

ARCHWAY NORTH PHOENIX

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY



NEWSLETTER

December 15, 2023

Important Dates

December 18th
ANP Spelling Bee

December 20th-22nd
Half Days
Noon Dismissal

December 25th -
January 5th
Winter Break-No School

January 8th - 12th
Parent/Teacher
Conferences - Noon
Dismissal

January 23rd & 25th
Bard Competition

January 26th
Headmaster Tea
K-1st Grade Parents



“December is the time for remembering the past and reaching toward the future.”

-Ralph Waldo Emerson



Our school would like to thank Mr. Smith from Chess Emporium! He has been on campus this year, while our french teacher is on maternity leave, teaching our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade scholars chess. We didn't foresee just how much they would love the game and Mr. Smith. We hope you I join us in saying thank you and goodbye for now, to Mr. Smith!

We have attached Mr. Smith's favorites list [here](#) and on our website, with the rest of our faculty and staff, if anyone is looking for ways to say thank you.



We love our parent volunteers! Thank you to all our parents who have been on campus this week, delivering treats, helping in class, and running events! **A special shout out to the parents of 1A who have showed up in a big way to help in class while Ms. Leahy is helping in another class!** What a beautiful model of citizenship for the students to see.



Note from ESS Department

Special Education records are destroyed 5 years after a student has withdrawn, transferred, or been exited from enrollment at Archway Classical Academy North Phoenix (ANP). This year, we will be destroying the records of students who withdrew from ANP, transferred, or exited from special education services in the 2017-2018 school year or earlier. If your student withdrew, transferred, or exited special education at ANP during or prior to the 2017-2018 school year, files will be destroyed on 02/01/2024, and this serves as notice. If you are a parent or student and need a copy of your student's special education records for any reason before they are destroyed (e.g., social security benefits), please contact Kerry Souza or Jean Page in the Special Education department at 602-996-4355 or ksouza@archwaynorthphoenix.org ; jpage@archwaynorthphoenix.org before the destruction date.

Join us on Social Media!



Academy Giving

As we continue through the school year we are honored to partner with our families through our annual campaigns:

Community Investment campaign
and
Arizona Public Tax Credit drive.

Jackie Curtis, Family Giving & Community Engagement Officer, will be happy to answer any questions.

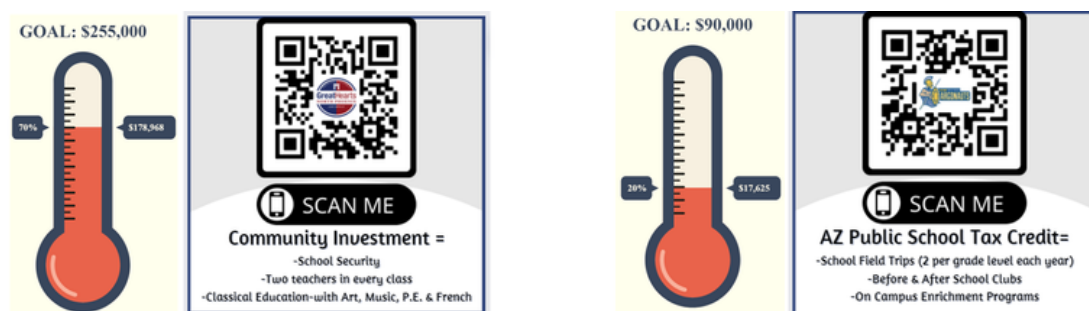
Academy Giving = The necessary funding that is needed to operate our great school!

Every family, and every gift counts. ❤️

Argonauts,

A gift at any level is appreciated and still needed in order for us to meet our budgeted goals for this school year in support of Ms. Kirby's operation budget. You can make your gift to Community Investment anytime between now and June 30th. And you can redirect your AZ Public School Tax Credit anytime between now and before your file on or before April 15th. Should you have any questions or need help setting up your giving, please reach out to our Family Giving Officer, Jackie Curtis at 602-404-7414 or jcurtis@archwaynorthphoenix.org Thank you for investing in your students education at ANP.

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ANP BARD COMPETITION
Registration Due: 12/22
Dates: 1/23 and 1/25

In ancient times, bards were famed for their ability to mesmerize an audience with their dramatic recitations. Now students in grades 3-5 have an opportunity to demonstrate their own poetry recitation skills! Look to the registration page sent home last Monday the deadline has been extended!

