

ARCHWAY NORTH PHOENIX

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY



NEWSLETTER

August 21, 2026



Parent Back to School Night

This is a parent/guardian only event, so please make arrangements for your scholar while you come to campus to participate. Parent Night is a great time to really get to know & connect with your teacher. It's a chance to hear about classroom expectations, talk about curriculum, and even meet with the specials teachers. There will be two identical sessions. You may choose which one to attend or if you have multiple archway students, choose one child's classroom for the first and another child's classroom for the second.

First Session: Doors open at 4:30PM, presentations start at 4:45PM. Dismissal from first session at 5:45

***Specials presentation start at 5:30. This is the only specials presentation so if you plan to attend second session and want to see the specials please arrive by 5:30.**

Second Session: Presentations start at 6PM.
Event ends at 6:45PM



PSO will be hosting a used uniform and spirit wear sale at the event!



2026 - 2027 School Year

Doors Open: 7:40AM

No Supervision prior to 7:40AM

Class Starts: 8:00AM

Dismissal

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 3:00PM

Every Wednesday - Early Release: 1:30PM

Half Day: 12:00PM

Important Dates

Family Calendar 2026-27 School Year

Aug 27th
Back to School
Night

Aug 28th
Spirit Day
Wear your spirit
shirts

Sept 7
School Closed
Labor Day

Sept 23
Half Day -
Noon Dismissal

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

Join us on Social Media!

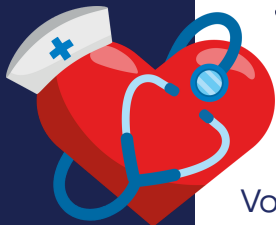


Academy Giving

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.



Don't Forget to Check This Box!

As you are getting all your back-to-school checklists completed, don't forget to check one more box by making your family contribution!

Your gift at any level makes a meaningful difference for our students and school community.

Click here to make your family gift to Community Investment and your dollar - for - dollar Arizona Public School Tax Credit today!



Health Office Volunteers & Donations Needed

Hearing & Vision 2026

Volunteers needed to support hearing & vision screening. With guidance and supervision from the school nurse, parent volunteers will help conduct the screenings and assist with escorting students. No prior experience is necessary - training will be provided on site!

We love having an army of volunteers to help us get through our hundreds of evaluations. No medical experience required!

Please sign up [HERE](#)

***Remember to complete your raptor clearance in advance. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out via email.**

Npiccolo@archwaynorthphoenix.org



Health Office Donation Request





All Families Please Complete Your ESEA Form Today!



Help our School & Students!



Why it Matters:



Ensures our school receives critical federal funding



Supports programs like tutoring, technology, & more

Who Should Fill it Out?



ALL FAMILIES enrolled in our Academy



Complete a form for **EVERY STUDENT**

How to Complete:



Parent Portal:

greathearts.schoolaxis.com



Need Help?



Call the Front Office at 602-996-4355

****Each student that has a completed form will be entered into a drawing to have lunch with our Headmaster, Mr. Taylor. We will draw a winner from each grade level. Due date: 8/28.**

DON'T FORGET

Classroom Workbooks & Field Trips

If you haven't had the chance to take care of your students consumable fee, please follow this [LINK](#). This pays for the workbooks your scholar will write and mark in class and also includes the field trip & enrichment fee. This provides each student an opportunity to attend two field trips per school year. Trips vary every year and have included the Science Museum, Phoenix Zoo, Desert Botanical Garden and the Musical Instrument Museum. We also bring enrichment programs to campus. Examples include Hampstead Stage Company, the Herpetological Society and "George Washington".

Q1 Club Offerings

After-school clubs benefit everyone - kids, teachers, parents, and the school. They're fun, engaging ways for students to dive deeper into activities they only get a taste of during the school day. Plus, they offer affordable childcare for later pickups.

[Click Here to see Clubs still available](#)

Don't miss Argonauts School Break Camps: Fall, Winter, and Spring camps are open for registration.

