

Archway Veritas  
October 9th, 2022



ARCHWAY CLASSICAL ACADEMY | VERITAS  
A Great Hearts Academy

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No School: October 10th - 19th  
Parent Teacher Conferences: October 17th - 19th

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Dear Archway Veritas Families,

Parent/Teacher conferences are held October 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. Our conferences provide an opportunity for teachers and parents to reflect on our partnership in cultivating the *intellectual virtues* in our children– the perfection of the powers of the human mind, including knowledge, understanding, art or skill, and wisdom. Conferences are not intended to focus on human

excellence in terms of “delivering results” or merely academic performance. To do so would reduce human excellence to mere checklists and skills to be mastered.


Our grade level and Special Area teachers are eager to share your child’s development in sense of wonder, depth of inquiry, specific areas of mastery and needs for improvement, disposition toward learning, and the treatment of others. Our partnership with you plays a critical role in our three-pronged approach to human flourishing. Your involvement helps us stay oriented on pursuing that balance of cognitive, emotional, and moral education for our students.

Students do not attend conferences. However, I encourage you to share your conference experience with your child. Have a conversation, ask questions, praise the success, and acknowledge the opportunity for growth. The conference can serve as a cornerstone for setting a new goal, striving for a greater intellectual or moral virtue, identifying which virtue could be an area of focus, or even establishing a fresh perspective on school for the remainder of the year.

The majority of my Headmaster newsletters have focused on either reading or the influence of social media and screen time on children. I read this [opinion piece](#) last Sunday and thought I would share it with you. I found it very interesting.

I hope you each have a wonderful, joy-filled break.

In partnership,



Dr. Jeffries

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## **Important Dates:**

- October 10th - 14th: No School: Fall Break
- October 17th-19th: No School/Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 18th: Movie in the Basin - [Hotel Transylvania 3](#)
- October 20th: Great Hearts Great Books Day | Half-Day; Students Dismissed at 12:00pm
- October 22nd: ACV Fall Festivities
- October 23rd: [Mod Pizza](#) Dine-In/Take Out
- October 26th: Coffee with the Headmaster - The Science of Reading with Ms. Pitel & Mrs. Soukup/AVPSO General Board Meeting | Fifth Grade Battle of Troy | Sweet Treat; [Kona Ice](#)
- October 27th: Picture Retake
- October 28th: First Grade Egyptian Museum
- November 2nd: Sweet Treat; [Kona Ice](#)

- November 4th: Half-Day; Students Dismissed at 12:00pm | AVPSO Son's Event | Food Truck Friday; [Wildfire!](#)

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## [Important Links:](#)

[2022 - 2023 Family Calendar](#) | [Traffic Flow Map](#) | [Yearbook Order](#) | [Boonli Lunch Orders](#)  
[Family Handbook](#) | [Parent Resources](#) | [Phonogram Videos](#) | [MTK](#)

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## [Meet Your Teachers](#)



### **Exceptional Student Services**

Mrs. Whitfield-Haynes, ESS Lead | Miss Hintze, ESSA | Ms. Lentz, ESS Lead | Mrs. Moskau, ESS Lead

Mrs. Marlow, ESSA | Mrs. Ramirez, ESSA | Miss Vargas, ESSA | Mrs. Dwork, ESSA

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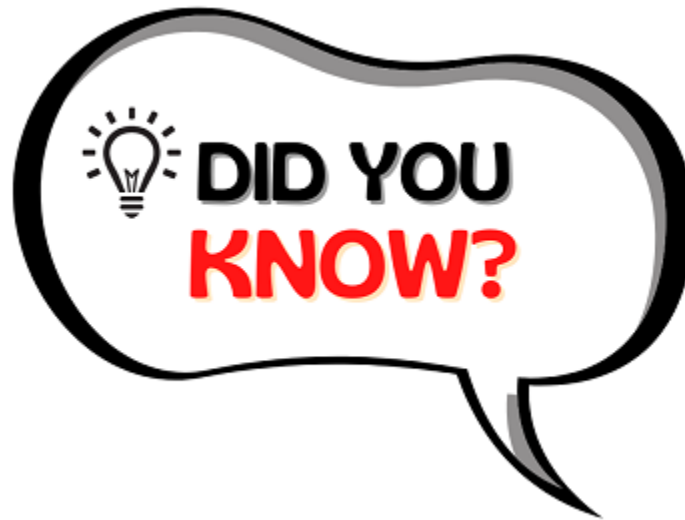


