
Archway Weekly Update | August 11, 2025

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Archway Scottsdale



THE ARCHER'S SCROLL
NEWSLETTER

August 11, 2025

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming key dates to remember:

AUGUST

August 11 After school clubs begin

August 12 Kinder & 1st Grade Curriculum Night | 5-6:05pm

August 13 PSO Handel's Dine Out

ARCHWAY SCOTTSDALE DINE OUT EVENT!



15681 N. Hayden Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85260

AUG 13
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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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.

August 19 2nd & 3rd Grade Curriculum Night | 5-6:05pm

August 21 4th & 5th Grade Curriculum Night | 5-6:05pm

August 29 PSO Used Uniform Sale | 2:30-4:30pm | ACS Parking Lot

Galileo Testing Dates

2nd Grade 8/28, 8/29 - 8:20-10:10 am

3rd Grade 8/18, 8/19 - 11:30 am - 1:10 pm

4th Grade 8/21, 8/22 - 8:20-9:50 am

5th Grade 8/25, 8/26 - 9:05-10:45 am

SEPTEMBER

September 1 No School | Labor Day

September 4 Individual Picture Day

September 12 PSO Yogurtology Dine Out

September 12 PSO Family Football Night



September 18 PSO Meeting | 8:30am | ACS Warehouse

September 23 PSO Chipotle Dine Out

September 17 Half Day | GH Teacher In-service

September 29 PSO Used Uniform Sale | 2:30-4:30pm | ACS Parking Lot

SCHOOL HOURS

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays

Half-Day Kindergarten | 8:15-11:45 AM

Full-Day Kindergarten-5th Grade | 8:15 AM-3:15 PM

Wednesdays & Half Days

All kindergarten-5th Grade | 8:15am-12:15pm

2025-26
SCHOOL CALENDAR



2025-26
IMPORTANT DATES



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 11 Mrs. Michaela Orem | 1B



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!

Stay tuned for Archer of the Day announcements once the school year commences!



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Curriculum Nights

August 12 (Kindergarten & 1st Grade)

August 19 (2nd & 3rd Grade)

August 21 (4th & 5th Grade)

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.

Updated 2025-26 Academic Calendar

View the updated [academic calendar](#) to see this year's picture days!

Attendance and Absences

We depend on parents to help your child build habits of excellence when attending school. Regular attendance and prompt arrival at school are vital to your child's success. Students must be present at school in order to access the rich curriculum, instruction, and discussion needed to build the skills that are required to be promoted to the next grade level.

Please always communicate all absences (planned or unexpected) to:

1. The front office at office@archwayscottsdale.org
 - *This helps us accurately record the absence.*
2. Your homeroom Lead Teacher and Assistant Teacher
 - *This helps us communicate expectations for make-up work and ensure your child receives important instruction and/or assessments.*

Attendance Policies:

Please refer to our [Family Handbook](#) for a more detailed explanation of attendance policies.

- The Department of Education defines an **excused absence** as an absence due to illness, doctor appointment, mental or behavioral health, homelessness, bereavement, family emergencies, time necessary to process for the armed forces, and out-of-school suspensions. All other cases of absence shall be considered **unexcused**.
- All **vacations** should be scheduled during school breaks. Absences due to vacations will be considered unexcused absences and missed work will not be provided either prior to or after a student's return.
- An **unexcused absence of 10 consecutive days** or longer will automatically result in the withdrawal of the student from ACS. Teachers will not provide homework and/or class work in advance for unexcused absences.
- Arizona state law (15-802.A, 15-803.E) requires every child between the ages of 6 and 16 to attend school while it is in session unless the student is ill.
 - The state considers a student "**habitually truant**" when they have accumulated 5 or more unexcused absences or an accumulation of more than 18 excused and unexcused absences.
 - Students who are chronically ill should request a Chronic Illness form to be completed by the student's doctor.
- Excessive tardiness and/or absences may result in retention.

Illness Policy:

A student should not come to school if any of the symptoms below are present in the previous 24 hours. Stay home:

- 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
- Diarrhea
- 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](#).

