

# ARCHWAY NORTH PHOENIX

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY



## NEWSLETTER

January 26, 2024

### Important Dates

**February 2nd**

Half-Day  
Noon Dismissal

**February 13th**

Fifth Grade Field Trip

**February 19th**

School Closed

**February 24th**

Daddy Daughter Dance

**February 29th**

Headmaster Seminar



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](#)

### *Great Hearts Spelling Bee: January 29th*

Stream LIVE and cheer on our young scholars as they take part in the Great Hearts Arizona Spelling Bee. The winner will advance to the regional round in hopes of making it to the state championship and then on to the National Spelling Bee. Watch for our very own Archway North Phoenix Representative Nathan Kirchheimer!

[Live Link Here](#)

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 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

## Wide Open Lanes at 7:48 AM! Come on in!

If you arrive after doors close you **MUST** bring your student in person to the front office. **Do not drop them off alone.**



## Spring Break Camp: March 11-13th



**When:** 8am-4pm (lunch provided) | \$150

**Who:** Calling all K-6th grade students (yes, 6th grade prep students may come)

**What:** Activities include PE games, sports, board games, movies, snacks, lunch, group games, Slip 'n' Slide, Otter Pops, free time and more! Dress in comfortable athletic attire, bring a change of swim clothes for Friday. Lunch will be provided for Spring Camp. Bring your own snack. Otter Pops given at the end of the camp.

**Where:** Archway North Phoenix

[Sign Up Here](#)

**Looking for something fun to do this over Spring Break? We'd love to have you come join us!**  
**We'll have a blast playing all your favorite sports and PE games!**  
**Sign up fast because when they're gone, they're gone!**

**Any questions contact Coach Waugh: [dwaugh@archwaynorthphoenix.org](mailto:dwaugh@archwaynorthphoenix.org)**



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

GreatHeartsCareers.org

**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!**

**[Click here for Hiring Flyer](#)**



### **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.



## 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.

## Class of 2036



*Celebrating 100 days of school!*

As we roll through the second half of this school year, we are excited to share all the wonderful milestones and events with you and your scholar.

In celebration of our 100th day of school we are inviting you to partner with us in your student's education by asking you to make a one-time or monthly gift of \$100 on behalf of your child.

This rich, challenging, classical education would not be possible without the financial partnership of our enrolled ANP families. Every gift given stays right here on our campus and supports our everyday operating expenses, including teachers' salaries. We have currently reached 78% of our budgeted goal in support of Ms. Kirby's operating budget, and a gift at any is so appreciated and will help us finish this school year on budget. 😊

Click [here](#) to make your gift.



**Take the Dollar -for- Dollar Credit with ANP!**



This Monday, January 29th is the first day you can start filing your taxes. Don't forget to make your tax credit to our amazing academy before you file.

You can complete your tax credit online [at this link](#) right before you file, using the emailed receipt to complete Form 322.

If you have already taken the Credit, thank you!- Share this opportunity with your family and friends to help our school. 😊

**Thank you for making our Fieldtrips and Extracurricular Programs possible!**

# 5TH GRADE FAMILIES

**If you have a 5th Grade Scholar you may participate in North Phoenix Prep sports.**

**Follow the [link](#) for information on Spring Sport Information.**



**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 [Safety Issue Video](#). 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 to this cause, please email me at [gkirby@archwaynorthphoenix.org](mailto: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,**

**[Watch Traffic Procedure Video](#)**

**Ms. Kirby  
Headmaster**

**[Watch Safety Issue Video](#)**



**Sweet Scholar Story**



**Two First Grade Students:**

**★ 1st Student: I can see Your spine, You are a Vertebrate!"**

**2nd Student: "No I'm not! I'm in First Grade!"**

## 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.



### 5th Grade Dedication Page Info

Attention 5th grade parents! Each year we dedicate yearbook pages to the graduating class. Scholars who have attended ANP since Kindergarten will have their 5th grade and kindergarten photos included. Scholars who started at ANP after Kindergarten are able to submit their favorite ANP memory. The favorite memory can be from any year they attended ANP (not just 5th grade). **Please have scholars fill out the attached google form by Friday, February 16th** to ensure they'll be acknowledged in the yearbook. Please reach out to [yearbook@anppso.org](mailto:yearbook@anppso.org) with any questions.

### 5th Grade Google Form



### Daddy-Daughter Dance

Can you believe this beloved event is just under a month away? Dads and daughters will get the chance to walk the red carpet for this glamorous event. Don't forget that we will need mom volunteers to help make this event a success! Watch for more details in the Golden Fleece next week!



### Forgotten Lunch Donations

Consider signing up and donating a forgotten lunch item as we are running low. [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. [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](#)



# 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.

## 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.

## 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. **If you arrive past the time the lobby doors are closed, 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 home. If the student continues to 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. Bauman  
KB Ms. Perez & 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. Contreras

## 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. Kistler  
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