For any questions please email Moneal@archwaynorthphoenix.org



Please be sure you check the Lost & Found for your scholars personal items before winter break. We will be putting it outside the walk-up gate this Friday after school and after school Wednesday the 20th-Friday the 22nd.

Phoenix Elks Lodge Hoop Shoot

The Phoenix Elks Lodge is having their Hoop Shoot on December 16th at 9am in the gym at the North Phoenix Preparatory Academy. After the Hoop Shoot is complete, we will be going back to the lodge for the award ceremony, pizza, and drinks. Trophies will be given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in their respective age groups. I am expecting a good turn out so please be on time. This event is for the community so all families are welcome.

For those of you that are new to this free throw event, it is free and sponsored by the Phoenix Elks Lodge. This is one of our annual activities for young boys and girls in our community to come and compete with their peers. There are six divisions:

Boys 8-9, Girls 8-9, Boys 10-11, Girls 10-11, Boys 12-13, and Girls 12-13. All youth must meet the age requirement as of April 1, 2024. Go to our [Age Verification Calculator](#) to confirm. I've attached the hyperlinks for further information but overall the winners in each of their

[Hoop Shoot Home Page](#)
[Hoop Shoot Contest Rules](#)

The first place winners of each of their respective age divisions will also be eligible to advance to the next level of competition and so forth. Visit [Home Page](#) for more information.

Prep Career Series Recruitment



This spring, NPX College Counseling plans to host Lunch & Learn Career Talks featuring local professionals who will share their career pathway with our high school students. If you might be willing and interested in learning more, simply indicate your interest, and we'll connect with you as we plan out the schedule.

Questions? college@northphoenixprep.org

ANP Club Offerings Q3

Come join us for an after-school club this quarter!

Monday: Best PE Games K-3rd (older scholars welcome upon request); Board Game Club (K-5th); Chess (K-5th Q3 & Q4)

Tuesday: Best PE Games (3rd-5th); Mindfulness Club (4th-5th); Sketch and Draw (K-2nd) Group A; Theatre (3rd-5th)

Wednesday: Soccer (K-5th); Art! Club (2nd-5th)

Thursday: Dodgeball (2nd-5th); Sketch and Draw (K-2nd) Group B; Theatre (3rd-5th)

Friday: Kickball and Wiffleball (2nd-5th); Crochet (3rd-5th)

Great Hearts continues to nurture our great relationship with **Barca Residency Academy** in Casa Grande (FC Barcelona's exclusive National Residency Academy). Last year, we hosted the first ever Barça Soccer Camp at Scottsdale Prep. This year, we are happy to announce that we will be hosting it again on December 20-23 for boys and girls ages 6-14 years old! All Great Hearts students will have the opportunity to have a 10% reduced rate until December 3. Space is limited, so register today!

Camp rebate code: GH23BA

Information

Registration



Argonauts Winter Sports Camps

Looking for something fun to do this Winter Break? Come join us for one or all three Winter Camp sessions! We'll have a blast playing all your favorite sports and PE games! It's going to be a non-stop, action-packed good time! Spots are limited, sign up today!

Who: Calling all K-6th grade students
(if you have a prep student in 6th grade, they are welcome to join us)

What: Activities include PE games, sports, board games, movies, snacks, lunch, group games and more! Dress in comfortable athletic attire. Lunch will be provided during Session 2 but bring your own snack. Lunch and a change of clothes should be brought for session 1 and 3. Treats will be given at the end of each session!

Where: Archway North Phoenix

When: Session 1 – Dec. 20th-22nd (half days);
Session 2 – Jan. 3rd-5th (full days 8-3pm);
Session 3 – Jan. 8th-12th (half days)

Times: Session 1 – from 12pm-4pm after the school day ends;
Session 2 – 8am-3pm;
Session 3 – from 12pm-4pm after the school day ends.

Price: Session 1 \$75 (3 half days), Session 2 \$150 (3 full days), Session 3 (5 half days) \$125

Sign up [HERE](#)



From the Librarian

There are quite a few overdue library books throughout all the grade levels. Please have your scholars check at home and through their backpacks. Second through Fifth – your books are due by 12/20. All other grade levels, please return your library books as soon as possible to the library, this will really help Ms. Powel out. Thank you!



Volunteer and Get Your 10 In

We encourage and challenge each family to volunteer at least 10 hours each year! We look forward to volunteering alongside you!

