

**Archway Veritas**

August 9th, 2024



## ARCHWAY CLASSICAL ACADEMY | VERITAS A Great Hearts Academy

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Dear Archway Veritas Families,

What a wonderful first two days of school! The year is off to a great start. There is laughter on the playground, smiles while already starting new curriculum, and lifelong friendships beginning to form. Thank you for your continued partnership with Archway Veritas. We are looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming Curriculum Nights.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Megan Opitz".

Mrs. Opitz

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### **City of Phoenix Construction Notice**

Phoenix Water is in the process of rehabilitating sewers in the area.

Construction Schedule: August 5th - October 18th, 2024; Monday through Friday, 7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Traffic Restrictions:

- Flower Street and Cheery Lynn Road, between 55th Street and 56th Street
- Southbound lane of 54th Street, and in the easement, between Cheery Lynn Road and Earl Road
- The easement between Earl Drive and Avalon Drive, West of 56th Street

Access to residences and business will be maintained at all times; however, brief interruptions may occur.

**Please plan accordingly for drop-off and pick-up.**

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### **Important Dates:**

- August 14th: K-1st Homeroom Parent Orientation Meeting; 8:30-9:30, Library | Sweet Treat Wednesday, [Kona Ice](#)
- August 15th: 2nd - 5th Homeroom Parent Orientation Meeting; 8:30-9:30, Library
- August 16th: Membership Toolkit Training; 8:30-10:00, Library

- August 21st: Library Volunteer Meeting; 8:30-9:30, Library | Sweet Treat Wednesday - [Kona Ice](#) | Kindergarten - 2nd Grade Curriculum Night; 5:30 - 7:00 pm | Dine-Out at Rubio's on 44th Street - 30% giveback when you mention Archway Veritas (Promo Code: DONATE)
- August 22nd: Student Picture Day, Pre-Order [HERE](#)
- August 28th: Celebrate Veritas Interest Meeting, 8:00-9:30 a.m. (The Masons' House, 5121 E. Monterey Way) | Sweet Treat Wednesday, [Kona Ice](#) | 3rd - 5th Grade Curriculum Night; 5:30 - 7:00 pm
- August 29th: Library Volunteer Meeting | Dine-Out at MOD Pizza on 44th Street - 20% giveback when you mention Archway Veritas (Promo Code: MODGIVES25)
- August 30th: Half-Day/Spirit Day
- September 2nd - No School in Observance of Labor Day

**Important Links:**

[2024 - 2025 APPROVED Family Calendar](#) | [2024-2025 School Year Information](#)  
[Archway Veritas Google Review](#) | [Hot Lunch Box](#)

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**Grade Level Newsletters**



[Kindergarten](#)



[First Grade](#)



