

Archway Weekly Update | August 1, 2024

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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Dear Archway Scottsdale Community,

What an energizing and inspiring start to our first day of school! It was such a pleasure to welcome each of you to Meet the Teacher Night on Tuesday, and it was an even greater joy to welcome each of your scholars to their First Day of School this morning. The energy of our faculty, staff, students, and parents was evident and infectious during our first hours of this new school year.



If this is your first year at Archway Scottsdale, I want to extend an extra special welcome to you. You are joining a community of friends unified in a common purpose of cultivating the hearts and minds of students through the pursuit of truth, goodness, and beauty.

We often talk about those first two transcendentals of truth and goodness, but it is mornings like this one that remind us of that third transcendental of beauty. Beauty can take the shape that we typically expect – that of smiling students starting a new year, joyful teachers welcoming families to their first day, and neat and tidy classrooms surrounded by a well-ordered campus with trimmed trees and a more efficient carline.

But if we only look for these manifestations of beauty, then we will miss the more important, hidden incarnations of virtue in our midst. Beauty is seen most in redemption shining through challenges and our resolve to transform those challenges into opportunities. This year will have its challenges, but I am confident in our community's resolve to meet those challenges well and provide worthwhile examples for our students to emulate.

One of our greatest challenges this year is budget cuts due to the expiration of certain streams of funding from the State. There is bipartisan support for renewing those funds in our next budget year; but for this year, we rely heavily upon our Community Investment and Tax Credit campaigns to deliver an even higher standard of classical education to our students. Your partnership in these two campaigns has never been more necessary or appreciated. If you would like to start the first day of school by investing in your scholars' education, you can donate to our Community Investment fund [here](#) or join our Tax Credit contributions using [this link](#). Please also feel free to reach out to me or our Director of Academy Giving, [Lisa Noyes](#), for more information.

Before I close, I would like to say how grateful I am for the beautiful ways that we have moved forward as a community over the last year. We certainly transformed our fair share of challenges into momentous opportunities. Our achievements are manifold and too many to enumerate, but I would like to mention a few that I think you will find as inspiring as I have. The first is the 15% increase in our Net Promoter Score among Archway Scottsdale parents. For perspective, this is the highest increase among Archways in the state of Arizona and the second-highest increase among all 23 Great Hearts Academies. We also saw significant increases in satisfaction with our students' academic progress, headmaster approval, and an overall increase in 22 out of 23 categories in our parents survey. We saw similar increases in our Faculty Survey, and we experienced a 63% increase in faculty retention last year.

I would like to close by announcing a few campus improvements that we made last year. Our Garden Club continues to beautify our courtyard, we have doubled the size of our play structure to increase our students' joy of learning, and we have added a bypass lane to both carlines to increase the efficiency of pickup and drop-off. All of this is made possible by your generosity through our Community Investment and Tax Credit campaigns.

As you pick up your scholars this afternoon and over the next two weeks, I would like to thank you in advance for your extra patience during afternoon carpool. The progress from our additional bypass lanes

will be evident in the coming weeks, once all of us have adjusted to these new improvements and our newest students, parents, faculty, and staff have learned our routines. In the meantime, afternoon carpool will feel much slower than expected during the first few weeks of school. This situation, like all challenges, is an opportunity to cultivate beauty by overcoming obstacles well and transforming them into opportunities. I am grateful to be part of a community that seeks virtue in our scholarship, teaching, and also in our daily duties and interactions with one another amid the summer heat. Here's to a beautiful new school year together!



Headmaster
Archway Classical Academy of Scottsdale

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming key dates to remember:

- August 7** First Day of Wednesday afterschool clubs
- August 9** Club Registration Closes
- August 12-16** All afterschool clubs begin
- August 13** Curriculum Night | Kindergarten & 1st Grade | 5:00-6:05pm
- August 20** Curriculum Night | 2nd & 3rd Grade | 5:00-6:05pm
- August 21** Handel's Dine-Out | 2-8pm
- August 22** Curriculum Night | 4th & 5th Grade | 5:00-6:05pm
- August 30** Spirit Day

Galileo Testing Dates

- 2nd Grade** 8/29, 8/30 - 8:20-10:10 am
- 3rd Grade** 8/19, 8/20 - 11:30 am - 1:10 pm
- 4th Grade** 8/22, 8/23 - 8:20-9:50 am
- 5th Grade** 8/26, 8/27 - 9:10-11:00 am

- September 2** No School | Labor Day
- September 5** Individual Picture day
- September 12** PSO Mom's Night Out | 6pm | Sophia's Kitchen
- September 20** Half Day | GH Teacher In-service
- September 24** PSO Chipotle Dine-Out
- September 28** PSO Family Game Night | 6-8pm | ACS MPR



