

Archway Weekly Update | January 11, 2024

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Archway Scottsdale



THE ARCHER'S SCROLL NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 11, 2024

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming key dates to remember:

- January 15** No School | MLK Holiday
- January 16** Q2 Report Cards
- January 19** Spirit Day
- January 22 - 26** No School | Barrett-Jackson Car Show
- January 31** Used Uniform sale | 12:30-3 pm
- February 1** Class Pictures & Individual Retakes
- February 2** Half Day | Great hearts Faculty Inservice
- February 5-9** Adjusted Traffic Routes (*More details to come!*) | Phoenix Open
- February 16** Spirit Day
- February 19** No School | President's Day | R&R
- February 24** *Save the date!* PSO Daughter Dance



2023-24
SCHOOL CALENDAR

IMPORTANT UPDATES FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

All Q3 clubs will meet starting next week (*there are not Thursday and Friday clubs this week).

We can no longer allow front office pick up at dismissal time. **All students must be picked up through the regular car line.**

We kindly request that you avoid picking up your child before the end of the school day. Important instruction continues up until dismissal, and early pickups disrupt not only your child's learning but also impact the entire classroom. Please plan appointments before or after school, or on early release Wednesdays. If you need to pick up your students for an appointment, you must inform the office before 2:00pm. More than two early pickups in a month will require a doctor's note. Thank you for your cooperation!

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS!



Families are invited to participate in celebrating the birthdays of our fantastic Archway Scottsdale faculty & staff members. Feel free to encourage your students to create heartfelt handmade cards or extend your thoughtfulness by selecting a gift of your preference to deliver.

WINTER BREAK BIRTHDAYS:

January 1 **Miss Colbrook** (half birthday) | 2A

January 2 **Mr. Leary** | PE 3-5

Mrs. Doherty | 2F

Mrs. Gonzalez (half birthday) | Assistant Headmaster

Ms. Buell (half birthday) | Front Office

Mrs. Benson (half birthday) | Director of Operations

January 3 **Mrs. Stough** (half birthday) | ESS

January 4 **Ms. Martinez** | 3A

January 6 **Ms. Herdt** (half birthday) | KD

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS:

January 14 **Sra. Giron** (half birthday) | Spanish 3-5

January 15 **Mrs. Ayon** (half birthday) | 5C

Mrs. Famoso (half birthday) | 1D

January 16 **Ms. Reinhardt** | 1D

January 17 **Ms. Xu** | 5B
January 18 **Mr. Higby** | 5A

FACULTY & STAFF FAVORITE THINGS



Congratulations to our Archers of the Day!

These students were nominated by their teachers because they are extraordinary students in the classroom and embody what it means to be an Archer. These students consistently demonstrate outstanding qualities that make a positive impact not only in the classroom but also in our greater school community. We are proud of you!

Matthew Holeman | 5C
Lauren Van Riper | 4E

Traffic Reminders

- If you are visiting the front office for any reason, such as an early morning drop-off for tutoring or bringing snacks/drinks for teachers, please ensure that you **park in designated parking spots rather than at the curb or blocking other spaces in our parking lot**. The red curb is designated as a fire lane, and parking there is strictly prohibited.
- **Parking in a handicap spot without a designated handicap license plate or placard is not allowed at any time**. These spots must remain open for those who require them.
- For half-day kindergarten pick-up, we kindly request that you **do not arrive before 11:45 am**. Early arrivals contribute to congestion in our parking lot, creating inconvenience for others entering or leaving our campus.



Loop 101 Construction Project

The Arizona Department of Transportation is widening Loop 101 (Pima Freeway) between Princess Dr/Pima Rd and Shea Blvd. Construction began this month and will take approximately two years to complete. This work will require lane restrictions and full on- and off-ramp closures on Loop 101, **potentially affecting your access to our school**. If you anticipate that this project may impact your commute to and from campus, we encourage you to plan accordingly. Stay updated on project details and changes by visiting the project website and consider subscribing to receive regular updates. Your cooperation in preparing for potential disruptions will contribute to the smooth and timely flow of school drop-off and pick-up. Thank you in advance for your proactive approach and understanding!



