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| **Archway Veritas** |
| January  30, 2022 |
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| |  | | --- | | **School Dates to Note**   * January 29th: [Great Hearts Career Fair](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/D_TDnCdVJHcF7-w59uEaAQ~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRj1-moP0QuaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ3JlYXRoZWFydHNhbWVyaWNhLm9yZy9jYXJlZXJmYWlyL1cHc2Nob29sbUIKYfUotvZhrX450VIaYWhvc2Fja0BhcmNod2F5dmVyaXRhcy5vcmdYBAAAAAE~); Location: Archway North Phoenix * February 4th: Half-Day | Food Truck Friday - [Bonzai Boys](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/db7XIBQF079Be4-kSZKB8Q~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRj1-moP0QbaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuYm9uemFpYm95ei5jb20vVwdzY2hvb2xtQgph9Si29mGtfjnRUhphaG9zYWNrQGFyY2h3YXl2ZXJpdGFzLm9yZ1gEAAAAAQ~~) * February 10th: Class Photos/5th Grade Panoramic Picture * February 11th: Athletic Field Day   **Semester 2 Reminders** **Drop Off:** 7:45am is the earliest drop-off time for students.  **Pick Up:** 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.  **\*Please obey ALL traffic laws\*** No parking on the west side of 54th street Do not turn right into the main driveway from the middle lane off of 56th street Do not turn left when exiting the campus during drop off and pick up onto 56th street **\*Community Courtesy\*** Do not block driveways of homes in the neighborhood Be sure to drive the proper direction through parking lots and nearby streets  **Class Photos & 5th Grade Panoramic Day** **Thursday, February 10th**  For your convenience ***Grads Photography*** has an online ordering process which allows you to place your picture day order online prior to picture day.   Click Here: [**PRE-ORDER Archway Veritas Class Groups 2022**](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/BY6MT_2LYq9DFjVJBMwWcA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRj1-moP0QnaHR0cHM6Ly92YW5kby5pbWFnZXF1aXguY29tL2cxMDAwOTEyNTU2VwdzY2hvb2xtQgph9Si29mGtfjnRUhphaG9zYWNrQGFyY2h3YXl2ZXJpdGFzLm9yZ1gEAAAAAQ~~)  \***There will be no re-takes for class picture day**\*  **Athletic Field Day** Our 11th annual Athletic Field Day will be held on Friday, February 11th. We welcome all parents to come and cheer on their child's class/grade level as they compete against fellow grade levels.   * 1st session: Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grade; 8:30 - 11:00am * 2nd session: 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade; 12:00 - 3:00pm   All students should bring a water bottle for field day.  There will be no hot lunch on Field Day. Below are the team names and colors for field day.  KA/3A: Athens & Dark Blue KB/3B: Crete & Light Blue KC/3C: Syracuse & Red KD/3D: Delphi & Neon Green 1A/4A: Sparta & Black 1B/4B: Corinth & Green 1C/4C: Argos & Purple 1D/4D: Olympia & Aqua 2A/5A: Macedonia & Orange 2B/5B: Thebes & Yellow 2C/5C: Arcadia & White 2D/5D: Megara & Pink  **Dress Code:** Children may come to school in athletic clothes: ***ALL* clothing should be free of pop culture. Brand name clothing is acceptable (Nike, Adidas, Reebok, etc.)** Any Veritas spirit wear, Greek city-state standard logo, or solid color t-shirts matching **class colors**   * Athletic shorts or pants   + Length of shorts: Must reach tip of fingertips of the student’s index finger along the thigh while standing OR mid-thigh – whichever is longer   + NO SHORT SHORTS, SPANDEX, OR DENIM JEANS   + NO cheer skirts or tennis skirts * Running shoes * Any colored long or short socks * Sunscreen & hats are suggested   \*\*Please refrain from purchasing or collecting money to purchase athletic wear for your child’s classroom  **Academy Giving** We are SO grateful for this AMAZING Archway Veritas community! We have received 66% of the funds we need for Community Investment this school year. And, when we add in future scheduled monthly contributions, we expect to reach 93% of our goal! Thank you!  Getting your tax documents together? If you currently pay income tax in the State of Arizona, you can re-direct where a portion of those dollars go by contributing to the Archway Veritas Tax Credit campaign. When you give your Public-School Tax Credit to Archway Veritas, you get a dollar-for-dollar credit on your AZ state income tax bill. Married filers can designate up to $400 and single filers can designate up to $200. You can make a contribution to this important campaign until April 15, 2022, and use it on your 2021 tax return.  Your support is needed and APPRECIATED! Click here ([https://archwayveritas.configio.com/moneyrequest?id=5](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/0FtAJUsa0xa1lC_jPHeHLA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRj1-moP0Q1aHR0cHM6Ly9hcmNod2F5dmVyaXRhcy5jb25maWdpby5jb20vbW9uZXlyZXF1ZXN0P2lkPTVXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmH1KLb2Ya1-OdFSGmFob3NhY2tAYXJjaHdheXZlcml0YXMub3JnWAQAAAAB)) to donate today!  Please contact our Academy Giving Manager, Teresa Hennessee, at [thennessee@archwayveritas.org](mailto:thennessee@archwayveritas.org), with any questions.  Thank you for your partnership!    Please visit the auction website for Event Tickets, Raffle Tickets, Sponsorship Opportunities & More. [Click Here](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/kttGGS7PAs-lWgczzbocBg~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRj1-moP0QfaHR0cHM6Ly9hZXNhei5jby9FTFAvVkFVQ1RJT04yMlcHc2Nob29sbUIKYfUotvZhrX450VIaYWhvc2Fja0BhcmNod2F5dmVyaXRhcy5vcmdYBAAAAAE~)  [Click Here for Sponsorships, Hosted Parties and Donation Request Forms](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/wQuZm49O1_NjT1jc1DLXjw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRj1--OdFSGmFob3NhY2tAYXJjaHdheXZlcml0YXMub3JnWAQAAAAB)  Any questions, please email [veritasauctionaz@gmail.com](mailto:veritasauctionaz@gmail.com)  **Message from the Health Office** As our partner in helping keep classrooms healthy, it is imperative that you keep your students home if they are showing symptoms of being ill. This includes fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, nausea or vomiting and diarrhea.  **As always,** students **MUST** stay home when they are sick.  **If your child comes to school sick, *they will be sent home*.** **Our aim is to provide a safe campus for everyone.**  If your child has cold or flu symptoms, please **do not give Tylenol or Motrin to cover the fever** and send them to school. As soon as the medicine wears off, the fever will return and you will have exposed your child’s classmates and teachers to your child’s illness. Also, when your child has fever, he/she is even more at risk for other illnesses/ viral infections. There are many reasons why it is best to keep a sick child at home.  **Flu** symptoms include fever, chills, cough, sore throat, headache, and muscle aches. You must contact the doctor with these symptoms. If you are unsure about the symptoms, contact your doctor early.  **Cold** symptoms include stuffy nose, sneezing, sore throat, and hacking cough. Colds often come on gradually, and are usually not serious. However, symptoms can become severe and you may need to keep your child at home to get rest and plenty of fluids to prevent worsening of symptoms.  Again, if your child has a fever (100 degrees or more) he/she should stay at home until fever free for at least 24 hours. If your child does develop a fever along with cold symptoms, you will want to contact the child’s doctor. | |  | |
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