Half-Day Kindergarten | 8:15-11:45 AM
Full-Day Kindergarten-2nd Grade | 8:15-2:50 PM
3rd-5th Grade (+ K-2nd Grade Siblings) | 8:15-3:15 PM

Early Release

Half Day

1:50 PM (K-2nd)
2:15 PM (3rd-5th + K-2nd siblings)

11:50 AM (K-2nd Grade)
12:15 PM (3rd-5th + K-2nd siblings)



2024-2025
SCHOOL CALENDAR

2024-2025
IMPORTANT DATES

FACULTY & STAFF
FAVORITE THINGS

August 4 **Miss Niccoli** | 4C
August 10 **Mrs. Wohlgemuth** | Office Manager

QUICK LINKS

Order Hot Lunch

Current Volunteer
Opportunities

Uniform Pictorial
Guide

Family Directory

Birthday Book List

Faculty & Staff
Favorites

Uniform & Dress
Code Policy

Family Resources

Email Archives

ACS Academy
Giving

Volunteer
Application

Family Handbook

If you have decided not to send your child to Archway Scottsdale this coming school year, please contact Keli King, our Registrar/Enrollment Coordinator, immediately at KKing@archwayscottsdale.org. Thank you!

Welcome
Back to School!



Our classrooms are
buzzing with excitement
and focus today!

We do not allow front office pick up at dismissal time.
All students must be picked up through the regular car line.

On this busy day, please remember pick-up will take longer than usual the first week or two until new teachers, students, and parents learn the system. Please be patient during pick-up times. A calm and organized environment helps everyone, from teachers to our little ones.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

HOW YOU CAN HELP SPEED UP TRAFFIC:

It will get better soon, and your support and cooperation are a BIG part of that success!

DROP-OFF

1. Earlier is better! The big rushes happen from 7:50-8:05 am, so arriving closer to 7:30 am is best.
2. Make sure your child is ready to go! Breakfast finished, shoes on, seat belts unfastened, backpack at hand and closed, kisses given, and DEPLOY.
3. Pull all the way into your spot and follow the directions of adults on duty.
4. Carpool if possible.
5. **Fill all spaces and even out lanes!** Use both lanes and stay close to the car in front of you.

PICK-UP

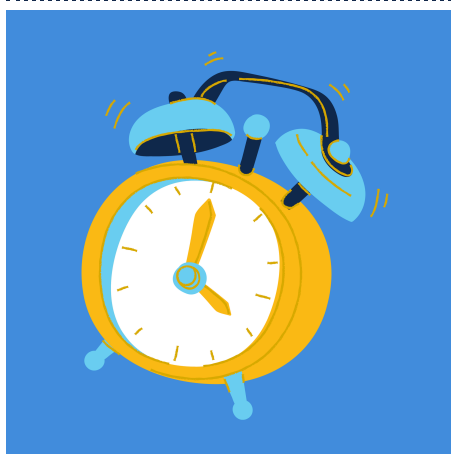
1. Carpool if possible.
2. Arrive at the correct time - First Pick-Up should be in the car line by 2:45 pm and no later than 3:00 pm; Second Pick-Up should arrive no earlier than 3:10 pm (arriving “early to beat the line” actually creates the backup).
3. **Keep the lanes even!** Fill all the spaces and use the lane with fewer cars. **Do not change lanes** once faculty members have entered your name in our app.

School Uniforms

See our updated and simplified [Uniform and Dress Code Policy!](#) Use the [pictorial guide](#) on our website as a visual resource with further clarifications.

Important notes to consider:

1. White tights are no longer acceptable for girls, but girls can wear navy tights and leggings under skirts and jumpers.
2. Although the updated uniform policy does not explicitly mention jumpers for girls or sweater vests for all students, if an item is sold by Anton or Dennis under Archway Scottsdale, it is an appropriate item.
3. Contact Uniforms@ArchwayScottsdale.Org with any questions.



Early Release Wednesdays

- **Half-Day Kindergarten Students** are still dismissed 11:45 am at the front of the school.
- **Grade K-2 Students** are dismissed 1:50 pm. Siblings of older students will be held in their classrooms until the second pick-up.
- **Grade 3-5 Students** and younger siblings are dismissed 2:15 pm. **Parents coming for second pick-up should not enter the queue until 2:10 pm.**

Register for Clubs!

Registration closes August 9 at midnight, but due to space limitations, clubs fill up fast. Sign up starting **Tuesday, July 29 at 7am** for your favorite choices!

Your **tax credit donations** subsidize club fees. Thank you!

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO REGISTER!](#)

Curriculum Nights August 13, 20 & 22

Don't miss this opportunity to hear from the headmaster and your teachers about your child's curriculum and grade-level expectations. **This important evening is for parents only, so please plan to book a sitter.**

5:00-5:30pm | Presentation in the MPR

Please join us in our Multipurpose room to hear from Dr. Sciubba, one of our specials teachers, Family Giving, and our Parent Service Organization.