Quarter 2 Report Cards

Parents will receive a digital copy of their student's Quarter 2 report card via email on **Tuesday, January 16**. If you have any questions regarding report cards, please reach out directly to your homeroom or specials teachers as there are no scheduled winter conferences.

ACS/SPA Book Drive for Relief Center

Parisa Choudhury, one of our Juniors from Scottsdale Preparatory Academy, and an Archway Scottsdale alumna, is running a book drive to gather donations for **ICNA Relief Center**. She volunteers at the relief center and has identified that they are in great need of books appropriate for Kindergarten through 5th children. **If you would like to contribute, there will be boxes to drop donated books at the front of the school and near the carline on Tuesday, January 16th-Friday, January 19th.**

We're also offering a couple opportunities for 5th graders to involve themselves in community service! On Friday, Jan. 19th, they can stay after school to sort and pack books. They can also go to classes and advertise the drive to younger students.

If interested or have any questions, reach out to Parisa at Choudhury.parisa.07@gmail.com or Mrs. Wohlgemuth at jwohlgemuth@archwayscottsdale.org.



VOLUNTEER



Become a PSO Volunteer

CLICK HERE to see all of our current volunteer opportunities in one convenient place! This includes traffic volunteers, faculty snack donations, and lunch volunteers. Thank you for your interest in supporting our ACS community. To ensure a harmonious and effective collaboration with our dedicated parent volunteers, please remember:

- The importance of professional dress and comportment as we enter the doors of Archway Scottsdale to volunteer our time in a professional space
- Our commitment to professional confidentiality in matters of student services and discipline (If any volunteer ever has a concern while serving our school, they are encouraged to connect with the front desk or a member of administration rather than communicate prematurely with other parents.)

We have outlined the volunteer policies and expectations in the **family handbook**.



ARCHWAY SCOTTSDALE PARENT SERVICE ORGANIZATION

Click here to find out more about the PSO!



RaiseRight™

Looking for birthday gift ideas for your teachers? Raise Right is a wonderful program that saves you money, time and helps our school! You can buy gift cards in bulk, send e-gift cards or even re-load a coffee card whenever you'd like for your favorite teacher! Raise Right is an easy-to-use program, click **this link** or scan the QR code below to get started! Email **PSOrevgen@archwayscottsdale.org** with questions!



Staff Birthday Treats

Each month, the PSO arranges a special treat for the entire faculty & staff to celebrate the birthdays of all the staff members born in that particular month. If you would like to contribute to providing the monthly birthday celebration for the faculty and staff, please contact **PSO Faculty Appreciation** for details and further information.

Follow us on social media to stay up to date and connected with our community



Please answer all of the questions or we cannot add you!



Galileo Testing for Grades 2-5

Galileo Benchmark testing starts soon! This series of tests is to monitor student progress in math and ELA throughout the year. We appreciate your partnership to ensure students arrive on time and well rested. Please do not schedule appointments during these windows. Thank you!

2nd Grade 2/8, 2/9 - 8:20-10:10 am

3rd Grade 2/5, 2/6 - 11:30 am - 1:10 pm

4th Grade 2/1, 2/2 - 8:20-9:50 am

5th Grade 1/29, 1/30 - 9:10-11:00 am



Used Uniform Sale

Join us for the PSO's Used Uniform Sale, taking place on **Wednesday, January 31st, from 12:30 to 3 pm**. The sale will be held at the front of the school. Before or after picking up your students, make sure to swing by and take advantage of this opportunity to stock up on gently used uniforms. Please note that we will be accepting cash payments only. Don't miss out!

Plan Ahead - February 2 is a Half Day!