Questions? dwaugh@archwaynorthphoenix.org

Family Placard for Dismissal

If you still need to print your family placard for dismissal, please follow these directions:

1. Go to the enrollment portal at greathearts.schoolaxis.com and log in to your account. This is the same account you use to enroll/re-enroll every year.
2. Scroll down to bottom of home page that shows up immediately when you log in.
3. In the "Pick-up Placards" box it will have "Archway North Phoenix."
4. Click on it and it will open a new tab with your document
5. Print right from that screen. **Every person picking up your student will need a copy of this placard.** You may also save it to your computer and share the document digitally for those of you using our walk-up gate. **QR Codes can be presented on your phone at walk-up gate only.**

Please print your QR code for drive line pick up! This helps make checking out students so much faster for our teachers coming by with the scanners and then once again closer to the door to help match kids to cars! We recommend laminating them or using page protectors to keep them nice all year long.

KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES

For Kinder Families: Follow this [link](#) to set up payment if you have a Full Day Kindergarten student. The monthly payment option will charge you for August upon checkout. Recurring payments of \$299 will be automatically charged to your account on the first of each month, beginning September 1st. Your student will move to half-day if tuition is not received by August 21st.

**** If you want to make any adjustments to your child attending ½ day or full day Kindergarten, please reach out to our Office Manager, Ms. Dunn at kdunn@archwaynorthphoenix.org**

Please ensure we have your correct contact information - If you are not getting email communications please reach out to your teacher and our Front Office Staff, at attendance@archwaynorthphoenix.org. Staff emails are on our website under faculty and staff.

Middle School Cross Country team is still looking for 5th graders to join!

Practices are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6-7:15AM with meets starting in September! All student-athletes must complete their registration before participating in tryouts, practices, or competitions.

[Register Here](#)

A recent sports physical (03/01/2026 or sooner) must be uploaded as well as all other documents. **If you are in Middle School - tip on how to bypass the 9th-12th section (it does not apply to your athletes). Please write N/A on a paper and upload as a JPEG.**

Sports Fee is paid on [Configio](#)

Please note: Arbiter is our new registration platform. Be sure to review each step carefully so everything is uploaded and completed properly before tryouts or practices begin.

Please reach out to Coach Megan at mojhNSTON@northphoenixprep.org with any questions.



What Families Need to Complete

REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

Gladiators
NORTH PHOENIX PREP

ALL ATHLETES MUST COMPLETE:

- ✓ | Arbiter Sports Registration
- ✓ | Valid AIA Physical
- ✓ | AIA Consent to Treat Form
- ✓ | North Phoenix Prep Athletic Handbook Acknowledgement
- ✓ | Participation Fee Payment
- ✓ | Player/Parent Agreement, if applicable

 **PAYMENT PORTAL:**
North Phoenix Prep Configio
2026 Fall Sports

Uniform Reminder for the 2026-27 School Year

At Great Hearts schools, the student uniform is an essential part of who we are and what we do. The uniform serves to unify our students as one community of learners, irrespective of our diverse backgrounds. The uniform also signifies to the larger community our common purpose and identity as schools in pursuit of the true, the good and the beautiful. As you begin shopping for your scholar's uniforms for the upcoming school year, we kindly ask that you review the uniform guidelines outlined in the [ANP Family Handbook](#). Throughout this past year, we noticed a number of uniform compliance concerns, including socks that did not meet dress code requirements, shoes that were not entirely black or entirely white, and jewelry that exceeded the permitted limits. **To ensure consistency and uphold our school standards, uniform compliance will be a point of emphasis this fall.**

Please note the following expectations:

- **Shoes must be all black or all white.**
- **Socks must comply with the uniform guidelines.**
- **Scholars may wear one bracelet, one pair of small earrings, and one simple watch.**
- **Smart watches are not permitted.**
- **Hair accessories are limited to the school's approved colors: white, navy blue, black, light blue, or maroon.**
- **Backpacks, lunch boxes, and water bottles should not display pop culture characters, themes, or images.**
- **Toys, keychains, or other decorative items should not be attached to backpacks.**

Great Hearts partners with [Lands' End](#) for uniform purchases; however, families are welcome to purchase uniform items from other retailers. If purchasing from another vendor, please ensure that all items – including jumpers, skirts, pants, and shorts – closely match the style and appearance of the approved Lands' End uniform pieces.

Thank you for your partnership and support in helping our scholars present themselves with pride and professionalism each day.

Truly,

Ms. Lee Raper | Assistant Headmaster



Just a reminder to not park in the numbered parking spots in the northwest corner of the parking lot during school hours. **These are paid student parking spots!**



Parent Service Organization

Changes to PSO Fundraising!

