

ARCHWAY NORTH PHOENIX

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY



NEWSLETTER

December 12, 2025



Thank you, Argonauts!

Because of your incredible generosity, we not only hit our Giving Tuesday goal in support of our annual campaigns—we crushed it!

Progress Update:

Community Investment: 63% to goal with 30% family participation

Tax Credit: 22% to goal with 9% family participation

If your family missed our Giving Tuesday event, it's not too late to make your annual family gift. Click [here](#) to make your family gift to Community Investment and redirect your Tax Credit to ANP in support of this school years funding budget.

NOW Get Ready... Our First-Ever Spirit Week Starts NEXT WEEK!

Argonauts, the countdown is on! **From December 15–19**, we're launching our very first Spirit Week—a full week of dress-up fun, celebration, and community pride. On the next page is everything your student needs to know so they can join in each day's theme and follow school dress expectations.

Special Celebration Assembly

We'll also keep the excitement going with a special assembly where six lucky students will get to throw a pie at Mr. Taylor in celebration of our incredible Giving Tuesday success!

Thank you again for investing in your students' education and for being such vital partners in our community.

Let's make this first Spirit Week unforgettable! Go Argonauts!

Important Dates

December 17th - 19th
Half-Days
Noon Dismissal

Dec 18th
Spelling Bee
ANP MPR 1pm

Dec 22nd - Jan 2nd
School Closed for
Winter Break

Office Hours
M/T/TH/F
7:30AM - 3:30PM
Wednesday
7:30AM - 2:00PM

Join us on Social Media!



Academy Giving

As we kick off a new 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.

Below is everything your student needs to know so they can join in each day's theme and follow school dress expectations.

Monday: Grade-Level Color Wars - Full dress (uniform shoes required) Show your grade-level color pride! Same coverage expectations as the school uniform (No more than two inches above the knee; no tank tops)

Grade Colors:

K — Red

1st — Orange

2nd — Yellow

3rd — Green

4th — Blue

5th — Purple

Faculty/Staff — Black

Tuesday: Sports Day - ½ dress (uniform bottoms + uniform shoes). Rep your favorite sports team! Jerseys, sweatshirts, or T-shirts. No tank tops, No hats.

Wednesday: Pajama Day - Full dress (uniform shoes required). Get cozy! Pajamas must be modest and school-appropriate. Same coverage expectations as the school uniform (No more than two inches above the knee; no tank tops)

Thursday: Decade Day - Full dress (uniform shoes required). Travel through your favorite decade—'60s, '70s, '80s, or '90s! Same coverage expectations as the school uniform (No more than two inches above the knee; no tank tops)

Friday: Argonaut Spirit + Holiday Socks - ½ dress (uniform bottoms + uniform shoes) End the week with school spirit and festive flair with your Argonaut spirit shirt and holiday or winter-themed crazy socks.



ANP 3rd-5th Grade Field Day was a tremendous success, and it's all thanks to you!

Thank you to our amazing parents and coaches for dedicating your time, energy, and enthusiasm to this cherished event. We are so grateful for your support and for helping create such a memorable day for our students!



Open Enrollment is here for the 2026-27 school year!

Do you have a new student to enroll for the 2026-27 school year? Submit applications for new students now through December 31st on the [Enrollment Portal](#). Re-enrollment for current students will take place in March 2026. Click [here](#) to view Great Hearts enrollment timeline.

ATTENTION PLEASE

5th Grade Families

Your enrollment at Archway does not automatically transfer to North Phoenix Prep (NPX). You must complete the entire open enrollment process to secure your seat in 6th grade. If you know for certain that your child is not attending NPX next year for 6th grade, please reach out to Mrs. Sokolis at (bsokolis@northphoenixprep.org) so that she can note your intentions.



Specials Teachers (Art, Music, PE, French) are having Parent/Teacher Conferences for anyone who is interested.

See links below:

[Hamilton 3-5 Music](#)

[Jeong K-2 Music](#)

[Cooper 3-5 Art](#)

[Berger K-2 Art](#)

[Contreras 3-5 Spanish](#)

[Olivieri K-2 French](#)

[Waugh 3-5 PE](#)

[Terpin K-1 PE](#)

ANP Extracurricular Clubs Q3

Clubs are a fantastic way for scholars to make new friends, play fun games, and/or learn something new! They run after school from 3:30-4:30pm (2:00-3pm Wednesdays) in 8-week sessions (unless otherwise noted). Registration will always open up prior to the next quarter beginning. In addition to the clubs you see below, you may also register for Argonauts Winter and Spring Break Sports and Fun Camps using the QR code below!

