
Archway Weekly Update | December 19, 2024

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Archway Scottsdale



THE ARCHER'S SCROLL NEWSLETTER

December 19, 2024

Upcoming key dates to remember:

December 18-20 Half Days

December 19 PSO Frosty Story Night



December 18-20 Half Days

December 20 Archer Day

December 21 Lunch Volunteer SUG available | 10am

December 23-31 No School | Winter Break

Galileo Testing Dates

5th Grade 1/9, 1/10 – 9:10-11:00 am

3rd Grade 1/13, 1/14 – 11:30 am-1:10 pm

4th Grade 1/16, 1/17 – 8:20-9:50 am

2nd Grade 1/30, 1/31 – 8:20-10:10 am

January 1-5 No School | Winter Break

January 6 No School | Teacher Work Day

January 13 Parent Portal Opens for Q2 Report Card Viewing

January 13 PSO Oregon's Dine Out

January 17 | Archer Day

January 20-24 No School | Barrett Jackson

January 30 Class Pictures & Individual Retakes

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 2 Archer Days

December 20

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

2024-2025
SCHOOL CALENDAR

2024-2025
IMPORTANT DATES

DRAFT 2025-2026
SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

- December 21 **Ms. Broschat | 5F**
- December 21 **Mrs. Hunt | 2B**
- December 23 **Mrs. Ducey | 4F**
- December 26 **Mrs. Collins | 2E**
- December 27 **Ms. Beauchamp | ESS**
- December 27 **Ms. Denton | Behavioral Interventionist**
- December 28 **Mrs. Lettieri | Nurse**
- December 29 **Mr. Calloway | Instructional Coach**
- December 30 **Mr. Ash | 5B**

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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!

[Liam Stillman | 5B](#)
[Charles Hupman | 1C](#)
[Lila Constable | 2B](#)
[Della Paul | 1D](#)



Congratulations to Our Spelling Bee Champion!

We are thrilled to announce that **Elysse Swartz**, a fourth grade student, has won this year's school spelling bee! Elysse impressed us all with her poise and determination to take the top prize. We are so proud of Elysse's hard work and achievement!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 16-20

There will be NO FRONT OFFICE PICK-UP THIS WEEK!

Unless you have special permission from the front office, ALL students must be picked up from the car line.

FULL DAY MONDAY & TUESDAY

The first two days of the week are **full days**. This week is packed full of celebration, wonder and joy!

HALF DAYS WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Kinder-2nd grade will be dismissed at **11:50 am**. *Please note: **Half-Day Kindergarten Students** will be released at 11:50 am in the regular car line (not the front of the school).


3rd-5th grades & K-2nd grade siblings will be dismissed at **12:15 pm**.

The **front office** will close at **1:30pm** on all half days. Our doors and phones will close promptly at 1:30pm.

LOST & FOUND

Please take a few minutes to come and check the Lost and Found before we go on break. Lost and Found items are located on the carts outside the front office during office hours. **Any unlabeled items remaining on December 20 will be donated or discarded.**

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Clubs will not meet this week. 
Q3 clubs start January 13!

ATHENAEUM

Athenaeum will be open all days this week.



FRIDAY IS ARCHER DAY!

Show off your Archway Archer pride by wearing your favorite spirit wear shirts along with your regular uniform bottoms, shoes and socks. Let's make the last day of the quarter memorable, exciting and full of Archer pride! 🏹🌟

WINTER BREAK

We hope you enjoy a healthy and safe break! Please note that we are returning to school on **Tuesday, January 7.**

Dear Archway Scottsdale Families,

It is my great pleasure to announce that our Parent Service Organization has partnered with our entire parent community here at Archway Scottsdale to raise a truly Great Hearted, magnanimous, and philanthropic holiday appreciation gift for our faculty and staff. Through their generosity in the Harvesting Gratitude Campaign, each full-time Archway Scottsdale employee will receive an additional check of \$350 this coming Friday, December 20, and that same amount will be prorated for each part-time teacher and staff member depending on one's hours worked. This holiday appreciation bonus is funded entirely by our parent community at Archway Scottsdale in partnership with our PSO. Please join me in thanking our wonderful Scottsdale parents for their kindness, generosity, and partnership in our scholars' education and formation.

Sincerely,

Headmaster | Archway Classical Academy Scottsdale

2025-2026 Academic Calendar Draft

Here is our draft for the 2025-26 school year. We will update the draft on the website once the calendar has been approved. We are still working on ideas to improve our afternoon dismissal. Stay tuned for updated dismissal procedures that will be implemented in 2025-26!

DRAFT 2025-2026 ACADEMIC CALENDAR



Quarter 2 Report Cards

The portal for viewing report cards will open for parents on **Monday, January 13 at 8am**. If for any reason you do not have login information for the PowerSchool Parent Portal, please contact [Mrs. Wohlgemuth](#).

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

4/1 8:20am – 10:20am

4/3* Time: TBD

4/7 8:20am – 9:35am & 11:30am – 1:00pm

4/8 8:20am – 9:35am & 11:30am – 1:00pm

**All third grade students need a pair of wired headphones with a microphone attached for the 4/3 Oral Reading Fluency Test. If you are unsure if your child has one, please confirm with their teacher.*

4th Grade

4/4 8:20am – 10:20am

4/11 8:20am – 9:35am & 12:55pm – 2:15pm

4/14 8:20am – 9:35am & 12:55pm – 2:15pm

5th Grade

3/26 9:10am – 10:40am

3/27 9:10am – 10:40am & 11:50am – 1:20pm

3/31 8:20am – 10:20am

4/15 9:10am – 10:25am & 11:50am – 1:20pm

4/17 9:10am – 10:25am & 11:50am – 1:20pm

Don't Miss Out – Two Great Sports Camps Coming Up!