Second Grade



Third Grade



Fourth Grade



Fifth Grade



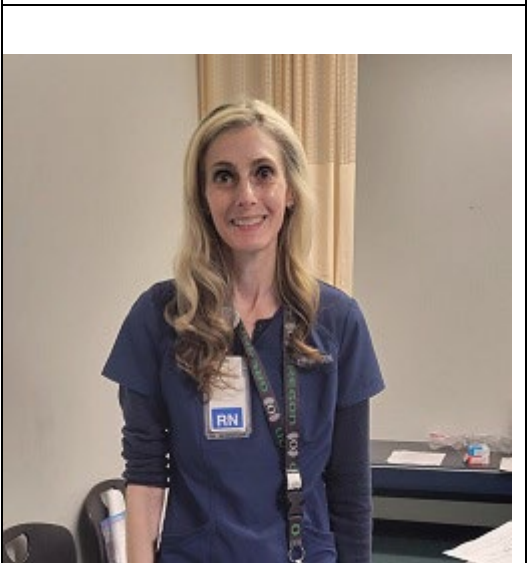
**Specials**



**Intervention**



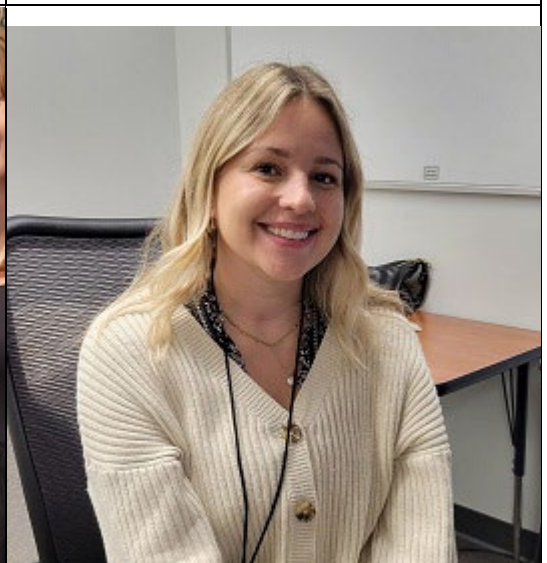
**ESS**



**Nurse**



**Student Teacher  
Floating TA**



**Counselor**

**Drop off & Pick Up**

**Drop Off:** 7:45am is the earliest drop-off time for students. Faculty supervision will be available to *all* students on the playground and cafeteria beginning at 7:45am.

\*Students should never be dropped off prior to 7:45am except students enrolled in [Sunrise Club](#) @ 7:15am

OR

Veritas Prep siblings @ 7:30am.

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@archwayveritas.org](mailto:attendance@archwayveritas.org) and/or Mrs. O'Connor, [moconnor@archwayveritas.org](mailto:moconnor@archwayveritas.org).

**Pick Up:** 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,

\*Click [HERE](#) to complete the walking waiver\*

\*Click [HERE](#) to complete 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](http://greathearts.schoolaxis.com) and log in to your account.

**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.**

Returning families: Print out a new placard as it is linked to your child's classroom.

**Sample QR Placard - DO NOT PRINT:**



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Opitz, Megan





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## FALL PICTURE DAY!



AUGUST 22ND 

PRE-ORDER PORTRAITS



SCAN QR  
OR  
CLICK HERE

**GRADS**  
*Photography*

[PRE\\_ORDER Archway Veritas Fall Pictures 2024](#)



### **Plan on Volunteering?**

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

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

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

Interested in being a homeroom parent for the 2024-25 school year? Please fill out the interest form [HERE](#).

Would you like to get more involved with the AVPSO this year? Click [HERE](#) for available opportunities, or contact [Shauna Marvin](#) with general interest or questions.

- a. [First Quarter Lunch Volunteers Signup](#)
- b. [First Semester Library Volunteers Signup](#)
- c. [First Semester Dads' Club Recess With Scholars](#)
- d. [Cafeteria Snacks and Supplies Signup](#)

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

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### **54th Street**

For the safety of our students and out of respect for our campus neighbors, vehicle pick-up on 54th Street is **prohibited**. Exit through the 54th street gate will be limited to **only** those students who walk/bike directly home and not to a parked car on 54th Street.

The safety and security of our community is of the utmost importance, and we appreciate your cooperation and understanding by following this campus-wide policy.

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### **School Messenger Communication**

Great Hearts and Archway Veritas continue to utilize the system School Messenger for emails, robo-calls, and text messaging to inform families of campus related emergencies and other communications. School Messenger has a new automatic opt-in for text feature. During the registration/re-enrollment process families confirmed their wish to participate in text communications. Great Hearts will now automatically opt-in contact information given during the registration/re-enrollment process with the options you selected. If you would like to opt-out of text messages simply reply STOP to block any text messaging. Please note, if opting-out, you will not receive texts regarding emergencies on campus.

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### **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:

- **Do not arrive before 3:00 pm on regular dismissal days.**

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- **Do not arrive before 3pm on regular dismissal days.**

**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.

**\*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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**Parents of the Roundtable**



Sign up to meet in a small group with Mrs. Opitz on Friday mornings from 8:30-9:30. She is looking forward to



hearing questions and feedback from our parent community. Bring your own coffee! Please meet in the admin lobby.

Sign up by following the link [HERE](#).

