



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY  
WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2017

A WORD FROM OUR HEADMASTER...

Dear Maryvale Prep Parents,

I can't wait to for our time together tonight. It's Movie Night! We will have a free showing of Finding Dory on our turf field. Click [here](#) for the flyer. Gates open at 6:30 p.m. Movie start at approximately 7:00 p.m. Bring your blankets, friends, extended family and join us. Food and drinks will be available for purchase (cash only). All money raised will go towards supporting our curricular and extracurricular programs at Maryvale Prep!

Heads up... in next week's newsletter, we will be releasing the registration links for our Parent-Teacher Conferences, which will take place October 25-27. Registrations are booked on a first-come, first-served basis, so be ready to sign up!

See you tonight!

Mac Esau  
Headmaster

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MARYVALE PREP NEWS

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| <b>Galileo Benchmark Testing: Middle School</b> | <b>Today</b>                 |
| <b>Skyhawks Practice</b>                        | <b>Today, ends at 2:30pm</b> |
| <b>Early Release Friday</b>                     | <b>Today, 12:30-1:00pm</b>   |

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| <b>Family Movie Night at Maryvale Prep</b>                            | <b>Today, 6:30pm</b>         |
| <b>Last Day to Buy Fall School Sprit Wear</b>                         | <b>Today before Midnight</b> |
| <b>Middle School Spirit Week</b>                                      | <b>October 2-6</b>           |
| <b>Galileo Benchmark Testing: 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade</b> | <b>October 2-3</b>           |
| <b>Middle School Athletic Field Day</b>                               | <b>Thursday, October 5</b>   |
| <b>Fall Break (School Closed)</b>                                     | <b>October 9-13</b>          |
| <b>First Day of Second Quarter</b>                                    | <b>October 16</b>            |
| <b>Parent-Teacher Conferences</b>                                     | <b>October 25-27</b>         |
| <b>Picture Retake Day</b>   | <b>November 1</b>            |
| <b>Full School Day Thursday</b>                                       | <b>November 2</b>            |
| <b>Early Release Friday</b>   | <b>November 3</b>            |
| <b>K-5 Athletic Field Day</b>   | <b>November 9</b>            |
| <b>School Closed- In Observance of Veteran's Day</b>                  | <b>November 10</b>           |

## EARLY RELEASE DAY TODAY

Please note that today will be an early release day. Schedule listed below:

### Friday, September 29 Release Times

**Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> grade: 12:30pm**

**3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade: 1:00pm**

**Skyhawks Athletes: 2:30pm**

Please ensure to make arrangements as necessary to pick up your children on time as our faculty will be leaving campus immediately after dismissal to attend the Fall Great Hearts In-Service, a very important time for the continuation of our faculty growth and development.

**Skyhawks Athlete Parents:** All students participating in Skyhawks will be staying today for practice and dismissed at 2:30pm from the Basin.

## SPIRIT WEEK

There is tremendous excitement around campus for our upcoming Spirit Week next week! See attached for the overview of the activities, the specific guidelines for the school attire each day, and the flyer for our optional Laser Tag Middle School Social.

**Parent Support** – Please check your child's attire each day to ensure it conforms to the attached guidelines.

**Class Colors change** – We have changed colors for each grade level for next Wednesday. Students will be informed of the change tomorrow.

**Laser Tag notes** – The admission for the event is \$5. We are splitting the cost with families to keep the price down. This event is for middle school students only (no younger siblings, please).

## **SPIRIT WEAR**

Maryvale Prep is pleased to announce that Coach Rea-Clark has been able to setup our first round of Maryvale Prep Sports Spirit Wear. The website is available **now!** This introductory flash sale is great if you are interested in purchasing any Adult Spirit Wear visit the website below, enter the Team Code: **OFTSMYVP**, and **complete order by today Friday, September 29**. We will have youth items available in the future.

The Team Store will only be open from now until Sept 29 so make your purchases before it closes!

<http://www.eastbayteamsales.com/teamstore>

Team Code: OFTSMYVP

## **GALILEO BENCHMARK TESTING: HELPING YOUR CHILD SUCCEED**

We will be administering our Galileo Benchmark Testing next week for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade (middle school took their assessments yesterday and today). This is one of the assessments we gave quarterly to ensure that our students are making academic progress, primarily in mathematics and English language arts. While the results of these tests provide critical data regarding our students' progress toward college readiness, it is important that examine them in context. This assessment represent only a portion of the tools we use at Maryvale Prep to monitor and measure academic growth and performance. We will continue to utilize this data each quarter to help guide our whole class instruction and the individualized support that we provide to our students. We strongly believe that our partnership with parents is the key to help children be successful during testing days. Preparing your children for school is a daily priority but on testing weeks it is important to ensure that your children are physically and mentally prepared to have great testing days. Please read and practice the following tips during these critical days.

### **MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD GETS A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP AND EATS A HEALTHY BREAKFAST**

Nationwide many educators report that students who don't do well on tests haven't gotten enough sleep and haven't eaten breakfast on the mornings when they test. Doing both of these things will ensure that your child is working at full capacity and focused.

### **MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS PREPARED**

As a school we supply the tools your child needs for the test, such as pencils, an eraser, paper, etc. Check with your child's teacher to see if the class needs any materials. Also, check to see whether your child will be able to make up the test if he/she is sick on test day the day after or take it a day prior. Please schedule all doctor appointments if possible for the afternoon as all testing will take place in the mornings. Students that arrive late might not be allowed in the classroom until their testing session is complete. They will have to wait in the office.

