th Grade Orientation 4:00-4:45 p.m. Tuesday, August 11th in the Prep MPR

- We are excited to welcome our rising 9th graders and incoming transfer students to high school at Maryvale Prep! This orientation is designed to help students begin the school year with confidence by providing an opportunity to tour the high school building, learn about school expectations and policies, and become familiar with campus before the first day of school.
- Students will also have access to their lockers if they would like to move school supplies in before classes begin. Please note that student schedules will be distributed, and teachers will be available to meet families during Meet the Teacher Night, immediately following the orientation.

KINDER ORIENTATION

Prior to meet the teacher visits on Monday, August 10th, Kinder parents are invited to an orientation presentation from 2:30-3:15 pm in our Marley Center. You will hear about our kindergarten curriculum, expectations, and more. Then, from 3:15-4:15 pm we will host gym booth and classroom visits.

A-L last names should visit gym booths first while M-Z last visit classrooms and then vice versa.

Please bring all of your child's school supplies that day to leave in the classroom as parents are not able to walk their children in on the first day of school.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Wednesday, August 12 is our first day back to school and it's also an early release day!! All families must drop off in carline or as a walker.

NEW SCHOOL DISMISSAL HOURS

Starting **Wednesday, August 12th**, the Archway dismissal hours will be changed to **3:00 pm on Full days** and **1:00 pm on Early Release days**. Dismissal times apply to both Archway and Prep.

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SUPPLY LISTS & CLASSICS TO KEEP



Every new school year, we ask parents to provide supplies and books that students use throughout the school year. Please visit our [website](#) for the most current list.

TEXT COMMUNICATIONS



Our academy utilizes the School Messenger System to deliver text messages straight to your mobile phone. We utilize this option to send information about events, school closings, safety and more. You can participate in this free service by sending a text message of “Y” or “YES” to our academy’s short code number, 67587.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with the word “Stop”.

A NOTE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE



Please ensure your child’s immunizations are up to date, and if not schedule necessary appointments to get needed vaccinations prior to the start of the school year.

If your child has any chronic health conditions requiring medication to be administered by the health office, please obtain action plans signed by the provider prior to the start of the school year.

CARLINE MAP

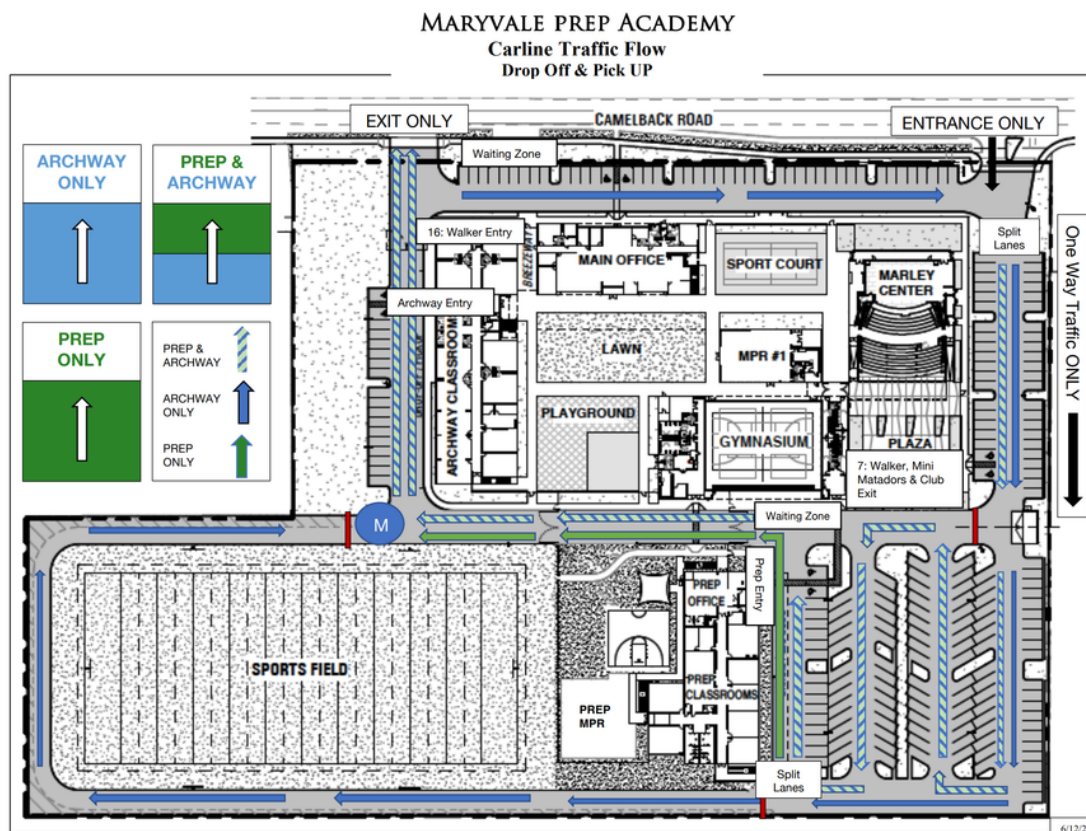
Archway & Prep:

follow blue/green signs and snake through faculty parking lot

Prep only: follow blue/green signs, snake through faculty parking lot & merge out of lane by Prep building. Maintain safe parking lot speed of 5 mph. Merge point will utilize a zipper merge (1 car per lane).