Mondays - Team Sports (1-5); Creative Writing (2-5); Lacemaking (3-5); Mind Blown Club (3-5)

Tuesdays - Best PE Games (K-5); Musical Theatre* (3-5); Typing (2-5); Sketch and Draw (K-1)

Wednesdays - Soccer (K-5); Garden Club (3-5)

Thursdays - Dodgeball (K-5); Musical Theatre* (3-5); Dungeons and Dragons (3-5); Friendship Club (K-2);
Friendship Club (3-5)

Fridays - Kickball and Wiffleball (1-5); Kinder and First Grade Art Experience (K-1); Step Into Stories (K-1);
Lego (K-2); Guitar Club (3-5)

Questions? Dwaugh@archwaynorthphoenix.org | Pricing & more info available online

Clubs with an asterisk* run for the entire semester. All other clubs only run quarterly.

[Register Here](#)

EVENTS

Argonauts Winter Sports and Fun Camps

Looking for something fun to do this Winter Break or just need a safe place for your scholar on all those half days?! Come join us for our Winter Camp sessions! We'll have a blast playing all your favorite sports and PE games! Sign up today!

Who: Calling all K-8th grade students (prep students welcome!)

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. Candy canes and cookies will be given at the end of each session!

Where: Archway North Phoenix

When: Session 1 – Dec. 17-19 from 12pm-4pm after the school day (half days)

Session 2– Dec. 29-31 & Jan. 2 (8-3pm)

Session 3 – Jan. 5-9 from 12pm-4pm after the school day (half days)

- Session 1: No spots remaining
- Session 2: Only 15 spots remaining
- Session 3: No spots remaining

Price: Session 1 \$75 (3 half days), Session 2 \$200 (4 full days), Session 3 (5 half days) \$125

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[Register Here](#)

Parents, we currently have an overabundance of items in our Lost and Found. If you have a few minutes before or after school, please stop by the front office, we'll be happy to walk you back to see if any of the missing items belong to your student.



Parent **PSO** Service Organization

Thank You for Making Field Day a Success!

A huge thank you to everyone who donated snacks, volunteered their time, and helped bring Field Day back to life after the rain delay! Our scholars had an amazing time! Your energy, generosity, and support made the event run smoothly-and the kids felt it every step of the way. We're grateful for our incredible ANP community!

My Hot Lunchbox

My Hot Lunchbox-Order Anytime, Anywhere! With My Hot Lunchbox, you can: order easily online or through the mobile app, make changes up until noon the day before, choose from delicious daily vendor options.

Learn more and place your orders: visit [PSO lunch website](#).

Yearbooks – Updated Pricing & Early Order Reminder

Yearbooks are now on sale with updated pricing for 2025! Did you know TreeRing plants a tree for every yearbook sold? Plus, you can customize 2 pages with your scholar's favorite memories - and even donate a yearbook to teachers or the school library! Updated Pricing:

Softcover: \$34 (plus tax) | Hardcover: \$42 (plus tax)

[Order Here](#)

Updated Donation Guidelines

As part of updated school guidelines, we are no longer able to accept cash donations for food or supplies. If you'd like to contribute items, please use Instacart, Amazon, or another direct-purchase option so items can be shipped directly to the school.

If you prefer to sponsor an item or event, please reach out to our Treasurer at: PSOtreasurer@archwaynorthphoenix.org

Meet-Ups

Peter Piper Pizza Meetup on December 19 at 12 PM – 7 PM at the 3rd St & Bell location

Show your school spirit and enjoy a fun meal with family and friends! A portion of all sales supports teacher appreciation.

McDonald's meetup at Tatum & Bell location | 10 AM – 1 PM

Grade-Level Meetups:

K & 1st Grade: Dec 22

4th & 5th Grade: Dec 23

2nd Grade: Dec 29

3rd Grade: Dec 30

Come enjoy some playtime and lunch with your classmates-it's a fun way to celebrate the season while supporting our teachers!

Daddy Daughter Dance – Committees are Forming Now!

Event Date: January 24, 2026

We're forming the Committees now! Join us to help create one of the most memorable and beloved events of the year.

[Pre-Planning Sign-Up](#)

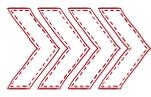
Current Volunteer Opportunities

Your support helps bring our Holiday Market theme to life! Whether you're a returning volunteer or brand-new, we welcome you-no experience needed. Every helping hand and every donated item adds warmth and joy to our staff appreciation efforts.

Volunteer or donate [Here](#)

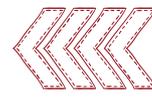
Remember for all volunteering, you must be Raptor verified. Every year if you plan on volunteering on campus for any reason you must complete a raptor application.

