



# ARCHWAY CLASSICAL ACADEMY | ARETE

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### From the Headmaster

#### Patriot Day

In observance of Patriot Day, I relayed the following message to our students and staff during our morning announcements:

The date today is September 11th and in our country, this date has special significance. You may notice that the flag at many buildings in our city are flown at half-staff. We do this to honor great American heroes, and today we recognize the bravery and sacrifice of many of our fellow Americans on September 11th, 2001. The best way to honor good people is to keep them in our thoughts and to live good lives ourselves. With that in mind, and in honor of September 11th, I ask that we all take 11 seconds to think about someone who we think of as a hero. It could be a parent, a friend, or someone in history who has lived a good life and is a role model for the kind of person you want to be. When I say "begin", we will all close our eyes and think of this person for 11 seconds. I encourage you all to tell your friends and teachers at recess or lunch who you



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chose for your hero. If you think of it, you could even tell your parents when you get home. Again think of the person you want to be most like, close your eyes, and remain silent for 11 seconds. Ready...begin.

Neil Gillingham

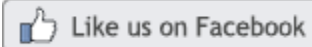
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## School Announcements

### CarLife

Archway Arete encourages all families to drive onto campus to drop off and pick up their children. The surrounding lots and businesses are private property, and when parents access those properties, it impedes their business. CarLife will be using the Gilbert Police Department to enforce trespassing violations. Any person found dropping off, parking, or blocking access to their business will be issued a citation from Gilbert police. This includes using their lot as a thoroughfare to Archway Arete. Please remember to be a good citizen to the surrounding businesses.



This year, Archway Arete will be working with the Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center (SARRC) on a project regarding a universal screening for social challenges for public schools. The idea is that screening children for social challenges early and identifying and addressing those challenges will have a significant positive effect on their school experience. We plan take a role in the research that SARRC is doing in this area this year. Some frequently asked questions about this project are [addressed here](#). You are also invited to a Q&A session with Headmaster Gillingham, Great Hearts' Director of Exceptional Student Services, and a representative from SARRC regarding the project. At this session you will hear more about the work that SARRC and Great Hearts have already done and plans for the project in the future. The Q&A session is scheduled for Monday, September 23rd at

8:15 am in the library. We look forward to seeing you there!

#### **Library Volunteers Needed**

The Archway library is ready to start serving our scholarly patrons! Beginning Friday, September 20th, we are looking for volunteers who would like to come and help facilitate the library time. Please click on [this link](#) to find out how and when to help. Thank you for your interest and willingness to serve.

#### **Lost and Found**

Lost and Found items are quickly gathering in the MPR. If your student is missing any items, such as water bottles, sweaters or lunch boxes, please check our Lost and Found located in the MPR before or after school. Your student may also check for lost items during their lunch time. All unclaimed items will be donated during Fall Break.

#### **4th Grade Coffee Conversation**

Archway Arete invites you to our first 4th Grade Coffee Shop Conversation of the year Tuesday, October 1st from 8:00-9:00 am in the school library. Come meet other 4th grade parents over coffee and snacks. You will hear from our headmaster, Neil Gillingham, and our 4th grade lead teacher, Michael Naaktgeboren. This is great time to become more familiar with our community and hear about what your 4th grade student is doing in class. Please follow [this link](#) here to sign up.

### **2019 Great Hearts Gala**



There are over 550+ Great Hearts parents already attending; only 20 seats available! Purchase your tickets to the 4th Annual Great Hearts Gala today. The Gala is on Saturday, September 28th at 5:30 pm at the Chateau Luxe and includes a wonderful dinner program, highlighting students and teachers from around the network. Net proceeds benefit the Teacher Excellence Fund and will be distributed to our teachers as bonus compensation this December.

Visit [www.greatheartsgala.org](http://www.greatheartsgala.org) to purchase your tickets or contact [Priyanka Miller](#) at 414-801-5924 for more information.

