

# ARCHWAY NORTH PHOENIX

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY



## NEWSLETTER

January 12, 2024

### Important Dates

January 23rd & 25th  
Bard Competition



**“Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow”  
-Albert Einstein**

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 has a detrimental impact on your child's education. 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

## 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.



## 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**



## Bard Competition Participants

If you turned in a Bard Competition Slip and have not heard from Ms. O'Neal please email her directly at [moneal@archwaynorthphoenix.org](mailto:moneal@archwaynorthphoenix.org).



## 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](mailto:college@northphoenixprep.org)



### 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](mailto:ksouza@archwaynorthphoenix.org); [jpage@archwaynorthphoenix.org](mailto: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.



### 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.

**We will be hosting a Used Uniform sale before the Quarterly Meeting, beginning at 5:30PM, so get there early for the best selection.**

Below are a few items the PSO will highlight during the Quarterly Meeting. Come out to learn more about opportunities to get involved and network with fellow Argonaut parents.

- 2024-2025 Board and Chair role opportunities
- Daddy-Daughter Dance



### Skyzone Meetup today

We hope to see you at Skyzone tonight between 4P – 8P! Remember to mention Archway North Phoenix at check out, a percent of sales goes back to the PSO.



### Hot 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 daily, consider ordering from the hot lunch options. Don't forget that lunch orders are due by Noon each Friday. Order [Here](#)



**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](#)



**Feb. 3rd  
HIRING  
EVENT!**

*East Valley: Chandler Prep, 12:30-2:30pm*  
*West Valley: Archway Trivium, 12:30-2:30pm*  
*North Valley: North Phoenix Prep, 9:30-11:30am*

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!

**GreatHeartsCareers.org**

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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