

Archway Veritas
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A Great Hearts Academy

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Headmaster Newsletter

Dear Friends,

Archway Faculty and Staff are eager to welcome our families back to school this week. This is our 11th year as a community of learners; we missed the 10-year anniversary last year. This year, with the hope of a “normal” school year on the horizon, it is important to harken back to two foundational documents with faculty and staff: *Six Loves of Great Hearts* and our *Philosophical Pillars*.

The opening paragraph of *Six Loves* explores why Great Hearts exist. I include it below...

Why Great Hearts Exists:

To educate for the life-long pursuit of truth, goodness, and beauty

This organization first and foremost educates children-that is our primary task. And the type of learner we strive to cultivate is essentially Socratic-the learner who, in awe of the cosmos and with a sense of passion and mission, strives continuously to know what is true, to know and practice what is good, and to love what is beautiful.

This kind of passionate, dynamic, continuously active Socratic learning can only be fostered by those who themselves practice it. The spirit of Socratic learning must permeate the entire organization and flow outwards from it. Thus, the Great Hearts mission is not ONLY to educate children: we seek to educate our teachers and all our employees, the parents of the children entrusted to us, and the general public as well.

Please join me this year in pursuing truth, practicing what is good and loving beauty. Through school events, Headmaster coffees and bi-weekly Headmaster newsletters I will share reflections on the Six Loves.

Each Headmaster Newsletter will consist of important information, deadlines, upcoming events, and much more. Please be sure to read each newsletter thoroughly.

We do our best to keep our [Facebook](#) & Instagram pages up to date with all our school events - don't forget to check them out.

I look forward to our partnership.

Yours,



Dr. Jeffries

School Dates to Note

- August 2nd: Back to School Bounce Social
- August 3rd: Back to School Night; 5:00-7:00pm
- August 5th: First Day of School | Welcome Back to School Mixer
- August 10th: Sweet Treat Tuesday - Lulus Sorbetto
- August 17th: 3rd - 5th Grade Curriculum Night; 5:30-7:00pm
- August 18th: K - 2nd Grade Curriculum Night; 5:30-7:00pm | Dine-Out at Chipotle
- August 19th: Student Portraits
- August 24th: Sweet Treat Tuesday - Lulus Sorbetto

Attention ALL Archway Families

Bounce back to the school routine with our "Back to School Bounce Around Social"

Where: The Rush Fun Park - 3865 E. Thomas Rd., Phoenix 85018

When: Monday, August 2nd, 5:30-8:00pm

Cost: \$15.00 with a portion going back to Veritas Archway!

Don't forget to mention Archway Veritas at check-in



Back to School Night

Tuesday, August 3rd, 5:00-7:00pm

AVPSO sales will be open at 4:30pm

All families should plan on attending this event.

Students will meet their homeroom teacher, find their desks, and receive their textbooks. Parents will have an opportunity to learn about social events and community building, sign up to volunteer, order yearbooks, and purchase used uniforms and spirit wear through the AVPSO (Archway Veritas Parent Service Organization).

Please allot one hour for the event, it's an exciting start to the school year!

[Yum Rockets AZ](#) & [Lulu's Sorbetto](#) will be on campus for you and the family to enjoy the evening.



**Thursday, AUGUST 5th at 8:30am until 10:30am
at HASH KITCHEN – Arcadia
(4355 E. Indian School Rd, Phoenix AZ)**

It's that time of year again! The first day of school has arrived. After drop-off why not wipe away those tears... of joy and join your fellow parents at Hash Kitchen?

The Dads' Club would like to invite all Archway parents to our annual

**"BACK TO SCHOOL, Post Drop Off, Breakfast Mixer"
at HASH KITCHEN**



It's been a long summer and you deserve a break! So, drop-off the kiddos and come reconnect with your fellow Archway parents or meet some new ones over breakfast, coffee or even a Bloody Mary (no judging).

When: Thursday, August 5th at 8:30am until 10:30am

Where: Hash Kitchen – Arcadia (4355 E. Indian School Rd, Phoenix AZ 85018)

Help us get a head count. If you know you can make it then RSVP to: dadsclub@archwayveritasparents.org
If you realized after that first day drop-off that you do deserve to come, well then just show up.



First Days of School

On August 5th & 6th, guardians of K-5th grade students may walk their child to their classroom if they wish.

August 9th - 13th, guardians of Kindergarten students who wish to walk their child to his/her classroom will have the opportunity to do so. First - Fifth grade families will no longer be able to walk their child to their classroom.

Beginning on Monday, August 16th, guardians will no longer be able to walk their children into school.

A Hearty Welcome to our New Faculty

Join us in welcoming our new faculty!
Check out a brief introduction by following the link [HERE](#).

Meet the Administration Team



(left to right)

Mrs. Lauren Grudem, Dean of Instruction | Mrs. Ami Hosack, Director of Operations |
Mrs. Mary O'Connor, Office Assistant | Dr. Mary Frances Jeffries, Headmaster |
Miss Moira Hyde, Dean of Students | Ms. Pat Del Duca, Office Manager |
Mrs. Megan Opitz, Assistant Headmaster

Tardy & Absences: Updated Policy

Students who are late to school will need to be walked in by a guardian and signed in to receive a tardy pass. Students are no longer authorized to walk into the building unaccompanied after school has started. Families who fail to do so will be called to return to school to sign their child in.