** This presentation will be the same on all three curriculum nights. If you are attending multiple nights for children in different grade levels, you only need to attend this presentation once.*

5:35-6:05pm | Curriculum Overview in Homeroom Classrooms

Homeroom teachers will provide an overview of curriculum and expectations for the year.



Galileo Testing for Grades 2-5

Galileo Benchmark testing starts August 19! This series of tests is to monitor student progress in math and ELA throughout the year. We appreciate your partnership to make sure students arrive on time and well rested. Please do not schedule appointments during these windows. Thank you!

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FIND OUT MORE
ABOUT THE PSO!

CURRENT VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES

PSO Impact

Building Community and Giving Back

JUMP INTO KINDER



The PSO organized the Jump Into Kinder event on 7/29/24 and it was a tremendous success. BEST Sports proved to be an ideal venue for the occasion. Approximately half of all incoming kindergartners participated! While the kids had fun with inflatables, glow-in-the-dark dodgeball & basketball, the rock wall, and fresh cotton candy, parents mingled and chatted.



PSO AT MTT

The PSO enjoyed being back on campus, Tuesday for Meet the Teacher! We debuted new spirit wear cups and sold nearly all of our used uniforms!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We Need Room Parents!

VOLUNTEER TO BE A ROOM PARENT IN YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM THIS YEAR!
SCAN THE QR CODE TO VOLUNTEER



ROOM PARENT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP ORGANIZE CLASSROOM CELEBRATIONS • SUPPORT OUR TEACHERS • AND MORE!

Complete the Volunteer Request form by scanning the QR Code.
Volunteer Requests Must Be Submitted by Aug 9th
Email Questions to PSORoom@archwayscottsdale.org

Need gift ideas for your teachers?



RaiseRight™

Save money and time while supporting our school. Buy bulk gift cards, send e-gift cards, or reload coffee cards for your favorite teacher.



PSOrevgen@archwayscottsdale.org



Weds. 8/21/24:

Handel's Dine Out Event
Stop by to show your school spirit and community build. It'll be sweet!
@HANDEL'S 2-8PM

ASPSO Meeting

Thurs. 8/15/24:
8:30AM - ACS WAREHOUSE

PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!



LINK YOUR FRY'S SHOPPER CARD TO ARCHWAY SCOTTSDALE PSO, AND EVERY PURCHASE WILL BENEFIT OUR SCHOOL WHILE YOU EARN PERSONAL SHOPPING POINTS.

Log in to your account and search for "Archway Scottsdale PSO" under COMMUNITY REWARDS: Fry's Community Rewards..

PSORevGen@archwayscottsdale.org

Looking for
VOLUNTEER
Opportunities?

<https://linktr.ee/aspso>

connect with us
ON SOCIAL MEDIA



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Interested in Joining Girl Scouts?

Does your daughter want to make new friends, hike, camp, learn leadership skills, learn to code, and help serve the community? Girl

Scouts do all of those things and so much more!! If your daughter is interested in joining Girl Scouts, fill out our interest form and check out our Pima Neighborhood Blog!

INTEREST FORM LINK

PIMA NEIGHBORHOOD BLOG SPOT



Volunteer Applications for This School Year

Parent volunteers are the heart of our school! (Grandparents, too!) All volunteers must apply to volunteer **each school year**. If you haven't already, [please fill out a volunteer application](#) at least 3 days before coming on campus to volunteer to allow time for approval.



Reminder: School Safety Problems or Concerns

You can anonymously report any safety problem or concern via the Archway Scottsdale website.

REPORT A SCHOOL SAFETY PROBLEM OR CONCERN HERE

Important 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.

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 do not 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.



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](#).



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.



Welcome to the 24-25 school year! We hope you had a fun and restful summer. Family Giving Officers are an on-campus resource to support parent philanthropy through annual campaigns. We would like to introduce ourselves!

My name is Lisa Noyes, and I have the privilege of serving as the Family Giving and Community Engagement Officer for our school community. My role at Archway Scottsdale is to raise the funds for our school that make our educational model possible.

My name is Madi Gant. I am the Family Giving and Community Engagement Associate. I help Lisa with the two annual campaigns, Tax Credit and Community Investment. I am so grateful to be able to connect with families and help the academy.

We look forward to partnering with you throughout the school year to support our great academy. In the meantime, please feel free to contact us at (480) 776-3571 should you need any assistance starting your school year.

Great Hearts Academies would like to continue connecting with you via email. If you prefer to be removed from our list, please contact Great Hearts Academies directly. To stop receiving all email messages distributed through our SchoolMessenger service, follow this link and confirm: [Unsubscribe](#)

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