



## **Headmaster Letter**

Dear Archway Family and Friends,

Do you find it hard to believe? I do. Really, I do. Sixty-three short days ago we said, "Farewell" to the previous school year. Now, here we are, ten days from saying, "Hello, nice to meet you" to the year ahead. While the end of summer can understandably be tinged with a bit of sadness, the dawn of a new school year still stirs something special inside my soul. I suspect it comes from knowing that lives once introduced to Truth, Beauty, and Goodness will never be the same.

As we begin our week of professional development at Archway North Phoenix, our exceptional teachers are preparing lessons that will leave a lasting impression on your scholars. As educators, we never know when that moment will be - that moment of comprehension that endures far beyond the sound of our voice and even beyond the span of our lives. But they happen.

Next week or next month or next semester your child will learn something that will leave an indelible imprint on the rest of her life. Perhaps she learns how to group numbers into tens on her way to a deep understanding of mathematical Truth. Maybe he learns the lessons of the color wheel on his way to a lifelong love of all that is Beautiful. Or maybe, just maybe, he learns how to empathetically demonstrate kindness on his way to choosing the Good. That prospect is what makes the start of the school year so exciting.

Truly,

**Curtis Fee** | Headmaster

## **New Assistant Headmaster**

It is my pleasure to announce Dr. Reno Lauro as the new Assistant Headmaster at ANP. Dr. Lauro received his PhD in Humanities from the University of St. Andrews, after which time he taught at classical schools (including Scottsdale Prep). He has a passion for film, having been involved in the teaching of film as an associate professor and the creation of a variety of film projects. He comes to us most recently from Princeton Theological Seminary where he served as the Director of Digital Learning. We are honored to have Dr. Lauro (and his bow ties) as part of the ANP team.

## **School Day and Calendar**

## **New Start and Dismissal Times**

This year doors will open at 7:30 am, and classes will begin at 8:00 am. We recommend that you arrive on campus **by 7:50** so that your student can unpack and be completely ready for instruction by 8:00 am. Doors to the MPR will close promptly at 8:00, after which time parents will need to sign their children in at the front office. **Please keep in mind that there is no supervision provided for students prior to 7:30 am.**

Classes for all grades (K-6) will conclude at 3:00 p.m. There will **not** be a staggered dismissal for 5-6<sup>th</sup> grades. All students not picked up **by 3:30 pm** are subject to a fee of \$1/minute.

## **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Extra days have been added to both our fall break and winter break. When making plans, please note that Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on **October 15-16** and **January 7-9**, even though the students do not have classes on those days.

## **Meet the Teacher**

Meet the Teacher will take place on **Friday, August 3, from 3:00pm to 6:00pm**. Families will be greeted in the multi-purpose room (MPR) on the north side of campus. As in the past, families will have the opportunity to settle expenses for textbook consumables and receive their student's class/teacher assignments. You can save time by taking care of textbook consumables through the [ANP Portal](#). Please click [HERE](#) to gain access.

We will also have several stations to provide parents valuable information for the school year.

### **Lunch**

- The ANP PSO will have information on the ANP lunch program, including upcoming menus, cost and sign up information.

### **PSO**

- The ANP PSO will have a station that will include Used Uniform Sales, Spirit Wear sales and information on volunteer opportunities to be part of.

### **Athenaeum**

- Representatives from Athenaeum will have a station so that parents can sign children up for our after school program and answer any questions you might have.

In an effort to better serve our Athenaeum families, an Option D has been created to replace the punch card system. Option D includes early dismissal Wednesdays **plus** all of the half days, with an end time of 6pm. Student safety continues to be paramount and this added monthly option will serve more families across the Great Hearts

network while ensuring we have the proper staffing to serve our scholars.

### **Meet the Teacher**

- Students and families are asked to visit their child's classroom and meet their teachers. Please bring your school supplies to your classrooms during this time, as parents will not be able to walk into the classrooms on the first day of school.