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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 21st

Third - Fifth grade: Wednesday, August 28th

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 9th, 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.

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 Morse.

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### **NEW Lunch Program**



We are excited to partner with My Hot Lunchbox as our lunch provider! Enjoy ordering lunch from a wide variety of options provided by your student's favorite local restaurants.

**ORDERING IS NOW OPEN!**

To begin ordering lunches, click the link below. Follow the instructions [HERE](#) to create your account. There is a one time account registration fee of \$10.00 at the time of your first order placement.

**[ORDER NOW!](#)**

Just a reminder ordering cuts off at **12:00 PM** the day before the delivery.

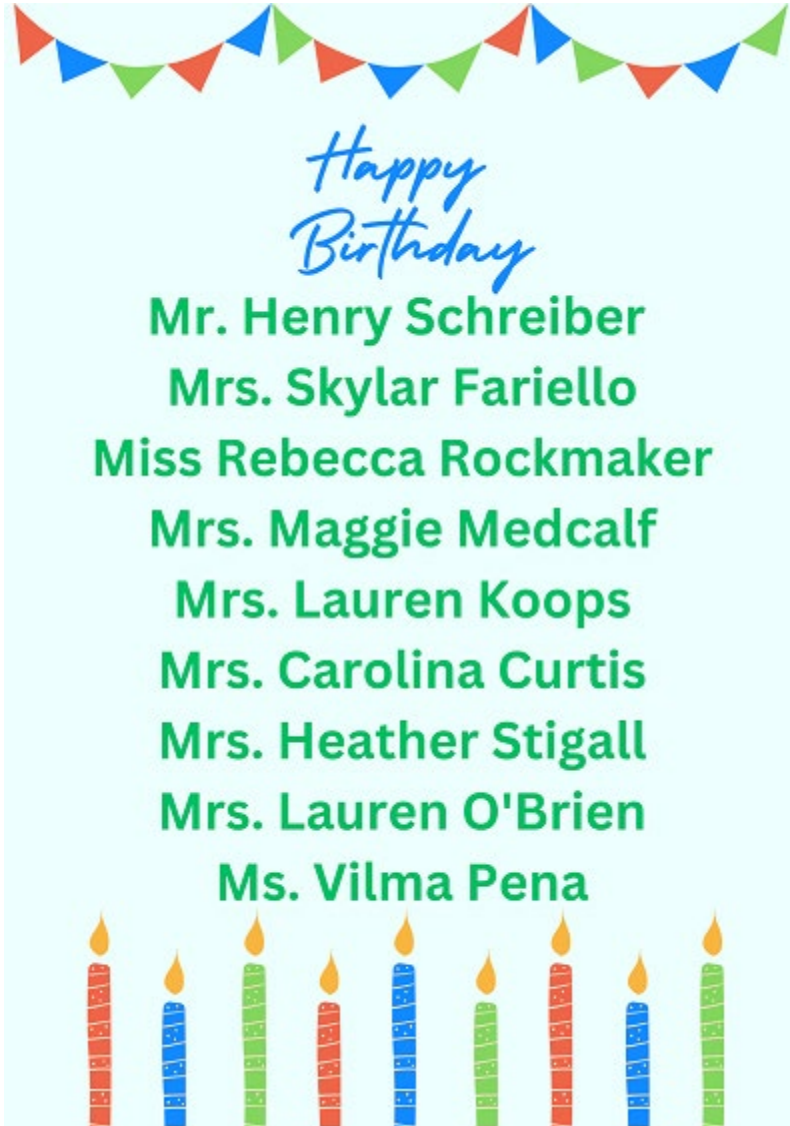
The vendor lineup is as follows:

- Monday - Streets of New York
- Tuesday - Cafe Rio
- Wednesday - Pei Wei Asian Kitchen
- Thursday - Sauce Pizza
- Friday - Panera Bread

We are excited for this new program and hope it will serve you well. Please direct any questions to Jill Sassenberg: [jillsassenberg@gmail.com](mailto:jillsassenberg@gmail.com) or 602-373-9891.

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**August Faculty & Staff Birthdays**



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