### **Our Community In Action**



[Click here to participate in giving today!](#) Our donors are amazing and we are honored to publicly recognize those who have contributed to the Community Investment campaign. Click [here](#) for a listing of our 2019-20 Community Investment donors as of August 8, 2019.

### **Parent Service Organization**

#### **PSO Meeting**

Please join the PSO on Wednesday, September 18th from 8:30-9:30 am in the Rafael Conference Room for our first round table meeting. PSO team leads want to hear from you. Bring your ideas, a cup of coffee, and take a seat at the table to share with us as we make this an amazing year.

#### **Penny Wars**

The spring 2019 Penny Wars brought in enough change to allow PSO to purchase benches, grass and over-sized games for the students. Thank you for your contributions to the Penny Wars. Students love their new space!



#### **Charger Night**

Join us for our first Charger Night of the year on Wednesday, September 18th from 4:00 - 8:00 pm at Chick Fil A (1664 S Stapley Drive, Mesa, AZ 85204)

#### **September Lunch Volunteer Sign Up**

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

#### **Teacher Birthday Lunch- September**

It is time, once again, for our community to show our appreciation by providing our teachers and staff with a special lunch. The September Teacher Appreciation Luncheon will be on September 19, 2019. [Click here](#) to sign up to bring a food item or volunteer.

Label all donations, Teacher Appreciation, and either deliver to the front desk by 8 am on Thursday morning, September 19th or to the Teacher Appreciation Cart by your child during drop-off from 7:20-7:50 am on Wednesday, September 18th and Thursday, September 19th. **Parents need not exit their vehicles while in the drop-off line.** Teachers will help carry items if your child is unable to do so.

We appreciate your willingness to graciously donate to the Teacher Birthday Appreciation lunches. Your donations ensure that our teachers and staff are well-loved.

#### **Daddy/Daughter Dance**

The [Daddy Daughter Dance](#) is Saturday, September 21st, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm in the gymnasium. This year's theme is *Father/Daughter Fiesta!* Please plan on joining the PSO for DJ entertainment and dancing, a taco bar from *Rancho de Tia Rosa*, kiddie train rides, a balloon artist, a craft, photo booths, and more. Keep an eye out for a flyer coming home this week with ticket purchase information.



### **Volunteers Needed for Daddy/Daughter Dance**

The PSO is looking for volunteers to help with the Daddy/Daughter Dance. Please consider helping with set up, at the dance, or clean up. Follow [this link](#) to sign up.

### **Volunteer Winners**

Congratulations to Emily Naaktgeboren and Jonna Copalman for winning our volunteer parking spots for the month of September! Submit your volunteer hours to be entered in our monthly drawing. Every 3 hours earns an entry.

### **Sponsorships**

Do you have a local business or company that you would like to promote at our school? Consider a PSO sponsorship! Sponsorships receive a banner with company information that is displayed on campus, social media, and event shout-outs. Sponsorships help cover the cost of events and help our PSO give back to the school community. Please contact Nicole Burns at 602-618-2606 for more information.

### **Help Wanted**

PSO is looking for a new Treasurer. Our beloved Toni Allen will be moving on to Prep and it's time to fill her shoes. If you are interested, please contact [Nicole Burns](#) for more information.

### **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](mailto:lunches@archwayarete.org).

### **Athenaeum**

#### **Athenaeum 2019-2020**

While our program runs as late as 6:00 PM, we are not an "after-care" program. Athenaeum is an extension of the school day, focusing on the Humanities 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, Great Books, liberal arts institution. Questions regarding Arete Athenaeum, please contact [Lory Sipel](#) or 480-251-5697. To register please go to [www.GretHeartsAmerica.org/Co-Curricular](http://www.GretHeartsAmerica.org/Co-Curricular).

Our After-School Program is seeking well-qualified Lead Teachers and Program Assistants to support our unique, classical curriculum. Send resume to:

[KCampbell@greatheartsaz.org](mailto:KCampbell@greatheartsaz.org)