

Archway Veritas  
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## ARCHWAY CLASSICAL ACADEMY | VERITAS A Great Hearts Academy

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These past two days teachers and students have focused on affectionate order through the development of habits of personal order. This is important work. This work cultivates habits of intellectual order. Our focus on the uniform aesthetic of ACV reflects our commitment to the same ideals and visually shows that it is indeed one community of learners. Yet, two days is not enough to solidify the foundation. Nor can teachers and students do this work alone. Your partnership completes the loop. Your support of our uniform policy is appreciated. As I shared at the headmaster coffee our efforts to align our students' exterior appearance with the uniform policy allows us to focus on what is most important – their interior formation.

Next week, grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades will more than likely be starting to assign homework. We believe that homework should play an important but limited part of a student's day. Homework serves many purposes. It helps to develop executive functioning skills such as time management and follow-through. It also allows students to process what they have learned at their own speed, and to engage in repeated retrieval which reinforces learning. Most importantly, it allows parents to connect with their students as their primary instructors.

We also understand that in developing the whole child, homework cannot compete with other good things like sports, playing an instrument, family time, unstructured play and sometimes sleep, which are also equally important to a child's development. With this in mind, teachers assign homework that they believe students can successfully complete independently and within a certain amount of uninterrupted time. Our approximate maximum time limits are:

Kindergarten- 20 minutes- only Reading and Spalding (not assigned quarter one)

1<sup>st</sup> grade – 10

2<sup>nd</sup> grade – 20 minutes

3<sup>rd</sup> grade – 30 minutes

4<sup>th</sup> grade – 40 minutes

5<sup>th</sup> grade - 50 minutes

Time set aside for reading either independently or with a family member is also encouraged on a nightly basis.

You will learn more about our homework expectations and how you can partner with us to support this habit at our Curriculum Nights on August 17<sup>th</sup> (K – 2) and August 24<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>)

In partnership,



Dr. Jeffries

### Important Dates:

- August 17th: Kindergarten - 2nd Grade Curriculum Night
- August 18th: School Pictures
- August 24th: 3rd - 5th Grade Curriculum Night
- September 2nd: Half-Day - Students dismissed at 12:00pm
- September 5th: No School in Observance of Labor Day
- September 24th: Great Hearts Gala
- September 26th: No School

### 2022-2023 Family Calendar

Please [follow the link HERE](#) to be redirected to the 2022-2023 school calendar.

Please make note of important dates.



#### **SCHOOL HOURS:**

8:15am – 3:15pm (M, Tu, Th, F)

8:15am – 1:30pm (W)

8:15am – 12:00pm (Half Day Fridays)

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**Drop Off:** 7:45am is the earliest drop-off time for students. Faculty supervision will be available to *all* students on the playground beginning at 7:45am. Parents & Guardians - Please drop off your children using both lanes. For student safety, if you chose to walk your children to school, please remember that parents should not be crossing with their children onto the breezeway/playground area.

Students on campus prior to 7:45am that are not a Sunrise Club participant or VPA sibling will be brought into Sunrise Cub for campus safety. Families will be contacted by our Dean of Students, Mrs. Gandy and billed accordingly.

Archway students who have VPA siblings should enter through the VPA courtyard/cafeateria. Do not have your Archway students walk around the building and on the parking lot unaccompanied.

Click [HERE](#) for the traffic flow map.

**Pick Up:** Each Family will need to print out a *CURB* Pick-Up placard to pick-up their child. Go to the enrollment portal, [greatearts.schoolaxis.com](http://greatearts.schoolaxis.com) and log in to your account. 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...**

**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.**

**Please write your child's LAST NAME in sharpie on the back of your QR placard.**

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### [A Note from Mrs. Gandy](#)

It has been so wonderful seeing all the students back on campus. I had the opportunity to go into all the classrooms this week. I saw smiling faces, a lot of participation in classrooms and students connecting with old and new friends on the playground. I wanted to remind Archway families about a few things before we begin our first full week. Your child's teacher will be reaching out if they have any uniform infractions that need to be corrected. We are asking families to have the correct items by Monday, August 15th. We

ask not only for the student's commitment to this concept, but for the parent/guardian's as well.

### **UNIFORM AND DRESS CODE**

Archway Veritas has a primary objective of developing a "community of learners," dedicated to the highest standards of academics and deportment. As such, a distinctive uniform is a unifying factor within the community. Please make sure your child is meeting the Uniform and Dress Code expectations.

**\*SHOES:** Solid white or solid black athletic shoes. The logo on the shoe must be the same color as the shoe. The sole may be a different color, but laces must also match the shoe. Students may not wear slip-ons or dress shoes. Please no rainbows, iridescent/glitter stripes, Converse, etc. Please see pages 39-43 of the Family Handbook for more details.

**\*SOCKS:** Socks should be solid white, navy, or black with NO logos. Boys may wear ankle socks only. Girls may wear ankle and knee-high socks. No crew or no-show socks please.