[Raptor Link](#)



MORNING DROP-OFF

Student drop-off is 7:40-8:00am



Please follow car line procedure for the safety of all staff and children. Pull into northern most campus entrance, off 32nd street. Traffic will flow all the way around the field and back to north side for drop off & pick-up. Please do not exit your car, faculty will assist those students who need help. Drop-off ends at 8am. **Students should be in their classrooms, seated, and ready to learn by 8am.** If arriving after 8am, parents will escort student into the front office to be signed in late.



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.



Dismissal Times

M, T, TH, F

Archway 3:00PM

Prep 3:30PM

Wednesday

Archway 1:30PM

Prep 1:15PM



New Traffic Map

Archway: Must enter the school by heading south on 32nd street in order to turn right into the school. NO LEFT TURNS will be available.

Prep: Must proceed south on 32nd street past the school to Thunderbird. Make a right onto Thunderbird and then a right onto 31st street. Take 31st street to Hearn Rd. Make a right and enter the school on the left. No stopping on Hearn.

All traffic must make a right when exiting the school.

32ND STREET UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Should you have any questions or concerns please reach out.

We are all in this together.

Let's Make it a Great Year Argonauts!

We want to make you aware that construction is currently taking place and will soon impact the streets directly in front of our school. This work may cause temporary changes to traffic flow, parking, and drop-off/pick-up procedures. Please allow extra time when arriving and leaving campus and use caution when driving near the school to ensure the safety of our students and staff. If alternate routes are available, we encourage you to plan accordingly. We will keep you updated if we receive more information about the construction timeline and any changes that may affect school access.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this time.

Construction Alert:



SOUTHWEST GAS

32nd Street, Cactus Road to Bell Road

Construction is scheduled to start the week of August 25, 2025 and will last approximately 8 months.

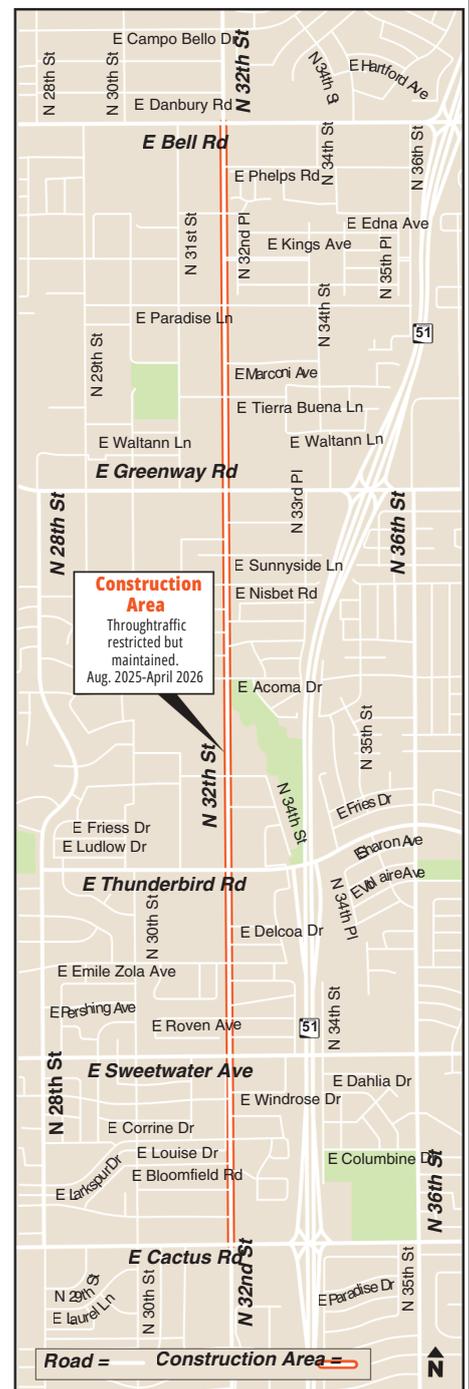
SouthwestGas is working to upgrade infrastructure in your area.

Work will occur Monday – Friday, 6:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- No interruption in natural gas service is anticipated.
- Through traffic will be restricted but maintained. Lane restrictions will vary to accommodate the pipe installation as construction moves from south to north. Please look for signage and personnel guiding traffic around the construction area.
- Weekend work may be required.
- Left hand turns will be restricted as necessary to complete the work.
- Please drive safely through the construction zone, and thank you for your patience and cooperation!

Southwest Gas is committed to providing its customers with safe and reliable natural gas. Periodic infrastructure replacement is a key part of this commitment.

For additional information, call the Construction Hotline at 602-235-2896.



Construction schedules are subject to change for a variety of reasons, including weather and personnel/material availability. Southwest Gas and its contractors recognize the inconvenience of construction and we thank you for your patience and support!

Aviso de Construcción:



32nd Street, Cactus Road hasta Bell Road

Está programado que la construcción empiece la semana del 25 de agosto de 2025 y que dure aproximadamente 8 meses.