You asked and we heard! We know that requesting donations for grade level potlucks on top of already full plates can be overwhelming. In lieu of potlucks, the PSO is putting more emphasis on raising funds to cater lunches for our amazing staff. Here's where you come in:

Starting August 28th, we are presenting an exciting change to the last Friday of the month. For just \$1, your scholar can come to school wearing crazy socks (no pop culture, please)! Simply send your scholar to school with \$1 and the teachers will collect the money at the beginning of the day. All proceeds will be used to fund luncheons.

Additionally, we are asking families to consider attending school dine-outs. This is a win/win - your family gets fed without meal prep and dishes and the PSO gets a percentage back to fund luncheons!

Upcoming Dine-Out

Our first dine-out of the year will be at Habit Burger at 40th St and Bell Rd on Wednesday, September 23rd from 4:00-9:00pm. Use code GIVEBACK when placing your order at the in-restaurant kiosk or present your flyer to the cashier upon ordering and Habit Burger will donate 20% of net sales to the PSO.

New Hot Lunch Program

We're excited to announce that Dishes2U is our new hot lunch vendor! There are many benefits to this new program - greater food variety, cheaper options, and the ability to place an order up to 11am the day before delivery.

[Getting Started Here](#)

Questions? Reach out to the PSO at anppso.org@gmail.com.

Volunteer Opportunities On AND Off Campus

- Do you have Wednesday schedule availability? We are looking for volunteers to help pass out hot lunches on Wednesdays or provide our staff with snacks. Email the pso at info@anppso.org
- We are looking for several people with a Cricut or other Smart cutting machine to help make the hearts for the staff trees. We will provide the instructions, template, and the paper. [Sign Up Here](#)
- Consider donating food items to our forgotten lunch program. [Sign Up Here](#)

Save the Date for our Family Bingo Night

The PSO is hosting a family bingo game night in the MPR Saturday, **September 19th from 5:30-7:30PM!** There will be dinner, prizes for bingo winners and raffle give aways! The cost per family is \$20.

Field Day Sponsorship opportunity

Is your business interested in being a field day shirt sponsor? The cost of the sponsorship is \$450. Email info@anppso.org and get your business seen while supporting our school!

Any questions for our PSO team can go to: info@anppso.org

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](#)

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!



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.

DISMISSAL

Please be sure to have QR Code with students name clearly displayed

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

■ Archway

Wednesday

Archway 1:30PM

Prep 1:15PM

■ Prep



SEE MAP BELOW



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

If you are bringing furry friends with you at drop off and pick-up, please have your pets secured in the car to prevent from jumping out and keeping our staff, scholars, and volunteers safe.

Please follow the rules and be patient - Especially the first two weeks of school, drop-off and pick up will take a long time while everyone learns and before all the after school clubs start. Please do not try to cheat the system and drop off at random curbs and in the neighborhood. Trust the process and follow directions.

Should you have any questions or concerns please reach out.

We are all in this together.

Let's Make it a Great Year Argonauts!



Drop Off / Pick Up 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: 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.



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 with QR Code are required every day for every pick up. Parents are responsible to print this from their parent portal 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. Bechard

KB Ms. Prieto & Ms. Salman

KC Ms. Valenzuela & Ms. Mikesell

KD Ms. Sneed & Ms. Dugger

First Grade Newsletter

1A Ms. Mikesell & Ms. Ester

1B Ms. Layton & Ms. Mayhew

1C Ms. Leahy & Ms. Lund

1D Ms. Refermat & Ms. Derheim

Second Grade Newsletter

2A Ms. Herrier & Ms. Ostash

2B Ms. Alexander & Ms. Molina

2C Ms. Gianforte & Mr. Colucci

2D Ms. Gregg & Ms. Pavlik

Third Grade Newsletter

3A Ms. O'Neal & Mr. Ohre

3B Nash & Ms. Forsyth

3C Ms. Daab & Mr. Messana

3D Ms. Robbins & Mr. MacDonald

Fourth Grade Newsletter

4A Ms. Jones & Ms. Tibke

4B Mr. Mayhew & Ms. Villatoro

4C Ms. Johnson & Ms. Gardner

4D Ms. Nelson & Ms. GiGi

Fifth Grade Newsletter

5A Ms. Robb & Ms. Mills

5B Mr. Seeliger & Ms. Allan

5C Ms. Fayyad & Ms. Hall

5D Ms. Knopf & Ms. Higgins