Tardies:

- Students who arrive after the beginning of school must report directly to the school office for a late pass in order to be admitted to class. If a student will be late, the parent/guardian must sign the student in at the school office on arrival.
 - Following the distinction between excused and unexcused absences described above, ACS makes a distinction between cases of excused tardiness (e.g., due to a doctor's appointment, illness, or other family business) and unexcused tardiness (e.g., due to oversleeping, transportation problems, or some other reason). The school disapproves of the accumulation of unexcused tardiness, irrespective of the circumstances.
 - Persistent tardiness is highly disruptive of instruction and undermines student morale.
 - Excessive tardiness and/or absences may result in retention.
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Parking Reminder

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.

Dismissal Reminders

Families are encouraged to pick up at the following pick-up times:

- 3:15–3:25 PM | Last names A–G
- 3:25–3:35 PM | Last names H–N
- 3:35–3:45 PM | Last names O–Z

If a family needs to pick up during a different window than the windows listed above, that is acceptable!

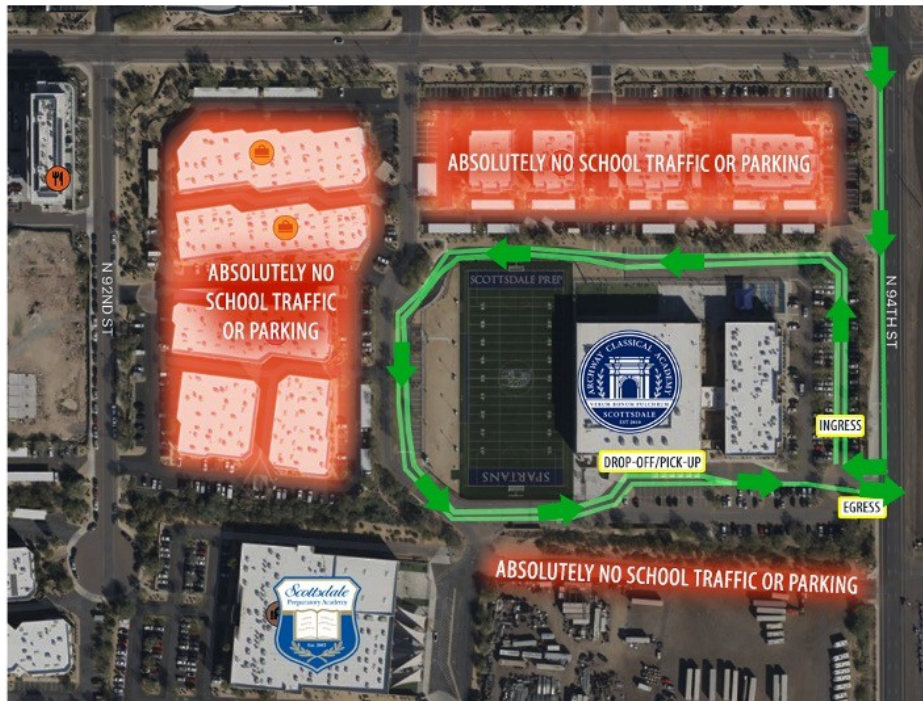
Half-day kindergarteners are picked up at 11:45 AM on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays on ACS full days. On ACS half days (including every Wednesday), half-day kindergarteners are picked up at 12:15 AM with the rest of the school.

Tips for Making Carline Successful & General Reminders

1. **Teach your child to open their own car door, climb inside their car wearing their backpack, and close the door behind them.**
 - a. *If you need to help your child buckle in, please pull forward and stop in one of the parking spaces in our lot before getting out of your car to do so.*
2. **Teach your child to respond to their last name when called!**
3. **Clearly and proactively communicate with your teachers and children** about what days they should wait in the classroom for carline and what they will attend **after school clubs** or **Athenaeum**.
4. Use the **bypass lanes** on your right to move around parked cars when all of your scholars have been loaded into your car, when it is safe to do so.
5. If you have a **Prep student who plans to walk to ACS**, keep in mind the carline will move at a faster pace this year. Communicate with your Prep student to meet you at ACS in a timely manner.
6. If your child has **walking permissions**, please remember that walkers are dismissed automatically. If you need to pick them up through the carline, that should be communicated to your teachers and children well in advance.
7. **Please respect our neighboring properties & community traffic laws.** Do not cut through or park in nearby business lots. Do not drive down medians or cut off cars in line. Follow posted signage.

