

Archway Weekly Update | February 8, 2024

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Archway Scottsdale



THE ARCHER'S SCROLL NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 8, 2024

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming key dates to remember:

February 15 PSO Dine Out | Lou Malnati's | 11am-10pm

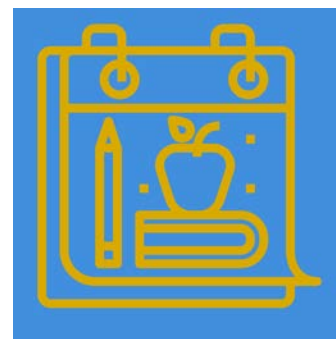
February 16 Spirit Day

February 19 No School | President's Day | R&R

February 24 **PSO Daughter Dance** | Boots & Bling | 6-8:30pm

March 8 Field Day & Spirit Day

March 11-15 Spring Break



2023-24
SCHOOL CALENDAR

2024-25
SCHOOL CALENDAR
DRAFT
**pending approval*

IMPORTANT UPDATES FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

NEW Draft Calendar for 2024-25!

Barrett Jackson is set to introduce an extra fall event in October 2024. The draft calendar for the upcoming 2024-25 school year (linked above) has been adjusted accordingly to incorporate this additional event. *P lease note this is still a draft and pending board approval.

Phoenix Open Traffic

Please be aware that there will be **significantly increased traffic** (especially during drop-off) near campus tomorrow due to the Phoenix Open and the busing of hundreds of spectators who park at West World. The City of Scottsdale wants families to be aware and anticipate heavy traffic for the remainder of the week. Police ask that we remember that prioritizing bus exiting on 94th street is done for safety (moving as many people as possible at once to dampen regional traffic congestion) and not for convenience.

Reminders:

- Budget extra travel time to and from school as the surrounding region will be more congested.
- Make plans to **drop-off** early. (ACS will open at 7:30AM.)
- Adhere strictly to **pick-up/dismissal** times (2:50/1:50pm for K-2 and 3:15/2:15pm for 3-5 + K-2 siblings). This will prevent our carline from stalling due to waiting on students who have not yet been dismissed (when 3-5 families arrive too early for dismissal) or due to having too many students waiting to be picked up at second dismissal (when K-2 only families arrive too late for dismissal).
- We always encourage carpooling, but particularly this week.

Trespassing & Virtue:

Exercise patience and continue to use the correct drop-off and pick-up routes. Our neighbors will not tolerate trespassers who attempt to use their private property to avoid following the drop-off/pick-up rules, and will report/ticket/tow offending cars.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation!

You may have noticed our interior office doors have been closed during morning drop off. This is the beginning phase of a long-awaited safety plan to ensure our campus is as secure as possible. Once fully implemented, these doors will be opened only by faculty members to limit unwanted visitors access to the school.

FACULTY &
STAFF
FAVORITE
THINGS

February 9 **Mrs. Thomas** | Front Office

February 10 **Mr. Brush** | K-2 PE

February 11 **Mrs. Wie** | Front Office

February 15 **Mr. Trca** | 4E



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!

Koa Laffoon | 4A
Leah Gusinde | 2F
Nora Boon | 3F

Important Traffic Reminders

Phoenix Open Traffic

The WM Phoenix Open is this week and the City of Scottsdale DID NOT close south-bound traffic on 94th Street this year. Therefore, a traffic change for the Archway Scottsdale campus IS NOT NECESSARY. **However, we do anticipate that traffic in the area surrounding our campus as well as traffic along your commute to campus will be GREATLY INCREASED by the Phoenix Open events.** Given all the traffic in the area, it is vital that **all families plan accordingly and allow ample time to arrive and depart school safely and on time.**



Please remember that it is never ok to use neighboring private property to access the school. This includes parking and walking over to the campus or driving through neighbor's parking lots to access the campus. Refrain from doing so at all time, especially next week.

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!

[CLICK HERE to visit the Loop 101 Project Website](#)

- 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.



Upcoming Testing Dates

Galileo Testing

This series of benchmark 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



AASA/AzSCI Testing

Students in grades 3-5 will have required Arizona state testing in March and April. **Please refrain from scheduling appointments during testing windows.** If a student leaves after starting the test, that student is not allowed to finish their test that day or on a make-up day. That student **MUST** submit their unfinished test and blank answers.