Please mark your calendars and make sure you have planned for **Friday, February 2**. Due to a network-wide Great Hearts Inservice, K-2 will be released at 11:50am and 3-5 and K-2 siblings will be released at 12:15pm. **All students must be picked up at dismissal.** Students **will not** eat lunch at school, and **Athenaeum and after-school clubs will not be held.**



Uniform and Dress Code Reminders

Questions about uniforms or dress code?
Email uniforms@archwayscottsdale.org

As the weather cools, more students are dressing warmly for school. As a reminder, unless it is a HEAVY WINTER JACKET due to cold weather, **ALL outerwear** worn in the classroom or outside must be from the approved uniform vendors (**Anton** or **Dennis**) and have a school crest (fleece jackets, sweatshirts, sweaters, etc.). Outerwear without emblems (hoodies, sweaters, etc.) are not permissible. Please note that the Spirit Wear pullover sweatshirts (with "Archers" on the front) are not permissible except on advertised Spirit Days. Please review the **uniform policy** and **pictorial guide** if you have any questions.



Yearbook Ordering is Open

Cherish those school year memories by purchasing an Archway Scottsdale yearbook now! Your family will love flipping through pictures of classmates, teachers and staff, classroom celebrations, field trips, special campus events, and more.

Click [this link](#) and to order today!

Great Hearts Hiring Events Ahead

If you or someone you know may be interested in these upcoming Great Hearts Hiring Events, please share [this link](#) to register for an event near you. Learn more about teaching, coaching, and leadership opportunities by registering today!



Birthday Book Donations

How do we celebrate student birthdays here at Archway Scottsdale? With a birthday book! Parents may donate a book from [our library's Birthday Book wish list](#) to be read in the classroom. Labeled with your child's name and birthday, this book is added to our school library for all to enjoy. Please be sure to mark your purchase as a gift and put your child's name, class, and birthday in the gift receipt! If you are unsure if we received your birthday book donation, please [email our librarians](#) and they will be happy to answer your questions.

ACS School Policies

Reporting absences

Please communicate **all absences** to:

- The front office (email: office@archwayscottsdale.org)
- Your lead homeroom **teacher and assistant teacher**

Thank you for your help with keeping everyone informed!

Students Leaving Early Procedure

We do not call students out of class before parents arrive on campus. Please give yourself time to find a parking spot, come into the lobby, let us know that you are signing your student out, and give them time to get packed up before they come to the office to meet you.

Forgotten Items

After school, students are not allowed to re-enter the school after they have been picked up to retrieve forgotten books, lunchboxes, homework, etc. This policy is in place for the safety of students and also to increase the virtue of responsibility in our students.

For the security of our students and faculty, the office staff cannot leave the front office to deliver forgotten lunches, water bottles, or homework and interrupt the classroom learning environment.



While we understand there can be occasional forgotten lunch, we ask all lunches to be delivered by 10:30 am, clearly marked with name, grade and section. Additionally, parents must alert both teachers (lead & assistant) by email that a lunch has been dropped off. If your child has forgotten a water bottle or other materials, please follow the same drop-off guidelines, communicating with your child's teachers via email.

DoorDash, Uber Eats, Grubhub, and similar delivery services are not permitted to deliver for students.



**Help Support Archway Field Trips
and
Make Your Public School Tax Credit!**



Tax Credit

Now is a great time to support Archway Scottsdale field trips and make your tax credit! **A contribution to the public school tax credit costs you nothing!** You will receive a dollar-for-dollar credit on your AZ state taxes. Tax credit funds help support field trips for our classes and character-building programs. The maximum amount for joint filers is \$400 and the maximum amount for single filers is \$200.
Due date for the 2023 tax year: April 15th, 2024
Give a gift to Tax Credit

Please contact Lisa Noyes at lnoyes@scottsdaleprep.org in the Academy Giving Office with any questions.

QUICK LINKS

Current Volunteer Opportunities

Family Directory

Faculty & Staff Favorites

Order Hot Lunch

GH Volunteer Application

Family Handbook

Uniform & Dress Code Policy

Birthday Book List

ACS Family Giving

Family Resources

Uniform Pictorial Guide

Weekly Email Archives

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