All volunteers need to register [HERE](#).

After you have been approved, watch for sign up opportunities in class or at different events during the year.



Lunch Program

Did you know that the PSO manages the lunch program? Any money profited goes back to the school staff in the form of Staff Appreciation, Family Events and more! So go ahead, take a break, you deserve it. Instead of making your scholar's lunch each day, consider ordering from the hot lunch options. Don't forget that lunch orders are due by noon each Friday. [Order here](#)

Parent Service Organization

Staff Holiday Luncheon

*Cane you feel it? Its the holiday season! The Staff Holiday Luncheon is right around the corner. Our theme this year is , "**Candy Cane Lane.**" The PSO chose candy canes as a central theme for the event as the legend of this sweet treat "hooks" in perfectly with the love and sacrifice our staff exhibits daily. With your help, the Argonaut community, we "cane" make this a fantastic event!*

If you have any of the supplies below at home, we would greatly appreciate them.

Cardboard boxes - small, medium & large

Faux cranberry/pine garland

Pool Noodles - in good condition though, since they will be manipulated

Here is how you can help:

Volunteer: Collect food during drop off or help set up. [Sign Up Here](#)

Lunch Donations: Can't be on campus? Consider making a dish or donate money to PSO to purchase missing dishes. [Sign Up Here](#)

If you have any questions please send an email to the Holiday Luncheon Chair at roxanajh55@gmail.com.



Next Dineout Event – Peter Piper Pizza

Join us at Peter Piper Pizza on Friday December 22nd, any time between 12pm to 7pm for the next Dineout event. They will be hosting games from 4pm to 7pm and don't forget to show the flyer, as 15% of the sale goes back to the PSO.



Forgotten Lunch Donations

Please consider donating to the forgotten lunch program. Healthy options like cheese sticks, fruit cups, hummus, crackers and veggie sticks are preferred. Donations can be labeled ANP forgotten lunches and dropped off in the front office. Thank you!



On-Call Volunteers - Volunteers would help on campus when a teacher is absent. With our funding being cut for substitutes, it would be beneficial for the school to have on-call parents available to lend a hand. Trust us, there is nothing better than seeing your scholar's face light up when they see you on campus. Yes, you can sign up for shifts, just add that info in the comments.

* Signup for On-Call: [Sign Up](#)



Remember for all volunteering, you must be Raptor verified

[Raptor Link](#)

Headmaster News

Headmaster Kirby would like to invite you to join her for Quarterly Parent Seminars. This parent only event will be an opportunity to read and discuss virtues important to our school community. Purchase the books and sign up to join the discussion group. Join her for just one, or all sessions.

February 29th, 6pm - 7pm: Tending the Heart of Virtue by Vigen Guroian

Intro & Chapter 1 Only

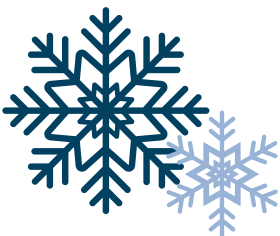
[Buy Book Here](#)

[Sign Up Here](#)

April 25th, 6pm - 7pm: Mans Search for Meaning by Viktor E. Frankl

[Buy Book Here](#)

[Sign Up Here](#)



Headmaster Tea

Our next Headmaster Tea is on **January 26th.**

It is for **Kinder & 1st grade Parents**, and starts at 8:15am in the library. This is a great way to visit in a smaller setting with Headmaster Kirby!





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If you or someone you know may be interested in these upcoming Great Hearts Hiring Events, please share this [link](#) to register for an event near you. Learn more about teaching, coaching, and leadership opportunities by registering today!

Dallas/Ft. Worth | *San Antonio* | *Phoenix*
Feb. 15 & Feb 22 | *Feb. 27 & 29* | *Feb. 3*

Guidelines for Dismissal

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday: ARCHWAY use both lanes until 3:20pm, then must be in ARCHWAY only lanes so PREP traffic is not blocked.

Wednesday: ARCHWAY Traffic please do not enter campus until 1:20. If you have PREP/ARCHWAY Sibling pick up, do not enter campus until 1:30. Prep sibling pick up will still take place on the PREP side. **If you are coming across the crosswalk on the Prep side please follow the directions of the Prep teachers guiding the foot traffic across the crosswalk. Please use the crosswalk with the crossing guard only.**



Dismissal Times

M, T, TH, F

Archway 3:00PM

Prep 3:30PM

Wednesday

Archway 1:30PM

Prep 1:15PM



Watch the Video
for more details.

