ARCHWAY NORTH PHOENIX



Important Dates

January 23rd & 25th Bard Competition

January 24th Spirit Day

February 2nd Half-Day Noon Dismissal

February 19th School Closed

NEWSLETTER

January 19, 2024



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* <u>Buy Book Here</u> <u>Sign Up Here</u>

April 25th, 6pm - 7pm: Mans Search for Meaning by Viktor E. Frankl <u>Buy Book Here</u>

Sign Up Here



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





Dear ANP Families,

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. I am writing to emphasize the critical importance of ensuring that scholars arrive at school on time each day. While we understand that unforeseen circumstances may arise, consistent tardiness can have a detrimental impact on your child's education. 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. 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



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Special Education records are destroyed 5 years after a student has withdrawn, transferred, or been exited from enrollment at Archway Classical Academy North Phoenix (ANP).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 before the destruction date.

Academy Giving

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

<u>Community Investment</u> <u>campaign</u> and <u>Arizona Public Tax</u> <u>Credit drive</u>.

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



Argona uts,

We are slidding into 2nd semester with so much joy & excitement! AND there is still time for your family to support our school and all the great work being done in your childs classroom! 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 <u>Community Investment</u> anytime between now and June 30th. And you can redirect your <u>AZ Public School Tax Credit</u> anytime between now and before your file on or before April 15th.

Every family, and every gift counts.

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!







Drop off time "Sweet Spot" For your ANP scholar is 7:42-7:46 **Dear North Phoenix Parents,**

We are addressing a significant concern regarding the traffic situation on Hearn Street, which poses increasing congestion and potential hazards, requiring immediate attention for the safety of our scholars and community.

While the church permits families to use their parking lot during non-scheduled events, there is currently no manned crosswalk or safe way to cross Hearn. As a future solution, we are actively working with the City of Phoenix to secure approval for a crosswalk on Hearn Road. However, this effort will be in vain if the community continues to use Hearn Road as a drop-off and pick-up zone. You can observe the potential hazard in the <u>Safety Issue Video</u>. As you watch the video, please keep in mind that no cars should be stopping on the Hearn Street turn lane to drop-off or pick-up scholars.

To address these issues, we've established a Safety Committee to help inform our community and collaborate on improvements. If you are willing to contribute your time and expertise this cause, please email to me at gkirby@archwaynorthphoenix.org. Additionally, you can support our initiative by adhering to the traffic flow guidelines outlined in the Traffic Procedure Video and using the designated drop-off and pick-up line.

Your commitment to enhancing traffic conditions around our school is highly valued. Together, we can create a safer environment for our students. Thank you for your cooperation and dedication to the well-being of our school community.

In partnership,

Ms. Kirby Headmaster

Watch Traffic Procedure Video

Watch Safety Issue Video

5th Grade Families

If you have a 5th Grade Scholar you may participate in North Phoenix Prep sports. Follow the <u>link</u> for information on Spring Sport Information.

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 <u>HERE</u>.

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



The nurse is asking for donations for the Health Office. If you would like to help please see the request below and sign up to bring an item.

Thank you!

Sign Up Here

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. <u>Order here</u>

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

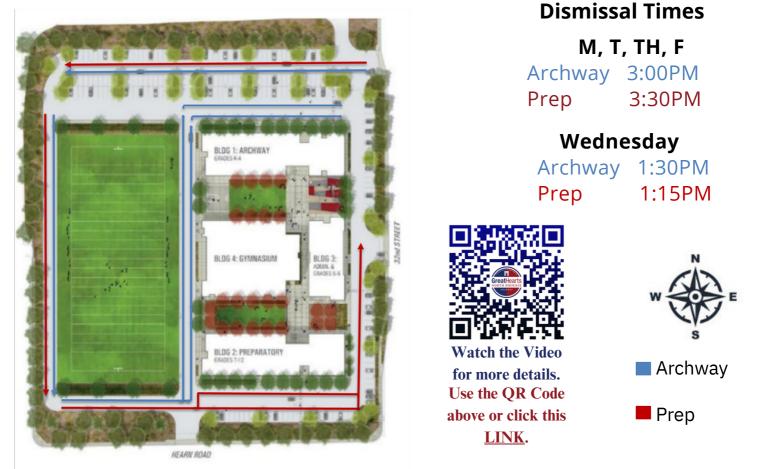
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Remember for all volunteering, you must be Raptor verified <u>Raptor Link</u>

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.



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!



ATTENDANCE

It is responsibility the 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.

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 - <u>News</u> <u>& Events</u>. 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.

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 by letter If the student continues to home. accumulate tardies, Headmaster Kirby will be in touch to discuss possible concerns. If problem persists parents will be required to come in person for a meeting with the leadership team to discuss a solution.

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. PerezKB Ms. Haines & Ms. TibkeKC Ms. Walchli & Ms. ErnestKD Ms. Christensen & Ms. Sayers

First Grade Newsletter

1A Ms. Mikesell & Ms. Leahy1B Ms. Layton & Ms. Manley1C Ms. Gianforte & Ms. Moizo1D Ms. Refermat & Ms. Hernandez

Second Grade Newsletter

2A Ms. Herrier & Ms. Lom2B Ms. Alexander & Ms. Gregg2C Ms. Markoos & Ms. Gardner2D Ms. Schwanz & Ms. Rankin

Third Grade Newsletter

3A Ms. Toscas & Ms. Jones3B Mr. Wright & Mr. Messana3C Ms. Daab & Mr. Barrett3D Ms. O'Neal & Mr. Terpin

Fourth Grade Newsletter

4A Ms. Noffz & Mr. Quick4B Ms. Johnson & Ms. Martin4C Ms. Robb & Mr. Lewis4D 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