8. We **do not** allow **front office pickup** at dismissal time. All students are picked up through the regular carline.

- a. 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.
- b. *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 half-day 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. 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. Thank you for your cooperation!

Half-Day Wednesdays

Families will be encouraged to pick up at the following pick-up times:

- 12:15-12:25 PM | Last names A–G
- 12:25-12:35 PM | Last names H–N
- 12:35-12:45 PM | Last names O–Z

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Students attending Wednesday clubs at 12:30 PM should bring a sack lunch to school to eat in the classroom before clubs begin.

Students in 3rd-5th Grade who have signed permission to walk to Scottsdale Prep for dismissal should bring a sack lunch to school on Wednesday half-days to eat in the classroom. SPA walkers will be released at 1:00 PM.



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CURRENT VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES

Save the Dates!

November 8 Fall Carnival | 4:30 - 7:30pm
January 29 Class Pictures & Individual Retakes

Carline/Field Monitor Sign-up

Archway families -- can you spare a few minutes to help our students stay safe in the carline and on the playground in the morning?

This is a fun volunteering opportunity -- you get to start your day seeing lots of smiling faces!

SIGN UP HERE!



OTHER NEWS

Galileo Testing for Grades 2-5

Galileo Benchmark testing starts August 18! 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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Great Hearts Volunteer Application Renewal

Please **renew your Great Hearts volunteer application** for the **2025-26 school year**. Any adult on campus will need this clearance to volunteer, and it must be renewed for each school year. Going forward, applications for parent volunteers will be valid for **one calendar year** from their initial start date, not per academic year!

School Uniforms

See our **Uniform and Dress Code Policy**! Use the **pictorial guide** on our website as a visual resource with further clarifications.

Important notes to consider:

- While **Lands' End** is our new official uniform vendor, please note that any uniform items previously purchased from Anton Uniforms or Dennis Uniforms or from the PSO used uniforms sales are still acceptable.
- Contact **Uniforms@ArchwayScottsdale.Org** with any questions.

Before School: Solis Ortus

Solis Ortus is a tuition-based extension of the school day for families who need to take advantage of an earlier start to the school day. *Solis Ortus* allows our families to drop off students starting as early as 7:00 am. Students spend the morning with some of our friendly teachers engaged in activities and games! [Read more about this opportunity and to register for Solis Ortus »](#)

After School: Athenaeum

Athenaeum is focused on the liberal arts and promotes learning by providing students dedicated homework time in addition to a diverse array of culturally-enriching, academically-oriented activities beyond the classroom. Athenaeum scholars also enjoy time for recreation, games, socializing and just plain fun. Athenaeum runs daily from the dismissal bell (even on early release days) until 6:00 pm. Flexible and affordable options are available to fit any family's after-school needs. [Explore options and register for Athenaeum »](#)



Your tax credit contribution to Archway Scottsdale supports student field trips and bringing experiences like the petting zoo and Butterfly Wonderland to campus. The max for joint filers is \$400 per calendar year and \$200 for single filers.

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What is A Tax Credit?



WHAT IS A TAX CREDIT?

A Tax Credit is re-directing the state taxes you are already paying to the charter or public school of your choice. IT COSTS YOU NOTHING! Tax Credits support field-trips and extra-curriculars.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Contributing your Tax Credit takes 5 minutes! Find the "Donate" tab atop the school's website for an easy transaction. Once you contribute your Tax Credit of \$200 or \$400, use your emailed receipt when you are filing your taxes. You will get a dollar-for-dollar return on your state taxes.

HOW MUCH CAN I CONTRIBUTE?

Couples filing jointly can contribute up to \$400 and single filers can contribute up to \$200.

CAN FAMILIES AND FRIENDS CONTRIBUTE TOO?

Yes! AZ family and friends love to contribute too since it costs them nothing and helps our school!

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Contact the Academy Giving Office at (480) 776 - 3571

Have Questions?
Contact Family Giving, 480- 776-3571
Lisa Noyes lnoyes@scottsdaleprep.org

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