

Archway Classical Academy North Phoenix



Dear Archway Family and Friends,

“Back to School” was always an invigorating phrase for me as a boy. After a summer of agricultural education that included baling hay, building fence, and pulling weeds on our Iowa farm, I was always ready for the more traditional education of reading, writing, and arithmetic to commence. On that first day of the school year I would watch for the school bus to drive by the Hixons’ house a half-mile away, the cloud of dust providing advance notice to lace up my shoes, hoist my school bag, and head down the driveway to the gravel road to be greeted by my bus driver. Mary Jane Varoo drove me to school on that bus from kindergarten until I got my driver’s license at sixteen, and I won’t soon forget the lessons learned riding the seven country miles to and from school!

It was at school that I would first meet my teacher for that year. We didn’t have a Meet the Teacher Night (back in that century). Because I largely attended the same school year after year, I had a faint idea of which hallway to walk down in order to get to my classroom. Once I had located my teacher’s room, I would find my desk, greet familiar friends, and notice a few new faces sprinkled here and there. Each year was different, and each year was good - but always good in a different way.

Whether this is your scholar’s seventh year at Archway North Phoenix and she is about to become “A Lifer” or if your child is brand new to the Great Hearts experience, welcome! Along with our great faculty we invite your scholars to pursue Truth, Goodness, and Beauty throughout the year, the mission that energizes us for the road ahead and helps us to prepare for Back to School.

Truly,

Curtis Fee

New Assistant Headmaster

It is my pleasure to introduce Mr. Thomas Taylor as the new Assistant Headmaster at ANP. Mr. Taylor received his degree in Education from Benedictine College and has been with Great Hearts since 2013, serving in a variety of roles, including coach, teacher, and Dean of Students. Mr. Taylor has a passion for baseball and has already made a

tremendous impact in the classroom during his short time at Archway North Phoenix. We are honored to have all six foot and eight inches of Mr. Taylor as part of the ANP team.

School Day and [Calendar](#)

Start and Dismissal times

The doors will open at 7:30 a.m., and classes will begin at 8:00 a.m. We recommend that you arrive on campus **by 7:45** so that your student can unpack and be completely ready for instruction by 8:00 a.m. 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 a.m.** so children should remain in the vehicle with their parents until drop-off procedures begin.

Classes for all grades (K-6) will conclude at 3:00 p.m. All students not picked up **by 3:30 p.m.** are subject to a fee of \$1/minute.

There will be early dismissal every **Wednesday at 1:45 p.m.** The first day of school is a Wednesday, so please remember the dismissal time is at 1:45.

First Day of Kindergarten and Cheers and Tears

On Tuesday, August 6 we invite our Kindergarten parents to walk your scholars to the classroom beginning at 7:40 a.m., take a few pictures, and then join us in the MPR for Cheers and Tears from 8:00-9:00. During this time you will hear from the Headmaster, the Academy Giving Manager, and from a first-grade parent. You will also have the opportunity to congratulate and console fellow kindergarten parents! At 12:00 ALL kindergarten students (both full-day and half-day) will be dismissed through the dismissal process (do not park your car on campus), and you will get to hear all about their exciting first day!

Meet the Teacher

Meet the Teacher will take place on **Monday, August 5th, from 3:00-6:00 p.m.** 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.

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

Textbook Consumables: You can save time by taking care of textbook consumables through the ANP Portal. Please click [HERE](#) to gain access. Please bring your receipt to Meet the Teacher to be eligible for the express line.

Academy Giving - As we kick off a new school year we are honored to partner with our families through our annual campaigns, the Community Investment campaign and the Arizona Public Tax Credit drive. Thanks to your support, we offer our students the education they deserve to become great-hearted leaders. The type of education that we provide is only possible with the generous support of our families who give to our

Community Investment campaign.

[We are pleased to thank the following donors who are generous supporters of our 2019-20 Community Investment campaign as of July 26th, 2019](#)

Thank you!

Have you made your Community Investment gift for 2019-20 school year? [Please make your gift today or take a moment to complete your pledge](#). 100% of all families' participation is appreciated and needed at (any level). Your gift stays right here on campus supporting our teachers and educational priorities.

School Directory: Details will be available for this on-line directory option and will be communicated in an upcoming email. Opt in to the directory prior to Meet the Teacher for Express Line eligibility.

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

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

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.

School Supplies - 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. Bring your wagon to Meet the Teacher; boy scouts will be available to transport your classroom supplies for you.

If you are unable to attend Meet the Teacher please email menglish@archwaynorthphoenix.org . Your student's classroom assignment will be emailed to you on Tuesday, August 6.

Rita's Italian Ice will be available at Meet the Teacher

Four flavors of pre-scooped Italian Ice will be available. \$2.00 per kid size cup, **CASH only**. Brought to you by the ANP PSO.

Drop-off and Dismissal

Please take a moment to review the map or better yet, check out our [Traffic Flow video](#).

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. We ask that you please respect our neighbors' property.

Drop-off and Dismissal Reminders

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.



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 - 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 6** in the MPR. Anyone interested in volunteering their child's classroom, please plan to attend.

Important Links

[**2019-20 School Year Calendar**](#)

[**2019-20 Textbook Consumables**](#)

[**2019-20 Literature Library and the Barnes and Noble Bookfair**](#)

Don't miss the Bookfair this weekend (July 26 - 29 at Barnes and Noble Desert Ridge). The Literature Library for each grade level will be available.

[**2019-20 ANP Uniform and Dress Code**](#)

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.

[2019-20 Classroom Supplies](#)

[2019-20 Enrichment Fee and Field Trip Fee](#)

Once per school year we ask families to support the **Enrichment Program** and **Class Field Trips**, for each of their students attending Archway Classical Academy North Phoenix. Your generous support of the [Tax Credit Drive](#) **in addition to your support of the [Enrichment Program and Class Field Trip Fee](#)** make these opportunities possible for every student attending Archway Classical Academy North Phoenix. Requested Contribution: \$25 per student

Important Dates

Meet the Teacher

Monday, August 5

3:00pm - 6:00pm

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

Tuesday, August 6

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

First day of School (grade 1 - grade 6)

Wednesday, August 7

Doors open at 7:30am

Classes start at 8:00am

Half Day Kindergarten Dismissal: 12:00noon

The first day of school is an Early Release Dismissal Grades K - 6: 1:45pm

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. The Newsletter is posted on the webpage under [News and Events](#). Any family member or friends that may need this information should connect to the [Archway North Phoenix webpage](#).

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