
Archway Weekly Update | August 18, 2025

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Archway Scottsdale



THE ARCHER'S SCROLL NEWSLETTER

August 18, 2025



Dear Archway Scottsdale Parents,

I am so grateful for the opportunity to partner with you in providing a transformational educational experience to our students this year.

I am writing this letter to announce the launch of our two annual campaigns for the 2025/2026 School Year - Community Investment and Tax Credit donations. There are countless ways to invest your time, talent, and treasure over the course of the year at Archway Scottsdale, but there are only two annual campaigns that are essential to funding the daily operations of our school, with 100% of your donation staying at Archway Scottsdale. Without these two campaigns, we would not be able to meet our budget for the 25/26 School Year.

As a charter school, we receive less funding from the state than the local public schools, but as a classical school, our business model is inherently more expensive. Schools across Arizona are making the difficult decision to cut their specials program, stack classrooms with 35+ students and a single teacher, and cut funding for student support. Here at Archway Scottsdale, we are committed to capping our classes and placing two teachers in every classroom for a 15:1 student to teacher ratio. While other

schools might see their specials program as "extracurricular" we see our specials classes as curricular and core to a classical curriculum focused on the liberal arts of music, art, physical education, technology, foreign language, literature, math, history, and science. Because we provide a single, unified, elite one-track classical curriculum, we are also committed to providing specialized and customized levels of support to each student so that all of our scholars can access the curriculum that we teach. In fact, when we compare our roster of 126 faculty and staff members with our current enrollment of 1,074 students, we come to a student to staff ratio of 9:1. This allows us to provide support to our students through math intervention, reading intervention, English language learning support, behavior, counseling, special education, nursing, specials, and campus security. All of these initiatives are central to our identity and commitments as a classical school, but each of these programs cost money.

Last year, I made \$43,000 in personnel related budget cuts to this year's FY26 Budget. I also cut our Community Investment and Tax Credit goals to adjust for current trends of diminishing philanthropy. This year, our Community Investment goal is \$582,750 and our Tax Credit goal is \$163,000. Those sound like big numbers, and they are, but there is reason to be confident. We finished the year in FY25 with a 49% family participation rate for Community Investment and a 42% family participation rate for Tax Credits. If we raise our family participation rate by just 25% this year and maintain our current average rate of contributions, we will blow past our Community Investment and Tax Credit goals for FY26.

As an educator, I am well aware that money is tight right now, but as a donor to our school who contributes to both Community Investment and our Tax Credit campaign, I am also aware of the fact that Tax Credit donations cost me nothing and produce a dollar for dollar refund on my taxes. Even if some of our families cannot afford to contribute to Community Investment, there is no reason why we as a community cannot reach a 90% participation rate in Tax Credit donations, and the vast majority of us who cannot contribute the suggested \$1,500 for Community Investment can at least join with me in contributing according to our means. 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 and formation.

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 or 480 776-3571.

Anthony Sciubba, Ph.D.
Headmaster | Archway Classical Academy Scottsdale

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming key dates to remember:

AUGUST

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

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SEPTEMBER

September 1 No School | Labor Day

September 4 Individual Picture Day

September 5 PSO Yogurtology Dine Out



ARCHWAY SCOTTSDALE DINE-OUT EVENT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH
12:00 PM - 9:00 PM

YOGURTOLOGY
15029 N THOMPSON PEAK PKWY
(LOCATED IN AJ'S PARKING LOT)

MENTION ARCHWAY SCOTTSDALE BEFORE CHECKOUT,
AND 20% WILL BE DONATED BACK TO THE SCHOOL!

Not valid with any other offer. Not valid at other locations, dates, or times!

September 12 PSO Family Football Night

KICK OFF TO A GREAT YEAR AT

*Archway
Family Football
Night*

Friday, September 12, 2025 | Kickoff at 7PM
Scottsdale Preps Football Field

COME CHEER ON
SCOTTSDALE PREP'S FOOTBALL TEAM!
LET'S GO SPARTANS!!!

Let the Pre-Game Fun Begin for our Archers!

