



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY  
WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER  
JULY 21, 2017

A WORD FROM OUR HEADMASTER...

Dear Maryvale Prep Parents,

Good afternoon! I cannot wait to see you all again in two weeks. As we head into the homestretch of summer, please enjoy the following words from our Dean of Students, Mr. Tony Cruz.

Mac Esau  
Headmaster

Dear Parents,

Summer is upon us and that makes for toasty days and warm nights. This past week, I have noticed that when the sun goes down, my youngest daughter, Gemma, goes outside to chase bugs. She's only a year and a half and not very fast on dirt, but she tries her best to chase a bug that she sees. This pursuit is always a joy to watch because she enjoys it so much. And when she captures the bug, nothing brings her more happiness than shouting, "Bug! Bug!" and coming to show it to my wife and me.

As we head into the school year, this has reminded me of how much my heart desires to see all of our students experience true happiness. We want every Maryvale student to experience the happiness that comes from a fulfilled life. Aristotle teaches us that "happiness depends on ourselves." What Aristotle means is that the path to experiencing this fulfilled life depends on the cultivation of virtue. That is why we guide and push our students to actively pursue the nine core virtues: responsibility, perseverance, integrity, honesty, courage, citizenship, humility, friendship, and wisdom. We believe that when our students pursue excellence in these virtues, they will begin to experience a happiness that moves beyond experiences or circumstance. We do not expect perfection of virtue. We cultivate a pursuit of virtue through practice of what we say and what we do. That is why it is so important to us to build strong relationships with our students, and with you, their parents. When we partner with you, we see that our students go beyond just thinking about doing the right thing or saying what the right thing to do in any given situation is: they begin to do the right thing.

I speak from experience when I say that there is no greater joy for us than to see a student, throughout their year, actively pursue virtue and then practice it! Nothing fills them, and us, with more pride and joy than to suddenly realize that through their effort and practice, they are able to show one of the nine virtues. They begin to demonstrate to everyone what they have learned and in doing so, experience happiness and spread that joy and excitement to all around them.

As we prepare to start our sixth year at Maryvale, I invite you to begin to talk about this pursuit of virtue with your children around the dinner table, at the park, on car drives, and as you enjoy your last days of summer. Ask them what pursuing virtue means. Remind them that it is more than just knowing or saying the right thing but doing the right thing. Encourage them that they should pursue virtue through practice and effort. Share with them stories of when you have experienced joy that comes from demonstrating virtue. Together, let us instill in their hearts a desire for happiness

that exists apart from anything external. Together, let us cultivate in them a desire for a happiness that depends on themselves.

In Hope,

Tony Cruz  
Dean of Students/ 8th Grade Drama

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## MARYVALE PREP NEWS

Key Dates	
Meet the Teacher Night (Mandatory Parent Event)	Thursday, August 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Kindergarten Meet & Greet (By Appointment Only)	August 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>
1 <sup>st</sup> Day of the 2017-18 School Year	Wednesday, August 9 <sup>th</sup>
Curriculum Night ( <u>Mandatory Parent Event</u> )	Thursday, August 24 <sup>th</sup>
School Closed- In Observance of Labor Day	Monday, September 4 <sup>th</sup>

## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Please note the following summer office hours & dates of closure so that we can best serve you:

### OFFICE HOURS:

**July 24-28 Monday-Thursday:** 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**July 31<sup>st</sup>:** Office Closed

**August 1<sup>st</sup>- August 8<sup>th</sup>:** 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Starting August 9<sup>th</sup>:** 7:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday (7:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Early Release Days)

## SKYHAWKS SPORTS: K-5

We are happy to announce that once again we will be partnering with Skyhawks Sports to host our K-5 athletics after-school program. Please note that some changes have been made to our after-school athletic program for the upcoming year. We are happy to announce that Skyhawks will be able to offer each sport at just \$59.00 per child for 10 weeks. Our hope is that such great pricing Maryvale Prep students are able to partake in this amazing sports program. To view details, enroll your child or if you would like to apply for a coaching position please click on the links below. **Please note that registration is open until full. Minimum amount of participants is 10 students per sport. Sports are subject to be cancelled if we do not have enough participants for a team that can compete at the final season tournament.**

[Enroll your child in Basketball](#)

[Enroll your child in Soccer](#)

[Apply for a Coaching Position](#)

## MARYVALE PREP ATHLETICS: MIDDLE SCHOOL

Fall Sports Registration for middle school has begun! We are offering 3 sports this Fall Season: Flag Football (boys only), Volleyball (girls only), and Cross Country (boys and girls). If your child is interested in participating this season please be sure to visit the [Maryvale Prep Athletics website](#) and complete the Registration Requirements Checklist. All details for the season, including cost and practices are on the website. Registration is open only to 6-8 grade right now but will open to 5th grade starting Aug 7. There are limited spots available and only students who complete all the requirements will be considered part of the team. If you have any questions please contact Coach Rea-Clark at [mclark@maryvaleprep.org](mailto:mclark@maryvaleprep.org).

## 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

The [2017-2018 school calendar](#) is now available and has since the first release been revised. See all of the key dates so you can begin to plan those family trips and events! The school hours will be the same next year, with 8<sup>th</sup> grade taking on the same hours as Kindergarten, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade. We will begin the school year like in the past few years on a Wednesday, as we believe starting the first week midweek provides a stronger start to our scholars.

