

MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR



Dear Parents,

The purpose of this document is to update you on key program changes for our next school year, namely those related to our new campus, student growth, school day, before & afterschool programs, and lunch & uniform programs. We will be hosting some upcoming events to speak specifically to the curriculum and academic programs that will be in place at each grade level. Please attend.

We also will be sending out more information this spring/summer regarding other elements of the new campus, e.g. drop-off & pick-up, parking, etc. In the meantime, feel free to reach out with any questions.

We look forward to continuing to serve your family at our new school home!

CAMPUS & STUDENT GROWTH QUESTIONS

What is the address of the new campus?

- 4825 W. Camelback Road, Phoenix, AZ 85031

What grades will be held at the new campus next year?

- All of our current grade levels, Kindergarten – 8th grade, will move to the new campus next year
- We also be adding 9th grade next year

What will happen to the current campus?

- We are looking to sublease the property to another school or organization

Will more students be added to the school at other grade levels?

- We will have four sections in Kindergarten and three sections in first grade next year
- All other grade levels will continue to have two sections

In what year will Maryvale Prep have its first high school graduating class?

- We will continue adding one grade level each year until our current 8th graders become the first graduating class in May of 2022

What is the construction timeline?

- Our classrooms, multi-purpose room/cafeteria, gymnasium, and field are all on schedule to be completed by June
- The Performing Arts Center will be completed later into the school year
- An additional Prep School (middle & high school) building will be built a few years into the use of the campus once our student body grows larger

SCHOOL DAY QUESTIONS

What is the first school day next year?

- Wednesday, August 15, 2018
- See the 2018-19 School Calendar for more information

What are the school hours for next year?

	Archway (K-6th Grade)	Prep (7-9th Grade)
Full School Days	8:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.	8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Early Release Days	8:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Why are we reducing the school hours for our Archway (K-6th grade) students?

- When we began the school, we started by having an extended day to allow for more minutes in which to provide remediation and enrichment opportunities during the school day
- Over the past six years, we have developed programs that allow us to provide these opportunities before, during, and after school without the need to require the extended day of our full Archway student body
- In addition, we believe this will address some of the stamina challenges we have seen from students and teachers that have been present as part of offering an extended day

How will this change affect the Archway students' daily schedule?

- Students will still receive the same amount of minutes in their core subjects, i.e. Mathematics, English Language Arts, History, and Science, on full days
- Students will now have two specials per day instead of three
- Students will still have the same specials, i.e. Music, Art, Physical Education, and Spanish Immersion, but they will they will be held on alternating days
 - For example, Music & PE on Monday, Art & Spanish on Tuesday, etc.
 - Students will now have specials on Early Release Days as well
- We will also be adding Physical Education into the Kindergarten program

When will Early Release Days be next year?

- We are moving the weekly Early Release Day to **Wednesdays** next year
 - We originally placed them on Thursdays to help our families who had their children at different schools due to us not having K-8th grade
 - We believe having a shorter day on Wednesdays will provide a better balance for students and teachers each week
- We will have some weeks with Early Release Days on days other than Wednesday in order to accommodate special events, such as Parent-Teacher Conferences and teacher in-services
- See the School Calendar for more information

Why do we have Early Release Days?

- Early Release Days allow us to hold weekly professional development sessions with our teachers in the afternoons after students have departed
- These times are critical for our teachers to continue growing as strong educators for your children

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM QUESTIONS

What is the earliest time I can drop off my child?

- 7:00 a.m.

What before school programs will be provided?

- We will have the same offerings as this year, i.e. breakfast, morning academic clubs, and tutoring
- Students not enrolled in morning clubs or attending tutoring will have outdoor recreational time provided
- The before school program will remain tuition-free next year

What after school programs will be provided?

- Great Hearts will be operating an afterschool program, known as **After-School Athenaeum**, which is a tuition-based extension of the school day, featuring dedicated homework time and high-quality enrichment opportunities
- **Athenaeum will be provided every school day, including Early Release Days, until 6:00 p.m.**
- More information: <http://www.greatheartamerica.org/athenaeum/>
- See below for prices:

Payment Option	Days	Times	Monthly Price		
			First Child	Second Child	Third Child & Beyond
1	Monday - Friday	Dismissal - 6:00 p.m.	\$150.00*	\$130.00	\$110.00
2	Monday - Friday	Dismissal - 5:00 p.m.	\$125.00	\$105.00	\$85.00
3	3 Days Per Week	Dismissal - 6:00 p.m.	\$100.00	\$80.00	\$60.00
4	5-Day Punch Card	Dismissal - 6:00 p.m.	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
5	10-Day Punch Card	Dismissal - 6:00 p.m.	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$105.00

*Best deal with care provided at less than \$2.50 per hour

What about “Homework Club” and “Study Hall”?

- We will no longer be providing our free “Homework Club” and “Study Hall” programs at Maryvale Prep
- Athenaeum will be the only afterschool care option for students
- Students must be registered, with tuition paid in advance, in order to attend Athenaeum

What extracurricular programs will be offered?

- We will continue to offer extracurricular clubs and sports afterschool for all grade levels
- Sport offerings will vary based on grade level groups, with K-4th grade, 5-8th grade, and high school having different options
- We are still determining the exact times and tuition for our clubs and sports programs
- Unless students are enrolled in Athenaeum, they will need to be picked up immediately following the conclusion of their clubs and sports

Will transportation be provided to the new campus?

- Transportation will not be provided
- We will continue to support families in making carpool arrangements

Will there be any arrangements made with local afterschool care programs, e.g. Boys & Girls Club?

- At this time, we do not plan on establishing arrangements with other providers

Will summer school be provided this summer?

- We are seeking to provide summer school at our current campus this June
- Our ability to do so will be determined by the sublease agreement with the organization that will be using the current campus next year

LUNCH & UNIFORM QUESTIONS

Will there be any changes to the school lunch program?

- The school lunch program will remain the same for next year
- We are currently evaluating the breakfast and lunch rates and will update families on any changes this summer
- Monies in your children's' lunch accounts will carry over to the new campus

Will there be any changes to the school uniform?

- We will continue to use Dennis Uniforms as our main uniform provider
- The uniform components will remain the same for K-8th grade students
- In 9th grade, students will begin to wear the school oxford as their daily shirt
 - Students will have one year to phase out all of their school polos and begin wearing oxford shirts each day
- Beginning in 5th grade, students will also have a new outerwear option that they can begin to wear in addition to the school sweater (cardigan)
- Pricing and ordering information on the new items will be available on the Dennis Uniforms website this spring