



ARCHWAY CLASSICAL ACADEMY | ARETE

A Great Hearts Academy



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School Announcements

Contacting the Headmaster

Archway Arete is committed to teacher excellence. As a function of this, I, as headmaster, will be spending two full days every week in classrooms in order to help maintain the excellent teaching and learning that happens on a daily basis. Therefore, I may not always be able to speak with you when you drop in or telephone. However, I really do value communicating with you. So, when you want to speak with me, please contact Office Manager Melody Pati who will schedule a time for us to talk. Additionally, your child's teacher should always be your first point of contact. Our teachers are committed to answering a parent's email inquiry within 24 hours.

Sincerely,

Neil Gillingham, Headmaster

First Day of School

The first day of school is Monday, August 5th! We look forward to welcoming students, new and returning, to campus for the 2019-2020 school year.

Kindergarten Reception

Kindergarten parents and guardians are invited to walk their child to the MPR on the first day of school, Monday, August 5th, for a short reception before their student goes to class. Doors open at 7:20 am. Light refreshments will be served.

Drop Off and Pick Up



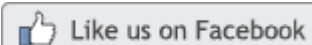
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Please like [Great Hearts Academies on Facebook!](#)

The first days of a new school year are full of excitement and learning new schedules. Keep in mind that traffic on campus during drop off and pick up will be heavy the first 2 weeks of school. We greatly appreciate our community's kindness and patience as we work diligently to safely transfer your child/ren to and from vehicles. Feel free to thank the teachers who are working in 100+ degree temps. Plan to leave earlier in the mornings to account for the slower lines on campus. Please note, students may enter campus beginning at 7:20 am and may not be dropped sooner.

Kindergarten Half Days

All Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 12 noon the first three days of school, Monday, August 5th- Wednesday, August 7th. Athenaeum will not be available for after school care. Please make arrangements to pick up your Kindergarten student at noon.

5th Grade Immunizations

In accordance with Arizona State Law (A.R.S 15-872), students must have proof of all required immunizations, or a valid exemption in order to attend school.

It is also a requirement for students, 11 years and older, to receive the Meningococcal and Tdap vaccines. The Meningococcal vaccine provides protection against the Meningitis Bacteria and the Tdap vaccine provides protection against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough).

As your child turns 11, please schedule an appointment with their healthcare provider to receive these vaccinations. Please bring in proof of these vaccinations to the front desk when you receive them.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email [Nurse Hodgkins](#) or call 480-222-4261.

Nut Free Classrooms

As we begin our new school year, please be aware that your child's classroom may become a nut free environment. In order to protect our students, we ask that you refrain from packing snacks that contain nuts as an ingredient until we have identified all of our students that have a severe nut allergy. This may take up to two weeks. Your teacher will be in contact with you to let you know if your child's classroom is "nut free". Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Uniform Shoes

Please note the uniform shoe policy for the 2019/2020 school year will be as follows:

Style: Athletic (tennis, Keds)

Color: **Solid black (including black soles, laces and logos)**



2019-2020 Classics to Keep Bookfair

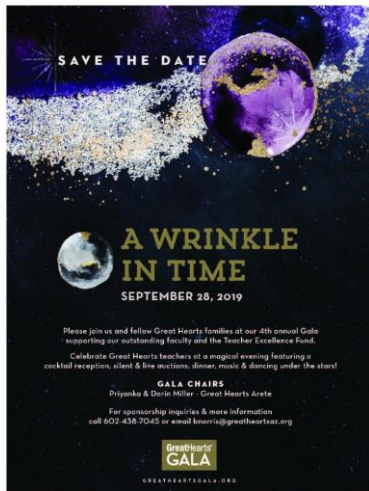
Our final summer bookfair at Barnes & Noble begins Friday, August 1st - Sunday, August 4th (1758 S. Val Vista Drive, Mesa, AZ 85204). [Classics to Keep books](#) are available for purchase on separate tables designated for our school. Mention Archway Arete when checking out, and a portion of the sale comes back to the school. Any Cafe purchases are eligible for our school too!

2019 Great Hearts Gala

Save the Date

Join us for the 4th annual Great Hearts Gala on September 28th, including a hosted cocktail hour, silent and live auction, dinner, program, music, and dancing under the stars! Funds raised at the Gala support Great Hearts teachers network-wide through professional development and the Teacher Excellence Fund. Sponsorships start at \$5,000 and tickets are \$250 per person (on sale beginning August 1st).

If you'd like to learn more about the Gala, please contact our school's Gala Committee Chair, [Priyanka Miller](#) by phone at 414-801-5924 or by [email](#).



Parent Service Organizaiton

August Lunch Volunteer Sign Up

Follow [this link](#) to sign up to volunteer to help with school lunches for the month of August. This is a great opportunity to help our community and see your student in the lunchroom. Fingerprint clearance is required to volunteer.

Order Hot Lunch

The Parent Service Organization has created an easy and simple way for you to provide a hot lunch for your child. Simply go to [Boonli](#) (password **Arete21** for new users) and choose a hot meal from pizza, salads, or smoothies. Hot lunch service will begin on the first day of school, August 5th. If you have any questions please email lunches@archwayarete.org.

Get In the Know

Who are we? We are the PSO! What do we do? Well, that's for us to know and for you to find out! Come join us for our first 2019 -2020 PSO Get In the Know orientation meeting on Thursday, August 22nd in the MPR.

Meet and Greet at Crazy Air

Want a fun way to meet new friends and new families? Come to the back to school meet and greet event on Friday August 9th from 4:00 - 8:00 pm at Crazy Air at 4310 E McDowell Rd, Mesa, AZ 85215. Enjoy a great night full of fun for all, getting to know some of our amazing Archway families!

Athenaeum

Athenaeum (ath-uh-nay-uhm):

The purpose of the Great Hearts After-School Athenaeum is also to promote learning by offering our students a diverse array of culturally enriching, academically oriented activities.

It's not "after-care." It's After-School Athenaeum.

Athenaeum is an extension of the school day, focusing on the liberal arts and providing students with academic enrichment opportunities beyond the classroom. Our activities and lessons reinforce and extend the lessons learned in your child's classroom, complementing our mission as a classical, liberal arts institution

WHEN the program runs:

Depending on the option you register your child(ren) for, the program runs Monday - Friday from dismissal until 6:00pm (including early release and half days), excluding vacations / holidays when school is not in session. Pickup is as early as you wish, but no later than 6:00pm.

Register

Today: www.GreatHeartsAmerica.org/Athenaeum

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Now Hiring

Arete Athenaeum is hiring! Apply for an afterschool teaching position at Great Hearts. Text "TEACH" to 2100