Southwest Gas está actualizando la infraestructura de su área. El trabajo tomará lugar de lunes a viernes, desde las 6:00 a.m. hasta las 4:30 p.m.

- No se espera ninguna interrupción de servicio de gas natural.
- Se mantendrá el tráfico de paso pero estará mantenido. Se variarán las restricciones de carril para acomodar la instalación de tubería a medida que la construcción progresa desde el sur hasta el norte. Por favor esté atento a la señalización y al personal que guía el tráfico por la zona de construcción.
- Trabajo de fin de semana puede ser necesario.
- Los giros a la izquierda pueden estar restringidos como sea necesario para terminar el trabajo.
- Por favor, emplee precaución al manejar por la zona de construcción, ¡le agradecemos su paciencia y su cooperación!

Southwest Gas está comprometido a proporcionar gas natural seguro y fiable a sus clientes. El reemplazo periódico de infraestructura es una parte clave de este compromiso.

Para información adicional, llame a la Línea de Información de Construcción al 602-235-2896.



Los programas de construcción están sujetos a cambios por una variedad de razones, incluso el tiempo y la disponibilidad de personal/materiales. Southwest Gas y sus contratistas reconocen la inconveniencia que resulta de la construcción y le agradecemos la paciencia y el apoyo.



SCHOOL GUIDELINES



ATTENDANCE

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

To report an absence please email: attendance@archwaynorthphoenix.org

TARDINESS

Students who arrive after 8am will be considered tardy. **If you arrive past the time the North lobby doors are closed, the parent/guardian must sign the student in at the front office.** 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 a letter home. If the student continues to accumulate tardies, our Dean of Students 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.

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.**

LATE PICK-UP

Please be prompt when picking up your students at dismissal time. Parents are granted a 30-minute window after dismissal. After that, parents will be charged \$1 for every minute each scholar is pick up late.

PLACARD FOR PICK UP

Placards are required every day for every pick up. Parents are responsible to print and provide these to any individuals you have designated to pick up your scholar.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Because teachers need to have their attention on scholars during the school day, it is our policy to give our staff 24 business hours to respond to parent emails/concerns (e.g.: If you email a teacher on Friday afternoon they would have until Monday afternoon to respond). There are times when a staff member is absent, or may have missed an email in their spam folder. If you do not hear back from your scholar's teacher within 24 hours, please contact Mr. Taylor or the front office so we can expedite your concern.

HOMEWORK POLICY

While we believe in the practice of homework at ANP, we want our students to have balance in their home and family life. If it takes your scholar longer than the allotted time (see homework policy for times) to complete their work, contact the teacher via email or written note on the assignment. This will help guide the teacher in planning a lesson to re visit with the class or give your scholar individualized attention for mastery.

FORGOTTEN ITEMS POLICY

For the security of our students and faculty, the office staff cannot continuously leave the front desk to deliver forgotten lunches, water bottles, or homework and interrupt the classroom learning environment. DoorDash, Uber Eats, Grubhub, and similar delivery services are not permitted to deliver for students. Students are not allowed to re-enter the school after they have been picked up to retrieve forgotten books, lunchboxes, homework, etc. **Both of these policies are being put into place for the safety of students and also to increase the virtue of responsibility in our students.**

Grade Level Newsletters



Kindergarten Newsletter

KA Ms. Perez & Ms. Tibke

KB Ms. Prieto & Ms. Manley

KC Ms. Scaggs & Ms. Watkins

KD Ms. Sneed & Ms. Ostash

First Grade Newsletter

1A Ms. Mikesell & Ms. Spencer

1B Ms. Layton & Ms. Mayhew

1C Ms. Walchli Leonard & Ms. Leahy

1D Ms. Refermat & Ms. Hernandez

Second Grade Newsletter

2A Ms. Herrier & Ms. Rainaldi

2B Ms. Alexander & Ms. Molina

2C Ms. Gianforte & Ms. Mikesell

2D Ms. Gregg & Ms. Pavlik

Third Grade Newsletter

3A Ms. Toscas & Ms. Forsyth

3B Ms. Nash & Mr. Messana

3C Ms. Daab & Ms. Allan

3D Ms. O'Neal & Mr. MacDonald

Fourth Grade Newsletter

4A Ms. Jones & Ms. Lund

4B Ms. Johnson & Ms. Gardner

4C Ms. Robb & Mr. Ohre

4D Ms. Nelson & Ms. GiGi

Fifth Grade Newsletter

5A Mr. Finnson & Mr. Mayhew

5B Mr. Seeliger & Ms. Randle

5C Ms. Herman & Mr. Maloney

5D Ms. Knopf & Ms. Higgins