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Archway Arete NEWSLETTER

July 31, 2025



Important Dates

August

- 8/8:** PSO Board Mtg (8:15-9:45am)
- 8/8:** Back to School Event Elevate (4-8pm)
- 8/14:** PSO Class Parents (8:15-9:45am)
- 8/20:** Curriculum Night K-2
- 8/22:** PSO Orientation (8:15-9:45am)
- 8/27:** Curriculum Night 3-5
- 8/29:** Spirit Wear (R&R)

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Welcome back, Chargers! We are ready for another year of choosing, owning, and growing in excellence together. Entering year 12 as an academy brings with it the stability of seasoned teachers, legacy families who love to serve, and students who strive towards virtue. When I say I feel like the luckiest headmaster around, I truly mean it. The community of Archway Arete is unmatched. For those of you joining our academy this year for the first time, welcome! I hope you feel supported and find yourself overwhelmed in the very best sense, with opportunities to engage with us and partner in your child's educational journey. On that note, please take a moment to view our [school calendar](#) and save the date for our upcoming Curriculum Nights on August 20th (K-2) and August 27th (3-5) from 5:30-7:00 PM. You'll hear from members of our leadership team, your child/ren's teachers, and then mix & mingle in the MPR with other parents to round out the evening. I hope to see you there!



Cassie Mason | Headmaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Moment of Silence

Pursuant to House Bill 2707, we will begin each day with a moment of silence. "For kindergarten programs and grades one through twelve, set aside at least one minute, but not more than two minutes, at the beginning of each school day for students to engage in a moment of silence during which students may not interfere with other students' participation. A teacher or other school employee may not suggest the nature of any reflection in which a student may engage during the moment of silence. Each teacher of a class in which a moment of silence occurs pursuant to this paragraph shall encourage parents of students in the class to discuss with their children how to best use the moment of silence required by this paragraph."

Annual Renewal of Volunteer Clearance **Effective dates 7/1/25-6/30/26**

We background check **all** the adults that interact with our students on the campus. This clearance must be renewed annually. Please use the button below to submit your annual volunteer application so that you can participate in all the fun volunteer opportunities at Archway Arete.

[Volunteer Application/Renewal](#)

Workbook & Field Trip Contribution

Use the link below to contribute towards classroom workbooks, teacher supplies and the field trip in support of the Great Hearts curriculum as well as helping to send your child on a memorable field trip this year.

Workbook & Field Trip Contribution



Create an account

My Hot Lunch Box

We're excited to announce that lunch ordering is now open to all registered users at Great Hearts Archway Arete.

If you do not already have an account with My Hot Lunchbox to order

Lands' End Uniforms

The official uniform source for Archway Arete. Order online and your uniforms will be delivered directly to your door. Please use the link below and allow 2 weeks for delivery.

Lands' End Order Here



Clubs Announcement

Registration begins on August 1st for the semester 1 clubs. Check the Parent Payment System (Configio) for available options.

Configio - Club Registration

ACADEMY GIVING

Great Hearts Middle School League



Virtue based learning opportunities



Prep athletic program costs



On-campus fine arts visits



Academic competition



Enrichment programs



Field trips



Off campus learning experiences

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PSO Board Opportunities:

We are still looking for parent volunteers to lead in the following areas at Archway Arete for the 25/26 school year.

- Charger Nights

If you want more information or are interested in serving in one of these roles, please email psopresident@archwayarete.org



Lunch Volunteers

The August Lunch Volunteer sign up is live! Lunch volunteering is a great way to meet other parents and to see your kiddo in action. Our hot lunch program runs 100% on volunteers. Sign up today!

August Lunch Volunteer Sign-up

PSO - PARENT SERVICE ORGANIZATION

Back to School Event

Plan to join us at the PSO sponsored event at the New Gilbert location of Elevate on Friday, August 8th from 4pm - 8 pm. Elevate's new Gilbert location is at Guadalupe and Val Vista.

Hope to see you there!

PSO Volunteer Orientation

PSO Orientation is Aug 22nd, from 8:15-9:45am in the library. Come learn all about the PSO and how you can help our community. Can't make it to the meeting? No sweat - complete the following form to get started right now!

PSO Volunteer Orientation Information

ATHENAEUM NEWS

Athenaeum After-School Program

The Athenaeum After-School Program is so much more than just 'after-care'. Serving Grades K-5, Athenaeum is a comprehensive program that has the same culture and educational focus as the academy. Each day, students are provided with time for homework completion in addition to time for recreation, games, snack, socializing with friends, and enriching hands-on activities that follow a unique monthly theme.

Athenaeum is available from dismissal to 6:00 PM on all days the academy is in session.

For more information and to register today, please visit: <https://archwayarete.greatheartsamerica.org/academy-life/after-school-programs/>

For questions about the program, please contact our Campus Coordinator, Linda Saldana, at Programs.Arete@greathearts.org.

PREP CORNER



MS Sports Registration

MS Sports Payment

AIA Physical Form

Arete Prep Fall Sports

Welcome Archway 4th and 5th graders and families! 4th graders are eligible to participate in Archery, and 5th graders are eligible to participate on select Prep teams throughout the year. Due to high participation numbers, safety, and logistics, some sports, such as volleyball, will remain open to only grades 6-8. We look forward to welcoming some of our 4th and 5th grade student athletes and families into our programs!

Sports offered for fall 2025 include:

Middle School: Grades 5-8

Cross Country (Coed, Grades 5-8)

Flag Football (Coed, Grades 5-8)

Archery 101 (Coed, Grades 4-12)

Registration is live and will remain open for high school until 8/9 and middle school until 8/16. Late registrations may not be accepted. Please be proactive in registering for fall athletics. It helps us to measure interest, number of teams, staffing, and facilities.

To register email: tconklin@areteprepacademy.org

Please be proactive about getting your **Sports Physical** from your family doctor, an urgent care, or CVS type clinic. A physical dated 3/1/25 or more recent is acceptable for fall sports.

AIA Physical Forms: Use button below.

*****NO PHYSICAL IS needed for Archery*****

PAYMENT: is due before participation begins. Use the button below.

More specific start dates, and sport specific information, including team communication apps, will be available in the near future. Sport specific questions can be directed to our coaching staff, using the following directory:

Athletic Director: Todd Conklin;

tconklin@areteprepacademy.org

All general registration questions can be directed to Athletic Director Todd Conklin (tconklin@areteprepacademy.org)

Follow us on social media ([@areteprepchargers](https://www.instagram.com/areteprepchargers)) for updates, highlights, and all things Charger athletics. You can also keep an eye on our athletics website (www.greatheartsareteathletics.org) to keep in touch with Prep athletics.

REFERENCE SECTION

Specialists Blogs

Coach Gethings: [2-5 PE](#)
Melissa Palafox: [K-1 PE](#)
Madame Gebara: [2-5 French](#)
Madame Ramadan: [K-1 French](#)
Rachel Helton: [2-5 Music](#)
Kandyce Register: [K-1 Music](#)
Michelle Bullock: [3-5 Art](#)
Jessica McCortle: K-2 Art

Quick Links

- [Family Calendar](#)
- [Family Handbook](#)
- [Newsletter Archives](#)
- [My Hot Lunchbox - Register Here](#)
- [Parent Payment \(Configio\)](#)
- [Volunteer Application](#)
- [Text Updates from PSO](#)
- [Spirit Wear Shirt \(Order here\)](#)
- [Archway Arete Website](#)

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