CAR LINE ETIQUETTE :

- **Stay** in your lane
- **DO NOT** try to go around other vehicles
- **DO NOT** speed
- Watch your surroundings at all times
- Always have your Placard ready to be scanned, with your window completely down, once a staff member approaches your vehicle, to make sure traffic run smoothly



6/12/23

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WALKERS LIST

We are preparing our 2026-27 walker list to be ready for day one of school. If you know your student(s) will walk to school, scan the QR code or click [here](#). A new sign up is due each school year for each student and you must receive confirmation to ensure they are walkers.

Students will be dismissed at **1:00 pm** on early release days and **3:00 pm** on full days. All 1st through 12th grade students not waiting for siblings, must exit campus immediately. All students will walk along the sidewalk adjacent to the Marley Center and out Gate 4 and should meet their parents off campus. Please refrain from walking through Gate 4 onto campus or parking on campus to wait for student walkers, we want to avoid crowding up that area to ensure the flow of traffic continues and students do not get lost amongst waiting families. The only parents who should wait near Gate 4 in an ordered line fashion along the fence/wall are Kindergarten parents. Please note that signing your child up as a walker is a liability you are taking as they are not supervised or delivered directly to parents. We ask that as parents, you calculate the best option for your family as you consider safety and convenience. For the first few days of school, we will have more staff aiding the direction of this release area and of students/families new to walking but soon thereafter, we will not continue this supervision and hand off. Student walkers will be allowed to take their phones out to connect with parents/guardians once they have exited Gates 6 and 7.

Walker's List 2026-2027 / Lista de Caminantes 2026-2027



2026-2027 HANDBOOK



Prior to the start of school, you will need to sign that you received and reviewed the handbook in the parent portal. The portal is currently down for technical updates, but once it is back up and running, you will be reminded to sign this.

[Archway](#)

[Prep](#)

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. Payment will be collected in the Front Office at the time of ID pick-up.



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.

UNIFORMS

Our school uniforms represent our shared mission and identity as a community devoted to the pursuit of truth, goodness, and beauty. To uphold this spirit of unity and purpose, it is essential that all students wear their uniforms each day. Uniforms can be purchased through Lands End, find information on our [website](#).

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VOLUNTEER CLEARANCE REMINDERS

As this school year comes to a close and we begin to prepare for the 2026-27 school year, the Great Hearts Security Team would like to share a few reminders regarding volunteer clearance:

1. If you were approved to volunteer this school year, please note your application approval is valid for one-year from the date of approval. For example, an application approved on 6/1/2026 will expire on 6/1/2027.
2. The Raptor system will send a reminder email 60 days prior to your application expiration date and again five days before expiration.
3. If you obtained a Fingerprint Clearance card this year as part of your volunteer approval, Great Hearts still requires you to complete a new Raptor application annually based on your application expiration date. If necessary, your Fingerprint Clearance card information may be used to support approval of future applications through the card's expiration date.

Please direct any questions regarding the volunteer process, or your specific application, to volunteerclearance@greathearts.org.

ATHENAEUM PROGRAM

At Maryvale, the Athenaeum After-School Program is a comprehensive program that has the same culture and educational focus as our academy. Each day, students are provided with dedicated homework time in addition to a variety of culturally enriching, hands-on activities in a safe and supportive after-school setting. Athenaeum scholars also enjoy time for recreation, games, socializing, and just plain fun! Athenaeum is open to Grades K-5 and is available daily from the dismissal bell (even on early release and half-days) until 6:00 PM. Flexible and affordable options are available to fit any family's after-school needs.

For more information click this [link](#).

[Sign up here](#).

BIRTHDAY/CLASSROOM CELEBRATION TREAT POLICY

To support student health and comply with the [Arizona Healthy Schools Act](#), Maryvale Prep will no longer allow shared birthday treats or classroom celebration foods that contain prohibited ultra-processed food additives during the regular school day. This means that any food shared with classmates during the school day may not contain certain ultra-processed food additives, including artificial dyes such as Red 40, Yellow 5, Yellow 6, Blue 1, Blue 2, Green 3, Red 3, as well as potassium bromate, propylparaben, titanium dioxide, and brominated vegetable oil. Families may still celebrate birthdays at school in simple, joyful ways. Birthdays for K-6 are celebrated on the last Wednesday of each month for all birthdays within that month. Homeroom teachers will notify parents/guardians of the date and parents/guardians must note if and what they are bringing, including the brand and a verification that items do not contain prohibited ingredients. Students may bring items with them, but they must be checked and approved by school personnel before distributed or parents/guardians may drop off in the main office and they can be checked there. All birthday/curriculum celebration treats must be store-bought and must include the nutrition/ingredients label. All treats should be free of pop-culture/character décor. We highly encourage non-food items for ease! All unapproved items will be sent back home.

Parents/guardians may continue to send a treat or food item for their own child only. However, any food shared with other students must follow these Arizona Healthy Schools Act guidelines.

The regular school day is defined as midnight before the school day through 30 minutes after the end of the instructional day.