**Join us on Wednesday, October 26th for Coffee with the Headmaster; 8:30-9:30am.  
The Science of Reading presented by Ms. Julie Pitcl and Mrs. Katy Soukup**

*Did you know that our brains are naturally wired to speak but they are not naturally wired to read and write? 'Did you know that recent studies have shown the increased use of 'screen time' in children has negatively impacted proper brain development?*

Archway Veritas brings the Science of reading to life in the classroom! Learn more about the Science of Reading, which has been studied for over five decades, and drives our evidence-based, structured literacy approach to instruction in the classroom. As a community of learners, we want students to attain systematic decoding skills so their minds are free to enjoy and learn from reading. We encourage reading in every aspect of our day, both at school and home. To help bolster your child's joy and enthusiasm for reading Literacy Interventionists Katy Soukup and Julie Pitcl will share the rationale for reading instruction and best reading practices and tips for parents to utilize at home. Please come with your questions and your enthusiasm for learning about our literacy methodologies.

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Open enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year begins November 7th. Open enrollment applies to new incoming students and the graduating 5th grade class moving to 6th grade at Veritas Preparatory Academy.

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### **Quarter 1 Evaluations**

If you are a **new** family to Archway Veritas you should have received an email on Friday, September 23rd with instructions on how to set up access to your account.

For **returning** families, Archway Veritas continues to use PowerSchool for parents to access quarterly report cards/evaluations. Quarter 1 evaluations will be available on Thursday, October 13, 2022.

It is imperative that you log in to your account to verify you have access prior to October 5th to ensure there are no issues. A staff member will be unavailable to assist families with troubleshooting account/log in issues during Fall break.

Once logged in to the portal, you should see the message below:

***Parent Portal is Closed***

The Parent Portal will be open on October 13th and you will no longer see the message above.

Using Chrome or Firefox is highly suggested. Explorer, Edge, and Safari are not suggested as we have documented issues with those sites.

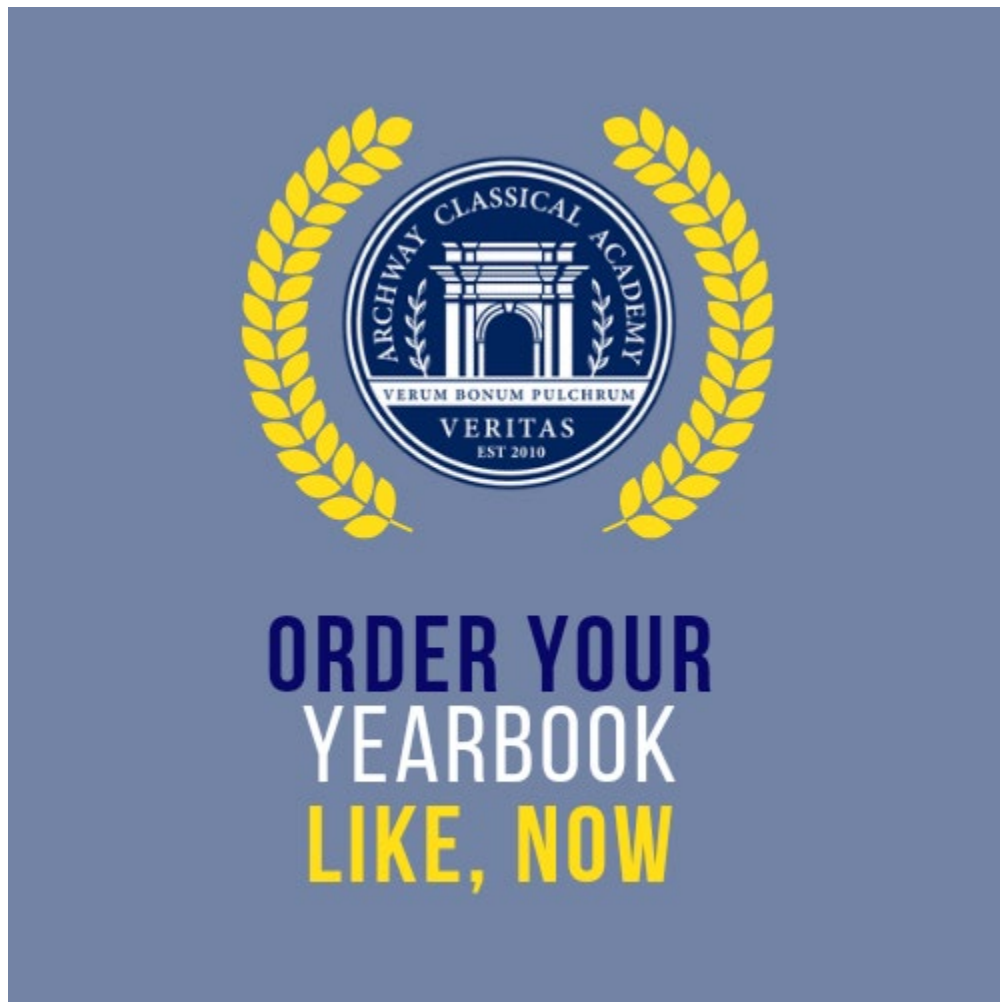
To be redirected to the Parent Portal, follow the link [HERE](#).