Use the QR Code
above or click this
[LINK](#).



■ Archway

■ Prep



Please Do Not Use the Elks Club Parking Lot unless you are an Elks member. Please Do Not Use the church parking lots. Please get in line and we will all get dismissed in a timely manner.



Argonaut Parent Community

Three things you can do to help us keep your students safe and our traffic flowing:

Please watch the traffic video - Link above

Read all communications coming home - from your students' teachers & the family newsletter

Please ensure that we have the correct contact information - If you are not getting the email communications please reach out to your teacher and our Assistant Office Manager, Ms. Del Duca at kdelduca@archwaynorthphoenix.org. Teacher emails are on our website under faculty and staff.

Should you have any questions or concerns please reach out.

We are all in this together.

Let's Make it a Great Year Argonauts!



SCHOOL GUIDELINES

ATTENDANCE

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to email the school before 8:00 a.m. to report an absence. Students will be recorded as having an unexcused absence if no email is sent. An unexcused absence of 10 consecutive days will automatically result in the withdrawal of the student. Please read the [Parent Handbook](#) for more detailed information, or call the office if you have any questions.

Please email:

attendance@archwaynorthphoenix.org
to report an absence.

TARDINESS

Students who arrive after 8am will be considered tardy and will check in at the north doors until 8:10 AM with Coach Norris. **After that, the parent/guardian must sign the student in at the front office on arrival.** Persistent tardiness is highly disruptive of instruction and undermines student morale. On the 5th occasion of an unexcused tardy in a quarter we notify the parents. If the student continues to accumulate tardies, Headmaster Kirby will be in touch to discuss possible concerns.

EARLY STUDENT PICK UP

Students that need to be picked up early for appointments must be picked up in the main office no later than 2:30pm on full days, 1:00pm on early release days, and 11:30 on half days. **We do not release students the last 1/2 hour of class.**

PLACARD FOR PICK UP

Blue Placards are required every day for every pick up. If lost or need a copy for any reason, please bring your ID to the front office and we can provide a new copy.

FAMILY DIRECTORY

The family directory is now posted on our website under Academy Life - [News & Events](#). This directory is solely and expressly intended for private use by the Archway North Phoenix community only. It is not intended for solicitation or commercial purposes. It is password protected. The password was sent separately on August 25th.

Great Hearts and Archway North Phoenix continue to utilize the system School Messenger for emails, robo calls, and text messaging to inform families of campus related academy emergencies and other communications. SchoolMessenger has a new automatic opt-in for text feature. During the registration or your re-enrollment process families confirmed their participation in text communication. Great Hearts will now automatically opt in contact information given during the registration/re-enrollment process with the options you selected. You will notice at the beginning of July you will be opted in for text messaging. If you would like to opt out of text messages simply reply STOP to the text from 67585. You can also enter the code 67585 with the message STOP to block any text messaging. Please note, if opting out, you will not receive texts regarding emergencies on campus.

Grade Level Newsletters



Kindergarten Newsletter

KA Ms. Rushing & Ms. Perez
KB Ms. Haines & Ms. Tibke
KC Ms. Walchli & Ms. Ernest
KD Ms. Christensen & Ms. Sayers

First Grade Newsletter

1A Ms. Mikesell & Ms. Leahy
1B Ms. Layton & Ms. Manley
1C Ms. Gianforte & Ms. Moizo
1D Ms. Refermat & Ms. Hernandez

Second Grade Newsletter

2A Ms. Herrier & Ms. Lom
2B Ms. Alexander & Ms. Gregg
2C Ms. Markoos & Ms. Gardner
2D Ms. Schwanz & Ms. Rankin

Third Grade Newsletter

3A Ms. Toscas & Ms. Jones
3B Mr. Wright & Mr. Messana
3C Ms. Daab & Mr. Barrett
3D Ms. O'Neal & Mr. Terpin

Fourth Grade Newsletter

4A Ms. Noffz & Mr. Quick
4B Ms. Johnson & Ms. Martin
4C Ms. Robb & Mr. Lewis
4D Ms. Knopf & Ms. Randle

Fifth Grade Newsletter

5A Ms. Brennan & Ms. Nelson
5B Mr. Seeliger & Ms. Jackson
5C Ms. Herman & Ms. Golebiewski
5D Ms. Knopf & Mr. Friend