



Headmaster Letter

Dear Archway Family and Friends,

Mr. Laughlin. Mrs. Hannifan. Mrs. Sweem. Mrs. Terpestra. Miss Wildung. Mrs. Bennett. Mrs. Clark. I can name every one of the teachers I had from kindergarten to sixth grade. I recall the curious mixture of trepidation, excitement, and reverence I experienced when meeting them for the first time. Would she be nice? Would she like me? Would she assign a lot of homework?

Of course, this wonderment about my teacher paled in comparison to who my classmates would be. Would my best buddies from first grade be in my second grade class? When I switched schools in fourth grade, I worried whether I would be able to make new friends. Whom would I sit by during lunch and were there other people in my class who liked playing basketball at recess?

Each year it worked out. I made new friends. I strengthened relationships with existing friends. My teachers were nice, and they did like me, and yes, occasionally they assigned a lot of homework. There were moments of disappointment along the way, but I stretched, and I grew, and I learned.

Over the next few days your scholars will meet their teacher as well as their classmates. Together they embark on the adventure of discovery. As the weeks pass, the initial anxieties begin to subside and friendships are forged. Like rapids dissipating to a tranquil stream, the rhythm of the school year sets us at ease while the teacher fosters an atmosphere of trust and invites students into the joy of learning.

As we begin this new journey, thank you for partnering with us in the education of your child.

Truly,

Curtis Fee | Headmaster

Dress Code

In an effort to provide greater clarity, we wanted to provide better definition regarding some of the language in the family handbook about the dress code expectations for girls. The handbook reads "Neat **small** bows, barrettes, headbands, and hair ties are permissible so long as they **coordinate** with the uniform." For our purposes small means not greater than 5 inches x 2.5 inches.

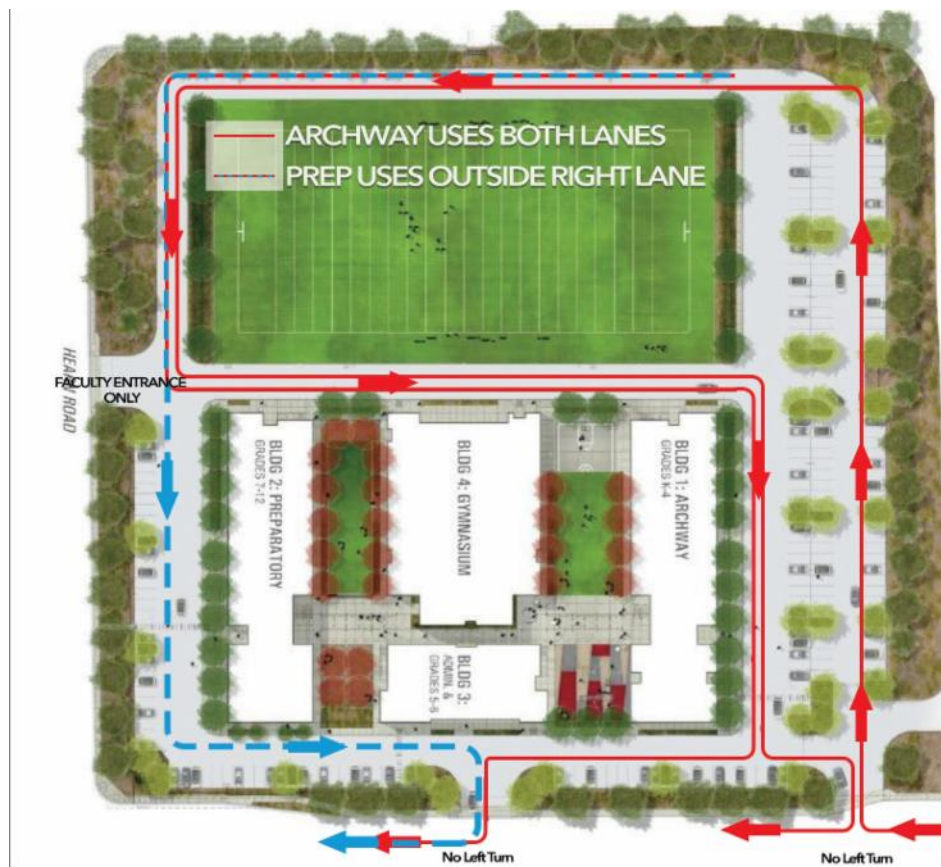
The colors that coordinate with the uniform are limited to white, blue, navy blue, light blue, and burgundy. The patterns that coordinate with the uniform are limited to solid, stripes, polka dots, and plaid. We hope this alleviates some of the confusion caused by ambiguity and will bring a clearer understanding of what is permissible.

