

## Archway Weekly Update | August 8, 2024

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# Archway Scottsdale



## THE ARCHER'S SCROLL NEWSLETTER

### August 8, 2024

Dear Archway Scottsdale Community,

I am thrilled to announce that our afternoon carline continues to become more and more efficient each day, thanks to coordination, cooperation, and patience between all of you: our faculty, staff, students, and parents. Our first day of school started with an hour and a half afternoon carpool, the following day cut our time by 15 minutes, and yesterday we broke the one-hour mark, which is quite impressive for a community our size. Given our enrollment of 1,072 Students, that comes down to 3.35 seconds per student. While we are off to a great start, I know we can do even better. Our next goal is to break the 45-minute mark for afternoon pickup; and when we do, we will celebrate with a school-wide Otter Pop Party.

As a reminder, carline hacks for parents are the following: 1) Arrive early for morning drop off, but 2) Arrive at the designated time for afternoon pickup. Families that only have K-2 students but arrive after 3:15pm, add more congestion to our second dismissal, which is already a higher volume than our first dismissal. Additionally, it is important that all parents of 3rd - 5th Grade students arrive at their designated pickup time (3:15 p.m. M/Tu/Th/F and 2:15 p.m. W). Our scholars on the second floor do not begin dismissal until those times. Those who arrive more than 5 minutes prior to their designated dismissal will be asked to re-enter carline so that we can keep our traffic flowing safely and efficiently.

One additional hack is to coach your students. Our carline will be quickest if our students are hearing the same instructions at school and at home, which are the following. Our students are to please 1) **Exit** from your classroom as soon as your Lead Teacher dismisses you, 2) **Go** directly to the A or B Carline, depending on the green or red ticket your teacher gives you - i.e. do not go to the bathroom, get water, go to your locker, meet with friends, or visit a former teacher on the way to Carline, 3) When you arrive at Carline, **look** for your car, and if you see it, let the teacher standing next to the car know that this is your car, and 4) **Listen** for your last name and space number so that you can go there and be ready for your car when it arrives. Exit, Go, Look, and Listen - Four easy steps to improve our efficiency of carline. For parents, the main way to improve efficiency is to safely pull all the way forward as directed by faculty and staff when you are picking up your scholars. It is also immensely helpful if you could please have your nameplate placard displayed prominently and clearly on the back of your sunshade visor on the driver's side so that staff calling our scholars' names and entering their names into the Curb App can do so with maximum efficiency.

Finally, and most importantly, I want us to recommit as a community to prioritizing safety and virtue over efficiency. Moving quickly, quietly, and confidently matters, and those of us standing outside in the 100+ degree heat for the full afternoon dismissal want our carline to move efficiently more than anyone else does. That said, the most important thing is to practice the virtues so that we can preserve a calm, orderly, and patient afternoon drop-off for the safety of our scholars.

Anthony Sculba

Headmaster  
Archway Classical Academy of Scottsdale

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## Upcoming key dates to remember:

### 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

**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

**August 22** Curriculum Night | 4th & 5th Grade | 5:00-6:05pm

**August 30** Spirit Day

# SEPTEMBER

**September 2** No School | Labor Day

**September 4** Used Uniform Sale | 1:30-3:30pm | ACS Parking Lot

**September 5** Individual Picture Day

**September 12** PSO Mom's Night Out



**September 20** Half Day | GH Teacher In-service

**September 24** PSO Chipotle Dine-Out



**September 28** PSO Family Game Night



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**

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

**Half Day**

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



**Quarter 1 Archer Days**

**August 30**  
**October 4**

Show off your Archway Archer pride by wearing your favorite spirit wear shirts along with your regular uniform bottoms, shoes, and socks.

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## 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.

FACULTY & STAFF  
FAVORITE THINGS

August 10 **Mrs. Wohlgemuth** | Office Manager  
August 11 **Mrs. Orem** | 1B

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## 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](#)

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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](mailto:KKing@archwayscottsdale.org). Thank you!



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## 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 arrange childcare.**

### 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.

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## Athenaeum Dismissal Policies



- Families with students who regularly attend Athenaeum, please make sure that you email your teachers by noon if your child will not be attending Athenaeum on a given day.
- If your child is attending Athenaeum, please do not arrive to pick them up any earlier than 3:30pm. Arriving before 3:30pm causes a back-up and confusion in the car pick-up lines.
- State regulations mandate that once your student has been checked into Athenaeum, you must sign them out and pick them up in the MPR. The front office staff is unable to sign your student out or release them to you from the front office. Please proceed directly to the MPR when arriving to pick up your student from Athenaeum.