**If you are unable to attend Meet the Teacher please email [menglish@archwaynorthphoenix.org](mailto:menglish@archwaynorthphoenix.org).**

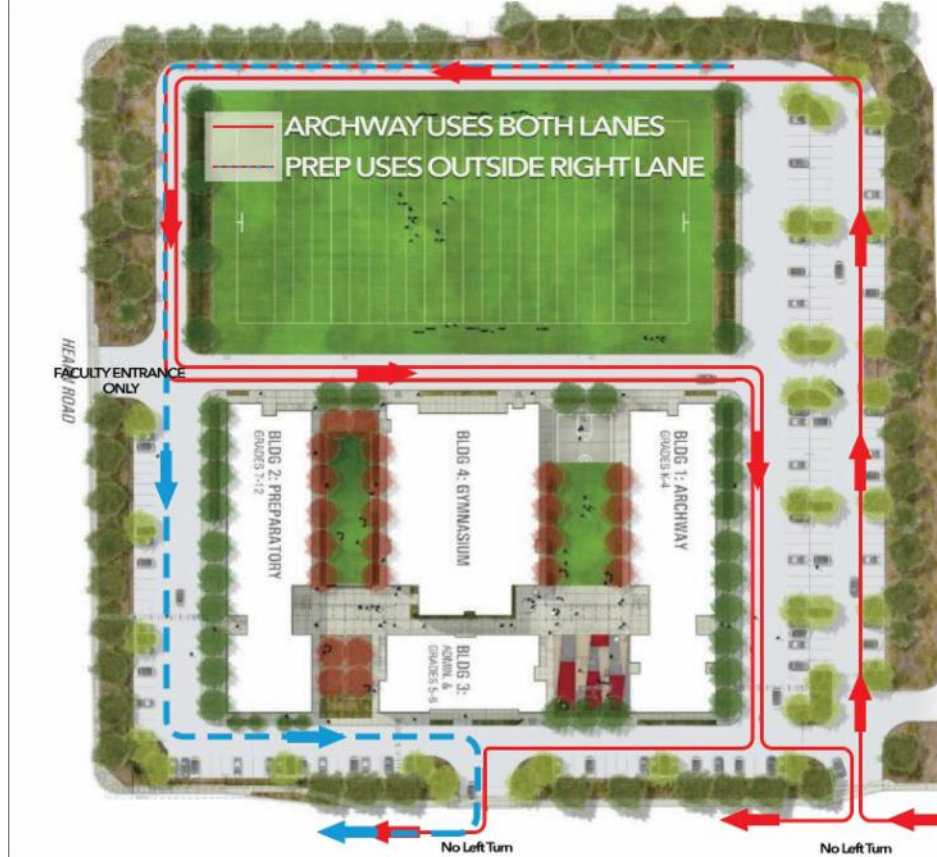
**Your classroom assignments may be emailed to you on Friday, August 3.**

## ***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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

## ***Volunteer Policy***

***Parents are not allowed to volunteer without being fingerprinted and participating in the ANP Volunteer Orientation. If you have questions, please contact the front office.***

## **Volunteer Orientation**

We will be hosting our annual Volunteer Orientation following the Kindergarten Cheers and Tears Celebration from 9:00am - 10:00am on Friday, August 3 in the MPR. Anyone interested in volunteering their child's classroom, please plan to attend.

## **Fingerprinting**

Representatives from Great Hearts will be on campus Friday, August 3 from 3:00 - 5:00pm for fingerprinting purposes. Please check the expiration date on your fingerprint clearance card. If your card is due to expire, please plan to come and be fingerprinted.

# *Important Links*

[2018-19 Textbook Consumables](#)

[2018-19 Literature Library and the Barnes and Noble Bookfair](#)

[2018-19 ANP Uniform and Dress Code](#)

[2018-19 Classroom Supplies](#)

## *Important Dates*

### **Kinergarten Meet the Teacher Open House**

Wednesday, August 1  
4:30pm - 6:00pm

### **First day of Kindergarten (Half Day for ALL Kindergarten Students)**

Friday, August 3  
8:00am - 12:00pm

### **Meet the Teacher Open House Grades 1 - 6**

Friday, August 3  
3:00pm - 6:00pm

### **First day of School (grade 1 - grade 6)**

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

## **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](mailto: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.