3rd Grade

4/2 8:20am – 10:20am

4/9* 11:20am – 1:20pm

4/15 8:20am – 9:35am & 11:30am – 12:45pm

4/16 8:20am – 9:35am & 11:30am – 12:45pm

**All third grade students need a pair of wired headphones with a microphone attached for the 4/9 Oral Reading Fluency Test. If you are unsure if your child has one, please confirm with their teacher.*

4th Grade

4/1 8:20am – 10:20am

4/18 8:20am – 9:35am & 12:40pm – 1:55pm

4/19 8:20am – 9:35am & 12:40pm – 1:55pm

5th Grade

3/26 8:20am – 9:50am & 11:50am – 1:00pm & 1:30pm – 2:45pm

4/4 8:20am – 10:20am

4/5 8:20am – 9:35 & 12:40pm – 1:55pm

4/8 8:20am – 9:35 & 12:40pm – 1:55pm

Registration for Summer Programs is Open!

Summer Programs include Summer Camp for any student in rising grades 1st-5th, and Kinder Readiness for new, incoming kindergarten students (including those on the Great Hearts waitlist). Whether you register for one week, or all four, it is bound to be an experience to remember! Visit the [Summer Programs Website](#) to learn more.



[REGISTER FOR SUMMER PROGRAMS HERE!](#)



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.

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facebook

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VOLUNTEER HERE!

**Gear Up for Fun and Friendly Competition
at Our Upcoming Field Day Event!**

More details coming soon!



ARCHWAY CLASSICAL ACADEMY
SCOTTSDALE

FIELD DAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH



LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

Scottsdale Prep Mid-year Vacancies

At SPA we are anticipating two mid-year, part-time vacancies that would perhaps interest a parent in our community. For both roles, a high school diploma is required.

- ESS Aide (part time): Assists individual special education students when in a general education class, as well as with some small group work in the ESS room.
- Family Giving Associate (part time): Assists with SPA's/ACS's annual Community Investment and Tax Credit giving campaigns.

Please communicate interest in these positions to:

Mark McAfee: mmcafee@scottsdaleprep.org

Marisa Lengel-Zigich: mlengelizich@scottsdaleprep.org

Travis Clement: tclement@scottsdaleprep.org

Spring Music Concert - Save the Date!

Our spring music concert for 1st - 4th grades will be held La Casa de Cristo on **Friday, April 12th** as follows:

1st - 2nd Grades, 4:45-5:30pm

4:45pm - students arrive

5:00-5:30pm - student presentation

3rd - 4th Grades, 5:45-6:30pm

5:45pm - students arrive

6:00-6:30pm - student presentation



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!

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.



Attendance Policy for Illness



A student should not come to school if any of these symptoms are present in the previous 24 hours:

- Elevated temperature of 100.0 degrees or greater. A student should be fever free for 24 hours *without the use of fever reducing medications* before returning to school.
- Vomiting or diarrhea

Stay Home:

- Frequent and/or productive cough
- Sore throat with swollen glands
- Undiagnosed new or untreated skin rash
- Pus-like discharge from the eyes

Our full illness policy can be found [HERE](#).

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!



Please be prompt when picking up your students at dismissal time!

- We can no longer allow front office pick up at dismissal time. **All students must be picked up through the regular car line.**
- Parents are granted a 30-minute window after their student's regular dismissal time to pick them up from school. In the event that you arrive more than 30 minutes after dismissal, **a late fee of \$1 per minute will be charged.**
- For after school clubs: Parents are granted a 10-minute window after their student's club dismissal time to pick them up. In the event that you arrive more than 10 minutes late, **a late fee of \$1 per**

minute will be charged. Two late pickups from club dismissal will result in the student being **dropped from the club with no refund.**

Students Leaving Early Procedure

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!

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.



Did you know that tax credits made to Archway Scottsdale help to bring outside vendors to campus? Tax credits help to fund field trips, extracurriculars activities, and field trip transportation.
It costs you nothing to contribute.

**CONTRIBUTE YOUR
TAX CREDIT TO ARCHWAY SCOTTSDALE**

Help us reach our tax credit goal of \$190,000 by **April 15, 2024**. We are 25% to our goal and with your contribution,

we can reach our goal and help to fund field trips, extra-curricular activities, and bringing outside vendors to campus.

Please contact Lisa Noyes at Inoyes@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

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