If you have any questions regarding the Parent Portal, contact Ms. Del Duca, [pdelduca@archwayveritas.org](mailto:pdelduca@archwayveritas.org) prior to October 5th. Contact your child's teacher for questions regarding their evaluations.

**[Sign up for your conferences by following the link HERE.](#)**

If you would like to meet with your child's Special Area teacher such as P.E., Music, Art, or Foreign Language, please reach out to them directly to schedule a meeting.

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It's the biggest story of the year...and you're in it.  
Don't wait until it's too late, order NOW!

Click [HERE](#).

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## **Great Hearts, Great Books Day - Thursday, October 20th**

Has your child ever read a story and wanted to become their favorite character? Their day is finally here!

On Thursday, October 20th Archway Veritas will host its second annual Great Hearts, Great Books Day. Great Hearts, Great Books Day is a day of storytelling for faculty, staff, and students while dressed up as their favorite literary character or historical figure. Faculty, staff, and students can dress up as one of the many ACV literature book characters or a historical figure studied here at ACV, or they may remain in their student uniform if preferred.

Our guest speaker this year is Mr. Zachary Hilton. Mr. Hilton and his wife Jenna are parents of two wonderful students at Archway Veritas. In addition, Mr. Hilton was a 4-year Letterman and 2-year starter at University of North Carolina, a 6 year NFL veteran, and has a 15-year career working with spinal surgery robotics and AI.

[Click here](#) for a complete list of literature books read through the years at ACV. Your child may also dress up as a historical figure they have studied with their classmates.

Please see below for some examples of costumes:



Please remember to maintain modesty when choosing a costume. Length of costume must reach tip of fingertips of the student's index finger along the thigh while standing or mid-thigh – whichever is longer. All undergarments must be covered, and the costumes should have sleeves that cover the shoulders.

No modern political figures | No pop culture | No weapons | No over-sized props  
\*Student who arrive in costumes that do not meet the above guidelines will be asked to call home\*

Examples of non-compliant costumes/props:



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Don't forget to join us for Movie Night in the Basin on **Tuesday, October 18th!** Tickets are **FREE** so let us know you are coming by following the link [HERE](#). All students in attendance need to be accompanied by a responsible adult. ACV faculty and staff in attendance will be there as participating families with their children. ACV faculty/staff will not be in attendance to monitor students and/or families. They just want to be parents :)





October 22nd, 2:00-5:00pm - Fall Festivitas...Fun for the ENTIRE family! Food trucks, bounce houses, obstacle course, carnival games, petting zoo, and of course cake walk. Tickets and sponsorships are on sale NOW. Follow the link below to sign-up. Want to volunteer for the cake walk? Click the link below to sign-up.

Please check [MTK](#) for more information and volunteer opportunities.

Follow the link [HERE](#) to be redirected for tickets and sponsorship opportunities.

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## **[Southwest Autism Research and Resource Center \(SARRC\)](#)**

Archway Veritas is working together with the Southwest Autism Research and Resource Center (SARRC) on a research project regarding a universal screening for social challenges designed to be implemented in public schools. Every student in 2nd and 4th grade at Archway Veritas will be screened by their teachers 10/31-11/4, unless their parent or guardian chooses to opt out of the screening. Please read this [letter](#) from Christopher Smith, Vice President and Director of Research at SARRC, for more information about the screening and read the answers to frequently asked questions which are available [here](#). Please note that your child's identifying information will not be shared with SARRC. If additional evaluations are suggested after the screening, we will contact you for permission to share your contact information. If you wish to opt out of the screening, please [complete the form here](#). If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to

reach out.