**\*HAIR ACCESSORIES:** Neat small bows, barrettes, headbands, and hair ties are permissible so long as they coordinate with the uniform. (baby blue, navy, black, white, and gray are acceptable colors)

**\*MAKEUP/NAIL POLISH:** Students may not wear makeup of any kind. Students may not wear colored nail polish. Clear is acceptable.

**\*EARRINGS:** Girls may wear one small pair of studded earrings. No loops or dangling earrings are permitted. Boys may not wear earrings.

**\*TOYS/BALLS/SPORTS GLOVES:** Students may not bring these items from home to bring to recess.

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### **Archway Veritas Parent Service Organization (AVPSO)**

The AVPSO will no longer send out bi-weekly newsletters. In order to streamline the communication process, families will receive a weekly Headmaster Newsletter, weekly classroom newsletters from their homeroom teacher, and monthly newsletters from their homeroom parents. You can also stay up-to-date by following Archway Veritas on social media accounts.

Please follow the link [HERE](#) to help direct you to MTK and don't forget to download the app.

***“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.”***



Every year, volunteers need to complete the Raptor process. If you would like to be approved to volunteer for this 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.

**Volunteering includes: Chaperoning field trips, reading groups, on-site events, etc.**



**Ordering lunches has never been easier!**

We partnered with BOONLI to provide a secure, fast, and easy-to-use online ordering system that allows you to view our lunch menu, order, prepay and manage student lunches from their smartphone, tablet or computer.

Follow the link [HERE](#) for instructions. | **Registration is open now!**

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## Lead by Example

- 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.

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.

### **\*Obey ALL traffic laws\***

**NO** parking on the west side of 54th street (there are signs)

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

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# EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Club registration is open until August 10th. Spots are still available. Clubs are grouped by the day of the week they are offered for your convenience.

For more specific details including dates, times, cost, grade levels, and minimum enrollment for each club, please follow the link [HERE](#).

Take note of key dates; ALL clubs have different start, end, as well as not in session dates.

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## [Student Portraits](#)



Pre-Order a portrait package online easily and securely. Grads Photography will be at Archway Veritas on **August 18** 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.

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## **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.

Kindergarten - Second grade: Wednesday, August 17th

Third - Fifth grade: Wednesday, August 24th

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

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## **Message from the Health Office**

**Water is essential!** In our very hot and dry climate in Arizona, we need to be aware of how easily it is to become dehydrated. Please send your child *daily* with a reusable water bottle. Their water bottle can be refilled at any one of our rehydration stations. Apply sunscreen to any exposed areas before school.

**We monitor the Maricopa County heat index** very closely. Any time the temperatures exceed 90-105 degrees or above in conjunction with humidity levels, the heat advisory guidelines are put into effect which means limiting or canceling outdoor recess. Your students' safety is our number 1 priority!

**Hearing and Vision Screening** will be done the week of September 6th, on Kindergarten, First, Third, and Fifth graders. All new students will be tested as well.

**Reminder** for parents of Fifth Graders who will be turning 11, **Tdap** and **Meningococcal Vaccine** is required when the student turns 11. Please send in the records to the Health Office.





**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 is known to have asthma, severe food allergy, diabetes, seizure disorder, or any other condition that may require further management, please visit our Health page on our website by following the link [HERE](#). Please complete any forms necessary and drop off or send to Nurse La Perna.

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## **Yearbook Sales**

Order your yearbook for the 2022-2023 school year! Yearbooks include 112 pages of student portraits, class and grade level activities, 5th grade dedications, as well as Archway Veritas community events. **Hardcover order deadline is March 1st. Softcover order deadline is March 17th.** Part of your purchase goes to the AVPSO. Books will be distributed the last week of school.

Hardcover = \$40

Soft Cover = \$30



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### **New Policy: Birthday Celebrations**

Effective this school year, we are implementing a new policy for student's birthday celebration. Once a month your student's class will celebrate all students who are born in their respective month. Your student's teacher will email all families near the end or beginning of the month and designate a day to celebrate all students around the majority of the student's birthdays.

Here are the approved options and treat suggestions:

1. Lunch hosted by the families for the entire class
2. Approved treats from list below for the entire class

The following are approved items moving forward; fruit popsicles, Rice Krispies treats, yogurt tubes, Italian Ice, donut holes(please refrain from large donuts), or baked goods(please refrain from birthday cake). Please be mindful of class allergies and plan accordingly. There is no refrigerator or freezer access for these items, please bring items during the designated time.