If your child is going to be absent please call the school, 602-489-7341. You are welcome to email the teacher to advise them of their absence, please include the attendance email as well so we can enter it into the State Compliance System, attendance@archwayveirtas.org and/or Mrs. O'Connor, moconnor@archwayveritas.org.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS. ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

Drop-Off & Pick-Up: Updated Procedures

We've all eagerly been counting down the days, and now that most wonderful time of the year has almost arrived! We are excited to see all those smiling faces on Thursday, August 5th! Students should be in their seats at 8:15am. Doors will open at 7:45am on the first day since many of us enjoy walking our students to their classrooms. Doors will open at 8:00am each day following the first day. Please use caution when driving through the designated drop-off/pick-up areas, especially in the first few weeks of school, both during morning drop off and afternoon pick up. Everyone is excited to get back into those pick-up lines but please be considerate of pedestrians and pick up helpers.

Drop Off: 7:45am is the earliest drop-off time for students. Please make sure your children are left at school no earlier than 7:45am. Faculty supervision will be available to *all* students on the playground beginning at 7:45am.

Pick Up: Whoever said the world is all chaos clearly had never witnessed the Archway Veritas parking lot in action. It is a bumper-to-bumper-into-bumper efficiency. Although the first few weeks may be more chaotic as we all resume our routines, please know that this too shall pass. Don't forget to use your family car placard when picking up. The car placards assist our faculty pick up helpers to safely and quickly get students into the family car. Students are dismissed at 1:30pm on Wednesdays, 12:00pm on Half-Days and 3:15pm on regular school days, please arrive no earlier than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled dismissal times.

Click [HERE](#) to print a walking waiver

Click [HERE](#) to print the sibling pick-up waiver

For your child's safety...

Each Family will need to print out a *CURB* Pick-Up Placard to pick-up their child. Go to the enrollment portal, greathearts.schoolaxis.com and log in to your account. Please see image below.

If you do not have a placard you will be required to **PARK** and present your driver's license to Mrs. O'Connor in the front office in order to pick up your child.

The screenshot shows a web interface with a grey background. At the top, the heading "In Person Enrollment" is displayed in bold black text. Below it, a paragraph of text reads: "To submit a new application for the 2021-22 school year OR apply for the current school year, select the blue 'My Applications' button below." A blue button with the text "My Applications" is centered below the text. Further down, a section titled "PICKUP PLACARDS" is shown in a light grey box. Below this, a light blue box contains the text: "CURB Pick-up Placards. Please click on your eligible school below." At the bottom of this section is a blue button with a white download icon and the text "Archway Veritas".

Below is a sample placard.



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Opitz, Megan



Sibling Drop-Off & Pick-Up

ACV students with a VPA sibling or VPA carpool can participate in our sibling drop off and pickup. Drop off will begin at 7:30am. No drop off prior to 7:30am.

This will only be available for ACV students with VPA siblings or VPA carpools

VPA/ACV Sibling Drop Off: ACV siblings of VPA students will be dropped off with the VPA student on the south drive outside the Prep courtyard and gymnasium (south entrance). Here, ACV students will be escorted to the ACV cafeteria and wait until 7:45am. At that time, these students will be able to go to the playground.

VPA/ACV Sibling Pickup: ACV and VPA have coordinated together to have siblings released as close as possible. ACV students will be released at 3:10 on full days and prep dismissal on early release days. ACV and VPA students will meet in the gymnasium and exit through the south gymnasium doors. Either a parent can pick up through the South VPA lane, or the students can walk to the older student's car.

Students will be given clear expectations during this service. Students who do not follow the expectations will no longer be able to take part of this service and will need to be dropped off and picked up at ACV's designated times.

Student Portraits

Pre-Order a portrait package online easily and securely. Grads Photography will be at Archway Veritas on August 19 photographing students for Fall Pictures. For your convenience, you may PRE-ORDER your pictures by [CLICKING HERE](#). Please remember to be prepared to have a picture taken on picture day. If you have any questions, please call Grads Photography at 623.580.4723.



Clubs

We have a full schedule for clubs. Please follow the link [HERE](#) to see the clubs available for each day, Monday through Thursday. Afterschool clubs are not offered on Fridays. You can view (and plan) your child's afterschool activities beginning today.

Clubs will open for registration on August 4th. Registration will close on August 11th. Clubs fill up quickly - be sure to reserve your spots. Clubs begin the week of August 16th.



Curriculum Night

Parents are encouraged to attend Archway Veritas' Curriculum Night! Walk the halls, meet the teachers and learn about your child's school day. Each teacher will lead parents through a short lesson.

The evening will begin in the Lund Center at 5:30pm.

AVPSO

A huge shout out to the Archway Veritas Parent Service Organization (AVPSO) for their continued support and everything they do to make Archway Veritas a special place.

Want to make a difference? We have many volunteer opportunities! Volunteer opportunities can be found by following the link [HERE](#).