Just a quick reminder that there's still time to sign up for our Winter Break Sports Camp! Spots are filling up fast, so don't miss out on this exciting opportunity for your kids to stay active and have fun over the break.

Winter Break Camp Details

Location: Archway Scottsdale's Gym

Dates: December 30 – January 3 (New Year's Day included)

Time: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (Aftercare available from 2–4 PM)

[REGISTER HERE!](#)



2025 Barrett Jackson Camp

Boys & Girls 4-12

 Runs Jan 20 - Jan 24

 9:00am - 2:00pm

 **Future Athletes**

The graphic features three children in athletic gear: a boy flexing his muscles in a Chicago Bulls jersey, a boy dribbling a soccer ball, and a boy in a dynamic pose. The background is a red-tinted image of a gymnasium.

 **New Camp Alert: Barrett-Jackson Sports Camp!**

Registration is now open for our upcoming Barrett-Jackson Sports Camp in January! We will have the same great activities, games, and lunch options for your kids.

- 🏀 Sports & Games: Fun drills and scrimmages in soccer, football, and basketball—perfect for improving skills and having a blast.
- 🎮 Daily Activities: We'll end each day with something exciting, like laser tag or board games.
- 🍕 Lunch Included: Chick-fil-A, pizza, Jimmy John's.

Barrett-Jackson Camp Details

Location: Archway Scottsdale's Gym

Dates: January 20 – January 24

Time: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (Aftercare available from 2–4 PM)

[SIGN UP HERE!](#)

"The Prep School Promise" - a new GHAZ video series

Great Hearts Arizona is starting a new video series called, "***The Prep School Promise***," a monthly mini-series that will showcase elements from the Prep School Revisioning Project.

Each month you'll see a handful of stories of how we're reimagining the high school experience at our 12 Prep schools across Arizona. For over 20 years, we've provided families with the best in classical education, and now, based on your feedback, we're taking it to the next level.

In this first episode, we're diving into exciting new additions like Cheer/Spirit Line, House Systems, Spirit Day celebrations, and Dual Enrollment opportunities.

[VIEW THE FIRST EPISODE HERE](#)



Winter Break Basketball Camp Celebrating 15 years of Awesome Basketball Camps

December 23-27 (No Camp 12.25)

9:00am - 3:00pm @ Scottsdale Preparatory Academy

SPA coaches, former college and pro players, and club coaches will host our winter break camp. The camp is for boys and girls 2nd--8th grade. Don't wait too long to register. This camp will sell out. Take advantage of a special Archway discount by putting in code **Archway 2024** at checkout.

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

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



Arizona Cancer
Foundation for Children

TOY DRIVE

Let's help the Arizona Cancer Foundation for Children stock their shelves!
All donations will be given to children with pediatric cancer and their siblings.

DECEMBER 16TH - 20TH

Donation bins will be available in front of the school and in the MPR.
New, unopened toys, please.

Most wanted toys include Legos, Superhero items, Barbies, dolls, jewelry making kits, games, toddler toys, sports balls, and gift cards for older children/teens.



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

Interested in Being a Lunch Volunteer?

An email link to the lunch volunteer sign-up will be sent out at **10am** on **Saturday, December 21**. It does fill up very quickly, so if you are interested, make sure you check your email at that time. All

volunteers on campus must have completed a [Great Hearts volunteer application](#) for the 2024-25 school year.

Spread Holiday Cheer AND Support Our School This Season!

Make your Tax Credit to Archway Scottsdale before the end of the year!

[Donate to Archway Scottsdale Tax Credit](#), it only takes 5 minutes! The tax credit funds support field trips and bringing outside vendors to campus, like the petting zoo and herpetological society. The maximum amount for single filers is \$200 and \$400 for joint filers. **It costs you nothing** as you receive a dollar-for-dollar credit on your AZ taxes!

Thank you!

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

Yearbook Ordering is Open

Cherish those school year memories by purchasing an Archway Scottsdale yearbook today! Your family will love flipping through pictures of classmates, teachers and staff, classroom celebrations, field trips, special campus events, and more! Purchased yearbooks will be distributed to classrooms in May 2025.

CLICK HERE TO ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!

We're Hiring!

Archway Scottsdale is hiring Apprentice Teachers/Teaching Assistants! If you or someone you know may be interested in guiding the hearts and minds of our scholars in the pursuit of truth, goodness, and beauty, please apply today!

APPLY HERE!

Looking to get more involved at Archway Scottsdale? Apply to become a substitute teacher! For details and to apply, please contact smagary@archwayscottsdale.org.

IMPORTANT ACS Parking Lot Reminders

There is **absolutely NO PARKING** allowed at the red curb outside the front office or blocking other spaces in our parking lot.

- If you are visiting the front office for any reason (such as an early morning drop-off for tutoring, dropping off your student late or bringing forgotten items, etc), please ensure that you **park in designated parking spots only**.
- Reminder: **the red curb outside the front office is designated as a fire lane, and parking there is strictly prohibited!**

All students must be dropped off in the mornings only through the car line.

- For everyone's safety and to keep things running smoothly, dropping off in the parking lot is not allowed, as it creates safety hazards and disrupts the flow of traffic. **Please help us keep our school safe and efficient by only using the designated car line for drop-offs.**

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!



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 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.**
- More than two early pickups in a month will require a doctor's note.
- **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.
- Please note that if you arrive to pick up your student while they are in transition, at recess, in a specials class, or out of the classroom for an event or activity, our front office staff will be unable

to leave the desk to retrieve them. In these cases, we kindly ask that you patiently wait until your child has returned to their classroom before we can call them to the front office to meet you.

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.**

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 librarian](#) and she will be happy to answer your questions.

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