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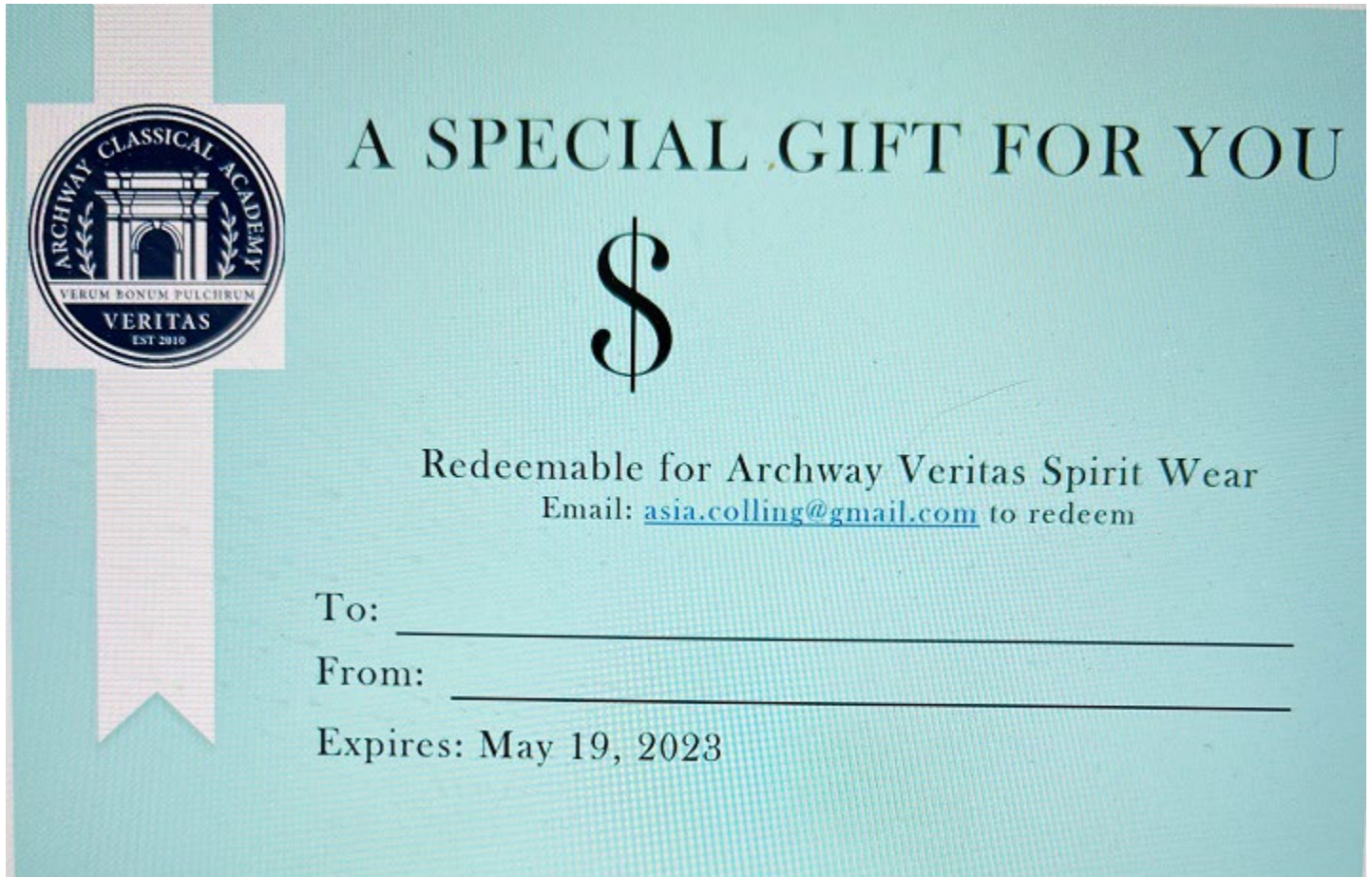
## **AVPSO Bounce Back into School Bash - Rescheduled**

Altitude Trampoline Park - Arcadia  
30% GiveBack  
Address: 3921 E Indian School Rd  
\$17.00 per student socks are included

When: August 21st  
K-1: 11:30-1:30  
2nd-3rd: 2:00-4:00  
4th-5th: 4:00-6:00

You are welcome to join anytime from 11:30-6:00pm with your Archway sibling.

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Check out the new spirit wear on MTK. You can now gift your teacher with Veritas Bucks! Pick up a gift card today in the lobby or contact Asia Colling, [asia.colling@gmail.com](mailto:asia.colling@gmail.com) for more details.

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Happy Birthday



Dr. Jeffries - Headmaster

Mrs. Hausbeck - ELL

Miss Queener - 3B TA

Miss Marois - 2C

Vilma - Maintenance

Miss Goto - 1D TA

Mr. Avent - 4BTA

Mrs. Curtis - 4A TA

Mrs. Medcalf - K-2 Art

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Parents and Guardians: Archway Veritas utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver emails, voice messages and text messages. Text messages are sent straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, 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".



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*Journey to  
the Emerald City*



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If you'd like to get involved or learn more about the Gala, please contact our school's Gala Committee Chair, Molly Livak, by phone at 480-980-6590 or by email [mdlivak@gmail.com](mailto:mdlivak@gmail.com).

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## **Looking for other ways to support ACV?**

You can support our school by purchasing from Amazon! Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchase back to the school.

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)

P: 602-489-7341 | F: 602-759-1300

Website: [Archway Veritas](#)

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