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## All Clubs Start Next Week!



The deadline for club registration is approaching on **Friday, August 9th**. Don't miss out on the fantastic array of clubs that still have openings and are ready for enrollment.

Students must wear their school uniform and have appropriate footwear for their club. Questions about clubs should be **emailed directly to Mr. Brush.**

After clubs end, students will be sent to the courtyard for pick-up or Athenaeum, depending on which option you selected.

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



## Our First Archer Day is August 30!

In preparation for our first Spirit Day of the year, the PSO is holding an online Spirit Wear sale! **Sales are open now and close today, Sunday, August 8.**

*If you haven't set up your Boonli account yet, [please follow these directions.](#)*

[CLICK HERE TO ORDER!](#)

# Parent Service Organization



SOCIAL EVENTS | LUNCH PROGRAM | ROOM PARENTS | YEARBOOK | FACULTY APPRECIATION  
EDUKIT | SPIRIT WEAR | VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR | USED UNIFORMS | DINE OUTS

FIND OUT MORE  
ABOUT THE PSO!

CURRENT VOLUNTEER  
OPPORTUNITIES

# 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](mailto:PSORoom@archwayscottsdale.org)

**ARCHWAY SCOTTSDALE DINE OUT EVENT!**



15681 N. Hayden Road  
Scottsdale, AZ 85260

**AUG 21**  
2:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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[WWW.HANDELSICECREAM.COM](http://WWW.HANDELSICECREAM.COM)



**20% OF TOTAL PURCHASES WILL BE DONATED TO ARCHWAY SCOTTSDALE PSO**

Not valid with any other offer. Good at North Scottsdale Handel's only. Good this day and time only. Flyer distribution on Handel's property is prohibited and will result in forfeiture of your organization's entire donation.

Looking for **VOLUNTEER Opportunities?**

<https://linktr.ee/aspso>



**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](mailto:PSORevGen@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](mailto:PSOrevgen@archwayscottsdale.org)

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- **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.**



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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



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## 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.



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## Lost and Found...Already!

Please make sure to clearly label your water bottles, lunch boxes, and jackets to help find them easily. Lost & Found items are located on a cart outside the front office during office hours. Please come find your misplaced items today! Items unclaimed for more than two weeks are subject to be donated or discarded.





## 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](mailto: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.*

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## 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](#).

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## 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.



Dear Archway Scottsdale Community,

I am looking forward to the opportunity to partner with you in service to our students this year. I am writing this letter to announce the launch of our Community Investment and Tax Credit campaign for the 2024/2025 School Year. For those of you who have given to our Community Investment or Tax Credit campaign this year or in years past, I want to take a moment and convey my sincere gratitude for your investment in your scholars' education.

The Community Investment campaign matters deeply to me because this initiative allows Archway Scottsdale to fund the curricular distinctives of a Great Hearts education. Without this campaign, we could not fund the most essential aspect of a classical elementary education. For example, Community Investment allows us to ensure that there are always two teachers in every classroom, providing immense support to your students through differentiated instruction and personalized reading groups. These funds also allow us to maintain the highest standards of teacher training and ongoing instructional coaching, as well as a robust offering of Specials, including Art, Music, Spanish, Physical Education, Technology, and Library. Simply put, Community Investment allows me to support our teachers in providing your students with a topflight classical education. Without it, we could not afford to provide the depth or breadth of curricular offerings, extracurricular offerings, or student services that we provide.

I am also very passionate about the Tax Credit campaign because this program provides you with the opportunity to redirect your tax dollars to your scholars' education. Rarely do we enjoy such direct control over how the government spends our tax dollars. A Tax Credit contribution is the single most effective way for us to raise significant funding for our school at no cost to our community. It is a simple means to substantially increase the state funding to charter schools and close the state funding gap that exists between us and our public school counterparts.

If you have not yet given, please consider partnering with us this year through a monthly gift to Community Investment and by designating your Public School Tax Credit to Archway Scottsdale. Your generosity leaves a lasting impact on our students.

Help support the education you have chosen for your child by: [using this link](#) or contacting our Family Giving and Community Engagement Officer, Lisa Noyes, at [lnoyes@archwayscottsdale.org](mailto:lnoyes@archwayscottsdale.org) or 480 776-3571.

Sincerely,  
**Anthony Sciubba**, Ph.D.

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