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

*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.”***



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## **Message from the Health Office**



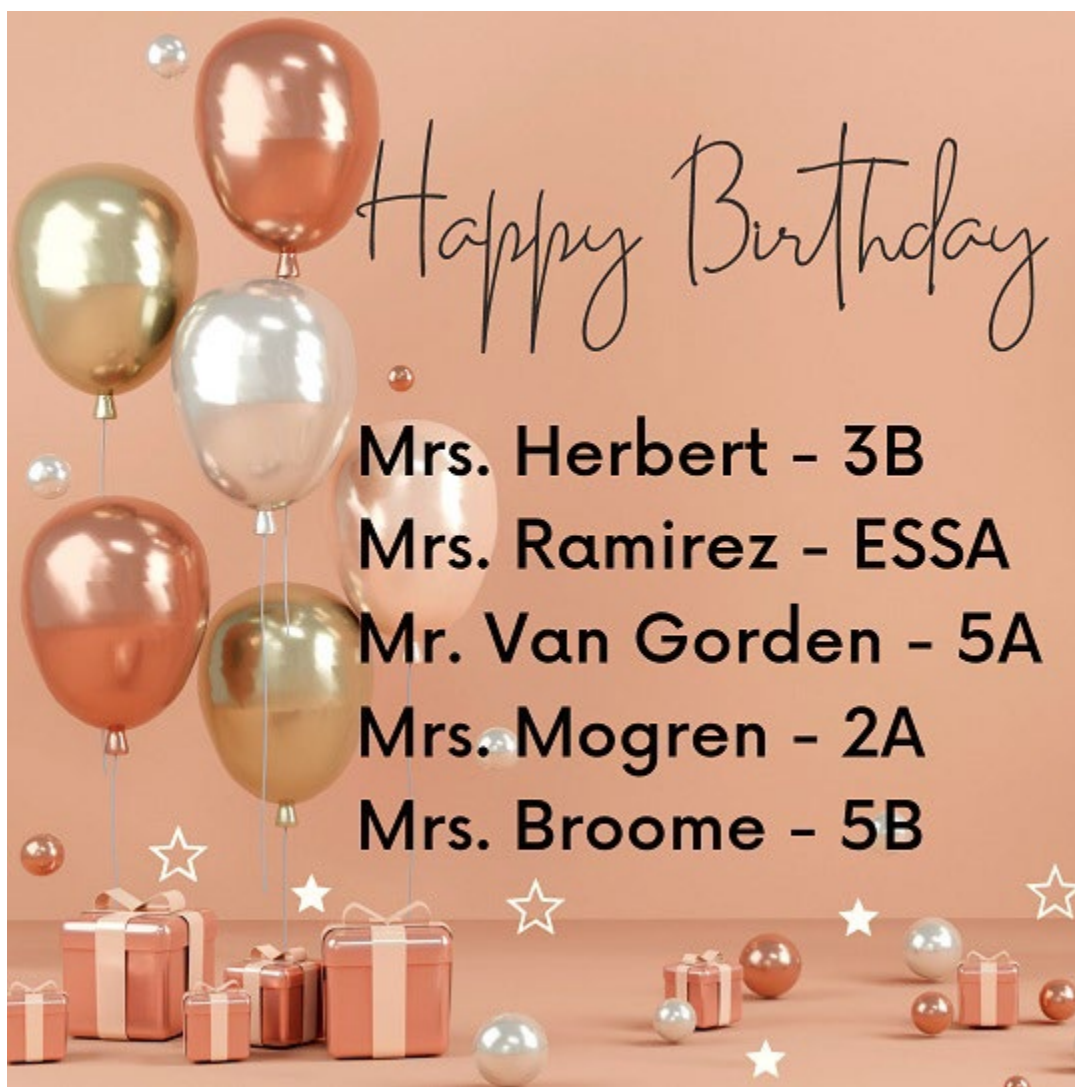
**As always, students MUST stay home when they are sick.**

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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### October Birthdays



## 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

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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