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| **Archway Veritas** |
| December 12, 2021 |
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| |  | | --- | | **School Dates to Note**   * December 15th - 17th: Half-Day Dismissal - 12:00pm * December 17th: Food Truck Friday; [Dough Riders](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/e4DBZnxGMwldWxeID6mokQ~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRjl1AfP0QYaHR0cHM6Ly9kb3VnaHJpZGVycy5jb20vVwdzY2hvb2xtQgphsp8ctmEY65OlUhphaG9zYWNrQGFyY2h3YXl2ZXJpdGFzLm9yZ1gEAAAAAQ~~) * December 20th - January 4th: Winter Break - No School * January 5th: School Resumes   giving tuesday  Because of you, Archway Veritas raised the most out of **ALL** 21 Great Hearts Schools on Giving Tuesday!  The #GivingTuesday campaign brought in over $35,000 for Community Investment! We are now at 39% participation and 87% to our goal. (including pledges that have not been fulfilled) Our Archway Veritas Community showed up in an amazing way for #GivingTuesday, and I cannot thank you enough!  You can make a gift today by [clicking here](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/GwSIUrMuQx9jkSJHiTYYRw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRjl1AfP0TnaHR0cDovL3RyYWNrLnNwZS5zY2hvb2xtZXNzZW5nZXIuY29tL2YvYS9VbTE0NGdJMWw5RTBKa0pmVFdWMzF3fn4vQUFBQUFRQX4vUmdSalhfRWNQMFExYUhSMGNITTZMeTloY21Ob2QyRjVkbVZ5YVhSaGN5NWpiMjVtYVdkcGJ5NWpiMjB2Ylc5dVpYbHlaWEYxWlhOMFAybGtQVEpYQjNOamFHOXZiRzFDQ21GOG5MMS1ZVGJGYjBsU0dtRm9iM05oWTJ0QVlYSmphSGRoZVhabGNtbDBZWE11YjNKbldBUUFBQUFCVwdzY2hvb2xtQgphsp8ctmEY65OlUhphaG9zYWNrQGFyY2h3YXl2ZXJpdGFzLm9yZ1gEAAAAAQ~~) or by contacting Teresa Hennessee in the Academy Giving Office at (602) 489-7341 x. 206318.  **Semester 2 Clubs**  Semester 2 Club offerings can be be found by following the link below for you to view (and plan) your child's afterschool activities. **Registration is open January 3rd (9:00am) - 12th.** Clubs will begin the week of January 17th. Click [HERE](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/_xdPU5GDK9kVUUdqDJLndw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRjl1AfP0RUaHR0cHM6Ly9hcmNod2F5dmVyaXRhcy5jb25maWdpby5jb20vU2hvcHBpbmdDYXJ0LmFzcHg_Y29tPXByb2R1Y3RsaXN0JmNpZD0yMzEmc3JjaD10VwdzY2hvb2xtQgphsp8ctmEY65OlUhphaG9zYWNrQGFyY2h3YXl2ZXJpdGFzLm9yZ1gEAAAAAQ~~) to be redirected to Club website.  After-school clubs are offered Monday - Thursday. After-school clubs are not offered on Fridays. We hope that you appreciate the clubs that we have available, however we are still hoping to add a few more.  Clubs fill up quickly - be sure to reserve your spots! There will be no registration after January 12th - Mark your calendars!  lost and found  The Lost and Found bin will be cleaned out over Winter break. Any items left in the bin after December 17th will be donated.   seas the day  **Message from the Health Office** In accordance with Arizona State Law [(A.R.S 15-872)](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/fAL5kPah7pIpZCuyZxJnaA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRjl1AfP0RUaHR0cDovL3d3dy5hemxlZy5nb3YvRm9ybWF0RG9jdW1lbnQuYXNwP2luRG9jPS9hcnMvMTUvMDA4NzIuaHRtJlRpdGxlPTE1JkRvY1R5cGU9QVJTVwdzY2hvb2xtQgphsp8ctmEY65OlUhphaG9zYWNrQGFyY2h3YXl2ZXJpdGFzLm9yZ1gEAAAAAQ~~), students must have proof of all required immunizations, or a valid exemption in **order to attend school**.  It is also a requirement for all **students who turn 11 years old** to receive the **Meningococcal and Tdap vaccine** within 4 days of their 11th birthday. The Meningococcal vaccine provides protection against the meningitis bacteria and the Tdap vaccine provides protection against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough).  For any questions, please reach out to Nurse La Perna [jlaperna@archwayveritas.org](mailto:jlaperna@archwayveritas.org) | |  | |
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