**Please note that there will now be four Thursdays in the 2017-18 school year that will be full school days, September 28, November 2, February 8, and April 5.**

## MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

**Date:** Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Attendance:** At least one parent/guardian for each child is **required** attend

**Check-In:** Upon arrival, please proceed directly to the check-in area in the cafeteria (enter through the parking lot doors)

**Parking:** Parking on our campus will be very limited. Please carpool and be prepared to park off site, e.g. in the neighborhood along 63rd Ave. Do not park in any unmarked spots on campus, as it prevents cars from leaving.

### Meet the Teacher Night Arrival Times by Last Names:

A-H: 5:00 p.m.

I-Q: 5:30 p.m.

R-Z: 6:00 p.m.

**Teacher Assignments:** During check-in, you will receive a packet that will list your children's teachers for all of their subjects and their room numbers

## Available Services

- **Used Uniforms:** Our PSO will be running a used uniform sale. Please donate used uniforms so that we can provide an abundant selection. All proceeds from the sale will help supply our Health Office.
- **Supplies:** Supplies purchased through SchoolKidz will be available for pick-up in the cafeteria.
- **Athletics:** Both SkyHawks (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade) and our own Athletic Director, Coach Rea-Clark will be on hand to help you enroll your children for the fall sports opportunities

We are once again setting staggered arrival times based on last names to cut down on your wait time, so please arrive at your time designated listed above. As in years past, we expect all of our families to submit all of the required documentation from the **Back-to-School Packet** at our annual “**Meet the Teacher Night**”.

## [Back-to-school Packet](#)

If you are new to Maryvale Prep, this is the packet we release every summer to guide you through all the steps necessary to ensure your children are ready for the first day of school.

Please note the following directions when filling out your packet:

- 1) We will need a packet turned-in per child (i.e. if you have 3 children please fill out 3 packets)
- 2) Only fill out **one Application for Free and Reduced Price School** and make sure to include all of your children’s names.
- 3) Only fill out the **Student Locker Use Agreement** if you have a Middle School child.

We highly recommend bringing your packet completed to the event so you can proceed straight to checking in. This is also the time when will you receive your “Pick-Up Placards,” which will be required to pick up your children from school every day, whether walking up or driving through our carline (more information to come) and you will also receive their teachers’ names.

## 2017-18 SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The [2017-18 School Supplies lists for grades K-5<sup>th</sup> and Middle School](#) are now available for download. When you are out shopping you could also find the link on the school website on bottom right hand corner of the page. Please note that we have listed preferred brands so that our students can have the best quality and most durable tools. When pencils constantly break or crayons don’t work properly it can create distractions to the students. Supplies can be purchased at your local retail stores. **Please note that the School Kidz Online kit portal is no longer available.**

## Examples of solid color scheme backpacks & lunch bags



### 2017-18 CLASSIC TO KEEP: BOOK LIST

As you begin to prepare for next school year, we are pleased to announce that we have completed our annual review of our [Classics to Keep Reading List](#) and the finalized lists are now available ([Download](#)). We want to thank you again for investing in purchasing your children's literature books every year. As you know, we carefully select the books that your children read each year. We believe that just like good food nourishes the body, good books nourish the soul. And a major part of acquiring this nourishment, comes from carefully reading and annotating (taking notes in) the books. Because of that, it is critical that each of your children have their own set of Classics to Keep as they move through their 13-year journey at Maryvale Prep. To help with spreading out the cost, you will see that we once again noted the date by which each book needs to be in students' hands. I am excited to see our students once again dive into great stories such as *Little Bear*, *Frog & Toad*, *Charlotte's Web*, *The Trumpet of the Swan*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *A Wrinkle in Time*, *Treasure Island*, and *Julius Caesar*. Thank you again for partnering with us to provide your children everything they need to be successful!

### 2017-18 UNIFORM VENDOR

We are happy to announce that Maryvale Prep will be partnering with Dennis Uniforms for the 2017-18 school year. Dennis Uniforms is promising us quality uniforms and great customer service at their local store and online. Since, 1920 this family-owned company has provided top schools nationwide with high-quality uniforms.

**Their store is located at:** 3645 E Indian School Rd #1, Phoenix, AZ 85018

For online purchases please visit the [Dennis Uniforms website](#). **School Code:** QMV

Dennis Uniforms offers extended summer hours and flash sales. For sales and promotions [Sign Up](#) and receive email notifications.

Our uniform look and requirements will remain the same but you will no longer be able to acquire them from Anton Uniforms effective immediately.

## Dress Code Compliant Uniform Items



**These items must have the school crest**

**Shirts must be navy blue or forest green.**

Undershirts must not be visible.

Sweater is only offered in blue.

Plaid skirt is only for Middle School girls. Middle school girls will not wear the khaki skirt but may choose to wear khaki shorts or pants.

Students must wear socks at all times. All shoes and socks must be solid color black, brown or white. Ankle or knee length. Girls may wear opaque navy, black or white footed tights. Leggings are not allowed.

## PSO BLAST

### AMAZON SMILE AND SUPPORT

Support us throughout the summer! When you shop at [AmazonSmile](#), Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Maryvale Preparatory Academy. Support us every time you shop.

### SIGN UP NOW! FRY'S COMMUNITY REWARDS DONATION

Our supporters (40 households) who shopped at Fry's Food Stores between **3-1-2017** and **5-31-2017** contributed **\$222.27** total to our school from the Kroger Family of Stores through the Fry's Community Rewards Program. We can do better! If you, or any of your family or friends, shop at Fry's please visit the [Fry's Community Rewards website](#) to sign up and support Maryvale Prep. [Download](#) a copy of instructions or stop by the school office to pick up a hard copy.

**Please note:** If you are already participating you do not need to re-enroll in the Fry's Community Rewards anymore!  
Thank you for helping us get to the \$222.27 this last quarter.

With Devotion,

Jacqueline Soto | Office Manager

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