All volunteers must register in Raptor to volunteer. Please follow the link [HERE](#) to be redirected.

Looking to become more involved in the 2021-2022 school year? Homeroom Parents.

Reasons to become a Homeroom Parent? Read these valuable [key points](#).

School Lunch Program

Registration **OPEN!** Follow the link [HERE](#).

If you wish to order your child a lunch for Thursday, August 5th & Friday, August 6th, you will need to place your order by noon on Wednesday, August 4th.

Moving forward, all orders will need to be placed by noon the Sunday before the upcoming week.

The hot lunch program relies on AVPSO volunteers to distribute food to students every day. You can register and order lunch for your kid(s) at [HTTPS://LUNCHLADY.BOONLI.COM](https://LUNCHLADY.BOONLI.COM).

You will use the code: **patriots1**. If you are able to share an hour or two, please consider volunteering for this duty.

Community Courtesy

When teachers, students, staff and parents follow arrival/dismissal expectations, we all work together to keep everyone safe. School parking lots can be incredibly busy places in the morning when children arrive and in the afternoon during dismissal. Safety is a primary concern of the school staff, but it requires everyone's participation. Please model the virtues

of patience and charity when entering and exiting the parking lot. **There is no more immediate way to show we are a true community**, and the stakes are high.

Here are some safety tips for safe arrival and dismissal:

- Stay in designated pick up areas as directed by school personnel.
- Yield to pedestrians, crossing guards, and buses, and be aware that children who are walking/riding bikes may not look both ways before venturing in or across a roadway.
- **For those walking or riding** themselves to campus, please remind them to stay on designated pedestrian/bike routes, look both ways, and cross only at designated areas (do not walk/ride in between cars). Wait for crossing guards, and walk bikes, skateboards, etc., across school driveways.
- Put your phone down and keep your eyes forward.
- Speed on school campus is to be kept at or below 10 mph and drivers must operate their vehicles with due care and caution at all times.
- Be sure to drive the proper direction through parking lots and nearby streets.
- When waiting for students to be released, pull all the way forward on the curb to allow other cars ample room and minimize driving around.
- Make sure your child is fully buckled in before pulling away.

Most important, parents should be patient, respectful, and courteous to other drivers while they pick their students up from school as well as the faculty and staff who are keeping students safe while on duty in the parking lots. Anger and frustration can lead to careless, unsafe behavior, and being a positive role model can help students learn safe procedures.

*There are so many great reasons to ride your bike: It offers fun, freedom and exercise, and it's good for the environment. Please be safe and remember to ensure your child is **wearing their helmet** when riding their bike.

Text Notifications

Take advantage of our Text Messaging Service.

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information regarding emergencies, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of “Y” or “Yes” to our school’s short code number, **67587**.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our

messages with “Stop”.

You must "opt-in" in each year in order to stay in the system

Volunteer

Each year, volunteers will need to complete the Raptor process. If you would like to be approved to volunteer for next school year, please [follow the link here](#). The process should only take 10 minutes to fill out the information and you will receive an answer from the Raptor system within 48 hours. The cost is \$5.00. All volunteers must be approved through this process, no exceptions. Please note, when selecting the school it will not separate the Archway and Prep. The system will approve you for both schools. You can choose multiple campuses if that applies to your family. If you have any questions or concerns you can reach out to John Lund, Great Hearts Safety Manager at jlund@greatheartsaz.org.

Great Hearts COVID-19 Mitigation Plan

Great Hearts has updated the Covid Mitigation Plan for the 2021-2022 school year. Please follow the link [HERE](#) to be redirected to the PDF.

GreatHearts Arizona Teacher Excellence Fund TELETHON

BENEFITING GREAT HEARTS ARIZONA TEACHERS



As Great Heart parents , you know we recognize that the success of our schools truly lies in the passion, talent, and dedication of our teachers. The Teacher Excellence Fund recognizes, rewards, and retains excellent teachers in the classroom through merit-based bonus compensation every December. Teacher Excellence Fund awards/bonuses are distributed at the Headmasters discretion. Distribution is tied to performance, based on excellence in the classroom and overall commitment to our core purpose of serving students.

Have questions? Please contact Kelli Grove at grovekelli5@gmail.com (Telethon Committee Member) for more information.

You can donate by following the link [HERE](#).

More information available on Back to School Night.



Archway Veritas Parent Service Organization (AVPSO)

The Archway Veritas Parent Service Organization (AVPSO) invites you to join our family directory. The AVPSO uses this list to send bi-weekly email updates about events, volunteer opportunities, and more.

[Please click here to update or activate your account.](#)

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1. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/>
2. Select your charitable organization (**Archway Veritas**)
3. Bookmark <https://smile.amazon.com/>

*Hint: It works best on your desktop

Quick Links:

[Family Handbook](#) | [Family Resources](#) | [Amazon Smile](#) | [Archway Veritas Board Meeting](#) | [Phonogram Videos](#)

School Hours: 8:15-3:15 (M,Tu,Th,F) | 8:15-1:30 (W) | 8:15-12:00 (Half-Days)

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Website: [Archway Veritas](#)

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