Where: MPR
When: 6PM

ADMISSION IS FREE FOR ARCHERS
TICKETS FOR SALE AT THE GATE FOR ADULTS

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

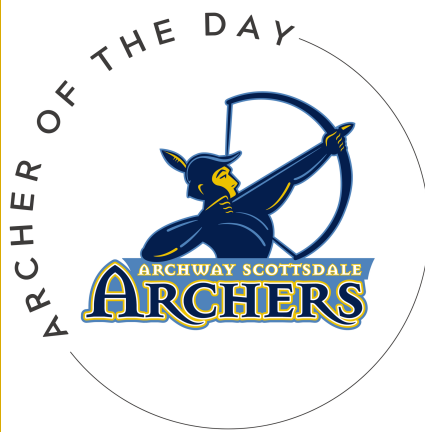


UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS!

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 21 Ms. Allmon | 5F
August 22 Mrs. Turcotte | 4A
August 24 Ms. Carlino | 3-5 Music



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



COMPLETE YOUR ESEA FORM TODAY!



HELP OUR SCHOOL & STUDENTS THRIVE

WHY IT MATTERS:

- ENSURES OUR SCHOOL RECEIVES CRITICAL FEDERAL FUNDING
- SUPPORTS PROGRAMS LIKE TUTORING, TECHNOLOGY, AND MORE

WHO SHOULD FILL IT OUT?

- ALL FAMILIES WITH STUDENTS ENROLLED IN OUR ACADEMY
- FILL OUT A FORM FOR EACH STUDENT

HOW TO COMPLETE:

- SIMPLY SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO COMPLETE THE FORM
- TAKES SECONDS TO COMPLETE! 🕒
- FORMS DUE BY **AUGUST 25TH**



THE FIRST GRADE LEVEL WITH 100% COMPLETION WILL.....



WIN A DONUT PARTY!



Curriculum Nights

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.

Carline Improvements!

All families must arrive for dismissal/pick-up between 3:15-3:50 PM on full days and 12:15-12:50 PM on half days. Names will stop being entered in the carline after 3:50/12:50 PM and families will need to pick up late through the front office.

Our carline has been successfully reduced to 45-50 minutes from start to finish! This means that we start loading our first car at 3:15pm and we load our last car at 4:00/4:05pm.

To help prevent a build up of cars at the start of dismissal, which extends your own wait time and causes neighborhood traffic congestion, we encourage families to arrive closer to the start of dismissal.

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!

Picture Day is Coming!

We have photographers coming on **Thursday, September 4** to take individual portraits! Please note that we recommend all students wear a white, short sleeve polo with the Archway seal. **No blue shirts or jumpers, please.** Review [our uniform code for hair and accessories](#) before picture day to avoid having to retake your photo. Families may [order portraits online](#) or by using the paper forms that will be sent home next week. Also note that class photos are not included in portrait packages and may be purchased separately for \$7.

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

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 PM with the rest of the school.

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 1:10 PM.

Students in K-5 who are picked up towards the end of dismissal on Wednesdays because they are waiting to pick up a Middle School student at Scottsdale Prep should bring a sack lunch to school on Wednesday half-days to eat in the classroom. Middle School is released at 1:05 PM.

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

Save the Dates!

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



PSO Impact

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PARENT SERVICE ORGANIZATION



Our mission is to support and enhance the educational experience at Archway Scottsdale by fostering a strong sense of community among parents, students, and teachers.

Our Mission

what we do:

organize & run program for
USED UNIFORMS

run all aspects of the
HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

design, produce, and
distribute the
YEARBOOK

welcome & connect
NEW FAMILIES

build community by hosting
**SOCIAL EVENTS &
DINE OUTS**

manage and facilitate faculty
**BDAY TREATS, SNACKS,
GIFTS & STAFF LUNCHES**

operate and coordinate
LIBRARY

create and set up
SEASONAL DECOR

train and manage
ROOM PARENTS

design and bring joy through
SPIRIT WEAR

Want to learn more or get involved?

*Join us at our
monthly meeting.*



*August 21 @ 8:30 Am
ACS Warehouse*

ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME
*MUST BE RAPTOR CLEARED



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@ARCHWAYSCOTTSDALEPSO

Archway Scottsdale Parent Service Organization

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

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.

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.
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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 »](#)

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