



# ARCHWAY CLASSICAL ACADEMY | ARETE

## A Great Hearts Academy



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## From the Headmaster

### Family Survey Results 9/19

This year, rather than one or two big surveys, we are going to send out a series of short surveys to get frequent pulse checks on how we are doing. Thank you to everyone who took the time to give us feedback. The leadership team and I do a careful review of the survey data and read each and every one of your comments in the hopes of finding some actionable trends. You can look at the results of the three primary questions by viewing the document titled [Pulse Survey 9.19](#). I will not share narrative feedback here in the spirit of anonymity, but I am very grateful for those who took the time to write down your thoughts. If you would like to discuss anything about your child's education here at Archway Arete, there is not need to wait until the next survey. Please feel free to reach out at anytime and be sure to attend our headmaster coffee conversations and PSO meetings.

Neil Gillingham  
Headmaster



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## School Announcements

### Half Day Tomorrow

Tomorrow, November 1st is a half day of school. Students who are not picked up by 12:45 pm will be charged a late pick up fee. Note the following release times:

**11:45 am- K-2**

**12:05 pm- 3-5 (and siblings)**

**12:25 pm - Students with Prep siblings**

The office will close at 12:30 pm. Athenaeum is available for afternoon care. Go [here](#) to register.



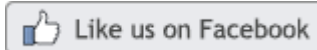
### Welcome, INSPIRE Entertainment

Archway Arete extends a warm welcome to our new neighbors, [INSPIRE Entertainment](#)! From our new friends at INSPIRE:

INSPIRE Entertainment is the premier performing arts academy in the Phoenix Valley. At the heart of INSPIRE, we believe in building community, inspiring positivity, and encouraging hope.

INSPIRE opened it's doors just 5 years ago. It's founders, Michael Sackett and LaDawn Pettitt, recognized that performing arts training was losing its moral footing and they wanted to create a space where they could help mold and refine individuals to become their best selves through the performing arts. This goal is being accomplished by providing professional, value-based training in a positive, safe, and uplifting environment.

Our new 14,000 square-foot building (located west of the Arete campus) will enable us to fulfill our mission on a larger scale and we couldn't be more excited to park next door to such an established and prestigious institution.

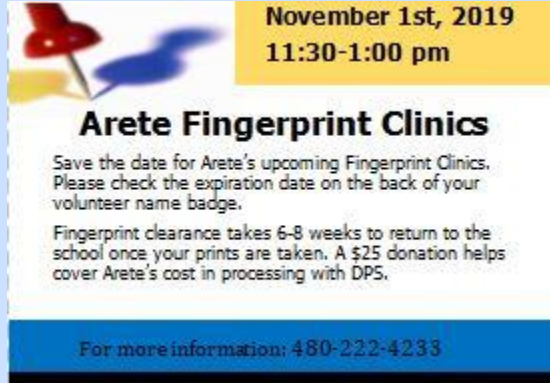


Please like [Great Hearts Academies on Facebook!](#)

Construction is forecasted to begin in November of this year and wrap up sometime in July/August of 2020.

If you are interested in learning more about [INSPIRE](#) or if you would like to come try a class out for free, come in and check us out or visit our website at [inspireent.com](http://inspireent.com).

#### **Fingerprint Clinic Tomorrow**

A poster for a fingerprint clinic. At the top left, there is a red pushpin and a blue pushpin. To the right, a yellow box contains the text "November 1st, 2019" and "11:30-1:00 pm". Below this, the title "Arete Fingerprint Clinics" is written in bold. Underneath the title, there are two paragraphs of text: "Save the date for Arete's upcoming Fingerprint Clinics. Please check the expiration date on the back of your volunteer name badge." and "Fingerprint clearance takes 6-8 weeks to return to the school once your prints are taken. A \$25 donation helps cover Arete's cost in processing with DPS." At the bottom, a blue box contains the text "For more information: 480-222-4233".

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#### **Picture Retakes**

Picture retakes are scheduled for Tuesday, November 5th. Please let your child's teacher know if you would like picture retakes.

#### **Winter Concert**

Archway Arete will hold the Winter Concert at Higley Center for Performing Arts (4132 E Pecos Rd, Gilbert, AZ 85295) on Wednesday, November 20th. Kindergarten should arrive at 4:45 pm and 1st-2nd grade should arrive at 5:00 pm. The K-2 concert begins at 5:30 pm. Grades 3rd-5th should arrive at 6:30 pm and their concert begins at 6:45 pm. If your family has children in a lower and upper grade level, please have the older child sit with your family until the end of the K-2 concert.

The dress attire for the concert will be as follows:

**Boys:** Black pants, white dress shirt, black dress shoes, and black socks. Hair should be combed neatly.

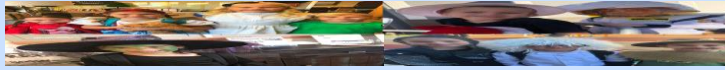
**Girls:** Black skirt, white top, black tights, and black dress shoes. Hair should be pulled away from the face with no distracting adornment. Please follow the Archway Arete dress code for guidelines on jewelry.

\*If you would like help with getting concert attire through our uniform exchange, please email [Deana Carpenter](mailto:Deana.Carpenter@archwayarete.org).

#### **Winter Dress Code Coming Soon**

During the winter months (Thanksgiving break to the end of Spring Break) boys must wear pants and girls may wear pants or skirts. During this time skirts must be worn with

tights or long socks. For details and directions on where to buy our uniforms please look at the Family Handbook link included in this newsletter. Please note the Prep will begin winter dress code November 4th but the Archway will continue to begin winter dress code the week immediately following Thanksgiving as we have in the past. This year the Archway start date for winter dress code is December 2nd.



### **Our Community In Action**

Your Community  
Investment gifts help  
grow strong readers!



### **Parent Service Organization**

#### **Upcoming Spirit Days**

Next Friday, November 8th is Spirit Wear Day! Students may wear Arete spirit shirts to school. Spirit shirts will be available for purchase at Movie Night on November 22nd, just in time for the December 18th Spirit Wear Day. Stock is limited!

#### **November Lunch Volunteers Needed**

The PSO is in need of volunteers for November lunches. Follow [this link](#) to sign up.

#### **Winter Festival**

PSO is excited to announce our Winter Festival coming December 7th from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. This festival will be replacing our Fall Festival from previous years, though it will still have all the great activities, including a variety of

bouncy houses, as well as food trucks and a vendor/craft fair. This year we are also adding a basket raffle that each grade level will be putting together. So watch out for an email from your classroom parents looking for donations from our community. Each grade level will have a different theme and we are hoping to reach out to the community for donations. The money raised from our Winter Festival goes back to our PSO, where we continue to support our staff daily in various ways. We hope to see all our families on December 7th. If you are a crafter or business owner and would like to have a booth at the festival, please reach out to [Heather Bell](#) for more information.

## **Athenaeum**

### **Free Sneak Peek Day**

Register now for Sneak Peek Day on November 18th or 19th and experience Great Hearts After-school Athenaeum for one day, FREE! Athenaeum is focused on the liberal arts and promotes learning by providing students a diverse array of culturally enriching, academically oriented activities. Athenaeum also provides supervised homework time, friendship building, guest presenters, and more.

Registration forms must be received by Tuesday, November 12th. Please call 602-396-7574 or email [Programs@GreatHeartsAZ.org](mailto:Programs@GreatHeartsAZ.org).

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