

ARCHWAY NORTH PHOENIX

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY



NEWSLETTER

December 22, 2023

Important Dates

**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



**“How lucky I am to have something that makes saying
goodbye so hard.”
-Winnie the Pooh**



Congratulations to Mrs. Powell, our lovely ANP Librarian, on 12 years of dedicated service! Her commitment to fostering a love of reading has left an indelible mark on our school community.

Thank you, Mrs. Powel, we are forever grateful for you and wish you all the best in the next chapter of your journey.



Join us on Social Media!



Dear ANP Families,

I am writing to emphasize the critical importance of ensuring that scholars arrive at school on time each day. Punctuality is a key factor in a student's academic success, as it sets the tone for the day and ensures a smooth transition into the learning environment.

While we understand that unforeseen circumstances may arise, consistent tardiness can have a detrimental impact on your child's education. Recently, we have observed a concerning number of late arrivals, and it is affecting the overall learning experience for both the tardy scholars and their peers.

It is crucial to address this issue collaboratively as a community. While some schools employ punitive measures for tardiness, I believe that it is not fair to penalize students for circumstances beyond their control, especially when it comes to parents' planning.

In an effort to address this concern, I will be personally calling parents of students with excessive tardies to discuss any challenges they may be facing and explore possible solutions. We want to work together to ensure that your child can start their day with ample time for preparation and focus.

Should tardiness persist, we may need to reconsider our late drop-off system. While convenience for parents is important, maintaining a punctual and efficient learning environment for our scholars takes precedence. Any potential changes to the late drop-off system will be communicated well in advance, and we hope for your understanding and support in this matter.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to your child's education. Together, we can create an environment that fosters academic success and growth.

In partnership,

Geri Kirby | Headmaster



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

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.

Such a fun day to celebrate the class of 2033 with a FREE Dress Day!!

We are so thankful for the support and partnership of our community and a fun incentive like this such a fun way for us to show our gratitude! AND the students absolutely love it!!

Stay tuned for another FREE Dress Incentive Opportunity coming this Spring!😊

Giving truly is the heart of North Phoenix & we cannot do what we do without you!

Thank you for investing in your student's education!

✨Haven't made your family gift or you would like to make another? All gifts made to Community Investment before the end of the calendar year can be used as a Charitable Donation on your Federal Tax Return! It's a win win!

Make your end of year gift here.



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 2 – Jan. 3rd-5th (full days 8-3pm);
Session 3 – Jan. 8th-12th (half days)

Times: 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](#)

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) – meets Tuesdays & Thursdays

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

Thursday: Dodgeball (2nd-5th); Sketch and Draw (K-2nd) Group B;
*Theatre (3rd-5th) – meets Tuesdays & Thursdays

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

[Sign Up Here](#)

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.

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.



THANK YOU ARCHWAY FAMILIES

Thank you to everyone who provided food donations, luncheon money donations, and to all the volunteers who helped set up, serve and clean up! We appreciate you all.



Upcoming PSO Quarterly Meeting

Come out to the next Quarterly Meeting to learn more about upcoming events such as the Daddy Daughter Dance and the Spring Event! We will be meeting in the ANP MPR at 6:30PM on Thursday January 18th.



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.



Save the Dates for Meet-ups

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events planned for you by the Parent Ambassador committee.

Winterfest Meet up (all ages) Saturday Jan. 6th 10am-2p

Skyzone Meetup (all ages) Friday Jan 12th 4p-8p.



Your scholars have been growing! We are noticing skirts, dresses, and pants becoming a lot shorter/tighter than they once were. Please review your child's wardrobe before school each morning. For a complete overview of our school's dress code, please click [here](#). The PSO has graciously offered to help with this by offering a **used uniform sale during parent teacher conferences on Monday, January 8th from 1-3pm and Wednesday, January 10th from 1-3pm**. Sale will be located in the North Lobby. As always, reach out to PSO at uniforms@anppso.org with any used uniform needs or questions.



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!



**HIRING
EVENTS!**

Save the Date.



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
Feb. 15 & Feb 22

San Antonio
Feb. 27 & 29

Phoenix
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

None included: Contact Home Room Teacher

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