Drop-off and Dismissal

Here are some friendly reminders to help the drop-off and dismissal process run as smoothly as possible.

- Put your cell phone completely away once you have entered campus.
- Please pay close attention to the traffic attendants and follow their directions. They are there to guide you through the process.
- Smile, be kind to others, and demonstrate patience. We will do our best to return the favor and together serve as model examples for all the little eyes who are watching how adults behave.

Although we have more parking spaces than any other Great Hearts campus in the network, we also have more faculty and employees needing those parking spaces than any other campus in the network. Please take a moment to review the map below.



There is very little visitor parking to allow parents to walk their child safely to the entrance. We ask that parents drop off their children by car at the north end of campus, where they will be guided into the multi-purpose room (MPR) and their classroom by ANP faculty. Any parents walking their children onto campus will be asked to say their good-byes at the MPR doors. Parents will not be allowed to walk into the hallways, playground area, or check in at the front office to walk students to the classroom. Please be assured that we are utilizing all ANP faculty

to make the drop-off procedure successful, and we will make sure that students get to their classrooms safely.

We **do not have permission** to park in the adjacent business properties, including the Elks Lodge north of campus and the Paradise Valley Baptist Church south of campus. Only Elks Lodge members may park in the Elks lot who are asked to exercise courteous safety. We ask that you please honor this agreement.

Bully Proof

On August 9th Jim Bisenius, a child and adolescent therapist, will be teaching our students (grades 1-6) how to appropriately respond to various forms of bullying. As an additional educational opportunity, Mr. Bisenius will offer a parent presentation on **Wednesday, August 8** from **6:30-8:00** pm at Archway North Phoenix. Due to limited seating in the MPR, parents will need to **register on the Payment Portal** by August 7. The cost is \$5/person, and only adults are permitted to attend.

During this presentation parents will learn what to do and what not to do when their child comes to them for help with bullying issues. The training will cover exactly how to teach your child or teenager to respond to verbal bullying, physical bullying, social bullying, group manipulation, as well as cyber-bullying. Mr. Bisenius will go into great detail on strategies for students that are excluded, shunned, and socially targeted. He will also cover the body-language techniques that students need to learn in order to react with confidence, and not accidentally make the situation worse.

Parents will walk away with concrete tools that they can immediately implement and help their son or daughter master in order to eliminate bullying from his or her life. In addition, parents will be able to use all of these techniques in their own lives in order to deal with controlling or intimidating adults. Unfortunately many people who bully do not outgrow it, they simply get older and more subtle.

Important Links

2018-19 Textbook Consumables

If you have not had an opportunity to do so, please log onto the [payment portal](#) to make a contribution toward offsetting the expense of consumable workbooks.

2018-19 Literature Library and the Barnes and Noble Bookfair

2018-19 ANP Uniform and Dress Code

2018-19 Classroom Supplies

Important Dates

First day of School

Monday, August 6

Doors open at 7:30am

Classes start at 8:00am

Full Day Dismissal Grades K - 6: 3:00pm

Half Day Kindergarten Dismissal: 12:00noon

Early Release

Wednesday, August 8

2:00pm Dismissal

2018-2019 School Year Breaks and Parent Teacher Conferences

- Fall Break **October 8 - 16, 2018**
- *Parent Teacher Conferences* October 15 - 16, 2018
- Winter Break **December 21, 2018 - January 9, 2019**
- *Parent Teacher Conferences* January 7 - 9, 2019
- Spring Break **March 18 - 22, 2019**

2018-2019 School Year Calendar

- [2018 - 2019 School Calendar](#)

Newsletter Email Addresses

Due to changes in email addresses and families, the weekly newsletter is currently emailed to the first contact email address in the enrollment system. If you would like other family or friends to receive the weekly newsletter, please send an email to menglish@archwaynorthphoenix.org with any additional contact email address.

The option to forward this email is always listed at the bottom on the newsletter.

Thank you for your assistance in keeping the email list current.