### **REMAIN POSITIVE**

Staying calm will help your child stay calm. If he/she gets nervous about the test or is likely to experience anxiety during the test, help him/her practice some relaxation techniques that he/she can try once he/she is taking the test. Encourage your children at home to give their best effort! Reassure them that a test is just an assessment intended to measure their knowledge and evaluate what areas they may need to improve and/or need more practice.

## **STUDENT SCREENINGS**

Each year, we conduct various screenings to help ensure the growth and well-being of our students. This includes our Hearing and Vision screenings and 45-Day screening (for academic challenges), which we completed this last week. This year, we have also added a new assessment, a Social Challenges screening. Great Hearts has partnered with the Southwest Autism Research and Resource Center (SARRC) in a pilot program to routinely screen

students for social challenges in our academies. Studies show that one in five students may be experiencing an undiagnosed mental health condition. We view this unique approach as a necessary component of providing an education for every student that attends our schools, and vital to their potential for human flourishing. 45-Day screening is for students that are brand new to Maryvale Preparatory Academy this 2017-18 academic year. The screening simply consists of a questionnaire that is completed by the child's homeroom teachers in their respective grade level. The questionnaires are then evaluated by SARRC and confidential results are shared back with our school's administration.

We will reach out to you if the results from any of our screenings—hearing, vision, 45-Day, or social challenges—yield results that might necessitate further action on your part. Let us know if you have any questions.

## FINGERPRINT CLEARANCE

Parents and family members that would like to volunteer and help our children must have fingerprint clearance to maximize their volunteering at our school. **October 26 from 3:00-5:00 pm our Great Hearts Team will be on campus at the School Office doing fingerprint clearance at no cost.** If your badge is expired or if you have never done it please do it. Even if you just want to help by chaperoning a field trip once a year we ask that you get it done. Thank you for helping us keep our campus and children safe. **Drop-in for this process and please bring your ID to your fingerprinting session.**

## MEALS: BREAKFAST & LUNCH

To download the October Breakfast and Lunch Menus please click [here](#).

Please note that all students must have funds in their accounts in order to be served a school meal as referenced in our Family Handbook. Please refer to the excerpt below.

Families are limited to a negative balance of \$3.00, at which point parents will be called to bring in a lunch for their children if they are on a paid or reduced status. If a lunch cannot be brought, the school will only provide a light snack (1 fruit and 1 veggie with water). Students not participating in the program must bring a packed lunch to school each day. Please note that lunches should not require any other preparations, as students will not have access to refrigerators or microwaves.

## MARYVALE PREP ATHLETICS: MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Football, Cross Country and Volleyball athletes are excited and showing sportsmanship on the courts. Please click [here](#) to learn more about our middle school athletics program or email Coach Rea-Clark at [mreaclark@maryvaleprep.org](mailto:mreaclark@maryvaleprep.org). Support the teams and join in the games!

### Upcoming Competitions:

**Cross Country:** Friday, Sept 29 @ 5pm at Grande Sports World (12684 W Gila Bend Hwy, Casa Grande, AZ 85193)

**Flag Football:** Saturday, Sept 30 @ 8am & 10am at Marivue Park (5625 N 55th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85031)

**Volleyball:** Saturday, Sept 30 @ 2pm at Maryvale YMCA (3825 N 67th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85033)

## COMMUNITY

### HARVEST FESTIVAL BY ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

St. Paul Lutheran is hosting their second annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 28 and they are inviting the entire Maryvale Prep student body. Click [here](#) to see the flyer with details.

### FRY'S COMMUNITY REWARDS

Our supporters (47 households) who shopped at Fry's between **6-1-2017** and **8-31-2017** have contributed **\$238.92** to our school through the Fry's Community Rewards Program. If you have any questions, please email [FrysCommunityRewards@frysfood.com](mailto:FrysCommunityRewards@frysfood.com) or visit the website at [www.fryscommunityrewards.com](http://www.fryscommunityrewards.com). Thank you for your continued support!

### K-5 READING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our goal for all students is to read at or above grade level expectations in reading. In order to accomplish this goal, **we need parent volunteers** to come into our K-5th grade classes each day and listen to students read. If you are interested in volunteering from **8:15-8:45am** in first grade for one or more days each week please reach out to Mrs. Coley at [CColey@maryvaleprep.org](mailto:CColey@maryvaleprep.org) and she will connect you with one of the first-grade classes.

### BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Once again we are collecting Box Tops to support Maryvale Prep. Our first submission this year we have already raised \$207.05. Thank you to Mrs. Partin for helping us with the first submission. Our goal is to earn \$1000 for the rest of this school year to help support book repairs and together we can meet or even exceed this amount. Download the app to earn more BoxTops! [Click here](#)

### 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. Bookmark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-3289377> and support us every time you shop.

### DACA RENEWAL CLINICS

Following President Trump's announcement of the end of the DACA program, community groups throughout Arizona have come together to assist those eligible to renew their application to the program before the October 5, 2017 deadline. Those eligible may be able to gain up to two years living with their families, spending time with friends, and enjoying the only home they have ever known. It is vital that all those eligible to apply, do so by the October 5 deadline. Please share this information with everyone you think would like to know this. Below is a list of DACA Renewal Clinics over the next few weeks. Information about these clinics is also available on the Events Calendar at [www.losabogados.org](http://www.losabogados.org). If you have any questions please email [losabogados@losabogados.org](mailto:losabogados@losabogados.org).

### [DACA Renewal Clinic - CNL - 9/30/2017](#)

Please find the calendar below from the Phoenix Union High School District with more DACA events.

### [Calendar of DACA Events](#)

With Devotion,

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