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GREAT HEARTS ANTHEM ARCHWAY & GREAT HEARTS ANTHEM PREPARATORY WEEKLY NEWS 1.26.24

The mission of Anthem Preparatory Academy is to cultivate the minds and hearts of students through the pursuit of Truth, Goodness, and Beauty.

Great Hearts Anthem Ranked Among Best Arizona Schools by US News

On Monday, November 27, 2023, Nick Sullivan wrote an article in the Arizona Republic about US News ranking the top 10 performing elementary and middle schools in Arizona. He reports that U.S. News analyzed a total of 103,099 pre-K, elementary and middle schools in Arizona. Of this number, 6,442 were charter schools. The findings were based on student proficiency data from the state in Math and ELA "in light of socioeconomic demographics. Student-teacher ratios were used to break ranking ties." See rankings below for our Great Hearts Anthem K-5 and 6-12 programs.

Best Arizona Elementary Schools:	Best Arizona Charter Elementary Schools:	Best Arizona Middle Schools:	Best Arizona Charter Middle Schools:
Great Hearts Anthem K-5 is #6	Great Hearts Anthem K-5 is #2	Great Hearts Anthem 6-12 is # 42	Great Hearts Anthem 6-12 is # 19

Press link for more information: Best Elementary Schools in Arizona

A Message from the Director of Operations - Safety Alert

Dear Families,

This is a reminder that anyone picking up an Archway student must present the official placard with the QR code to pick up their student. If the placard is missing, and a staff member is unable to identify the adult, they will be instructed to check in at the front office and will not be allowed to pick up their student from carline.

It has been brought to our attention that schools in the network have had incidents in which strangers are attempting to pick up students. Hence, the need for the above reminder. Safety is paramount for our students. Your support, understanding, and compliance is appreciated.

If you need a new placard, please contact the front office directly.

Employment Opportunity

The Talent Team will be hosting three hiring events in all regions on **Saturday, February 3rd**. This is the first time we've attempted a multi-location approach on the same day, and we want to ensure every campus has the opportunity to promote the events across your communities!

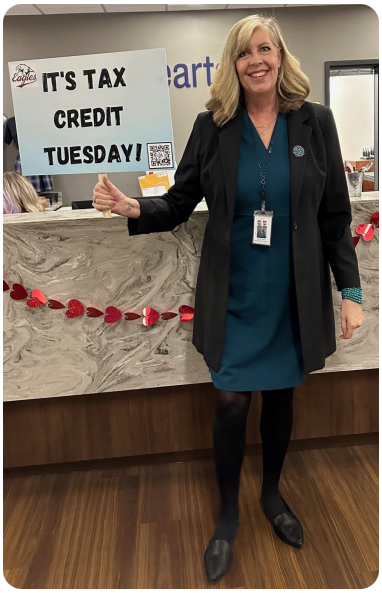
If you know someone who might be interested in joining our wonderful faculty next year, please send Mrs. Clark and/or Mr. Withers an email at tclark@greatheartsanthem.org and/or zwithers@greatheartsanthem.org.

Family Giving

Tell Arizona how to spend your taxes!

This Monday, January 29th is the first day you can start filing your taxes. Don't forget to make your tax credit to Great Hearts Anthem (Anthem Prep) ***before*** you file.

You can complete your tax credit online here and use the emailed receipt to complete Form 322 to claim your Tax Credit dollar-for-dollar. Thank you for your support!



Great Hearts Anthem Archway

Archway Library Birthday Book!

Great Hearts Anthem is now offering a new way to honor your scholar for their birthday! The Birthday Book Club offers parents the opportunity to purchase a book in honor of their child. Your child will have the opportunity to choose a book from the library's special birthday shelf. The book will then be stamped on the inside and dedicated to the student in honor of their birthday. Students may then check out the book for a week and return it to the library where it will be put back into circulation so that other students may check the book out as well. Please log on to Configio for more details on purchasing a Birthday Book Club book. The cost of books is $12.

Order birthday book below:

Archway Library Birthday Book (configio.com)

Archway Parents

As per Great Hearts Archway Handbook, if your child arrives after **7:40 a.m.,** you will need to **come into the front office and sign your student in for the day.**

Home Work Survey

Thank you to all parents who participated in the Homework Survey. Mrs. Clark has read every comment. Results indicate both satisfaction and a need to reduce the amount of homework in various grade levels.
The numbers are:

Far too little	3
Too little	17
Just right	135
Too much	69
Far too much	30

We are working on some ways to reduce the overall homework load and look to start implementing plans in February.

Bard Competition

Round 1 will be held on February 15, 2024, at 3:45 p.m. in the Great Hearts Anthem Commons. The top 12 competitors will move on to Round 2 in March, with the winner advancing to the final round and representing our school in April at Archway Veritas. Past competitors, please note that this year speeches ARE NOT allowed. Only poems published earlier than 1970 will be accepted. If you have any questions about this year's competition, please reach out to Mrs. Gottschalk at jgottschalk@greatheartsanthem.org.

Archway Quarter 2 Club Offerings:

Archway Clubs:
There are still a few spots available for the following Archway Clubs:
Chess Club
Dance Club
Please follow this link below to register your student.
Quarter 3 Archway Clubs

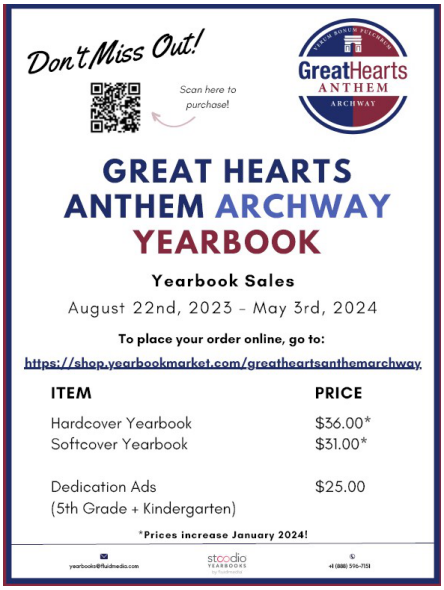
K-5 Athletics: Sports Kidz

Registration for Flag Football is still open.

Practice Days: 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27
Tournament: 3/2
Practice Day & Time: Tuesdays after dismissal
Dates: See above
Clothes: School uniform and tennis shoes. Bring a water bottle!
Cost: $130

Register now: Sports Kidz AZ (Flag Football) (configio.com)

Great Hearts Anthem Archway Yearbooks



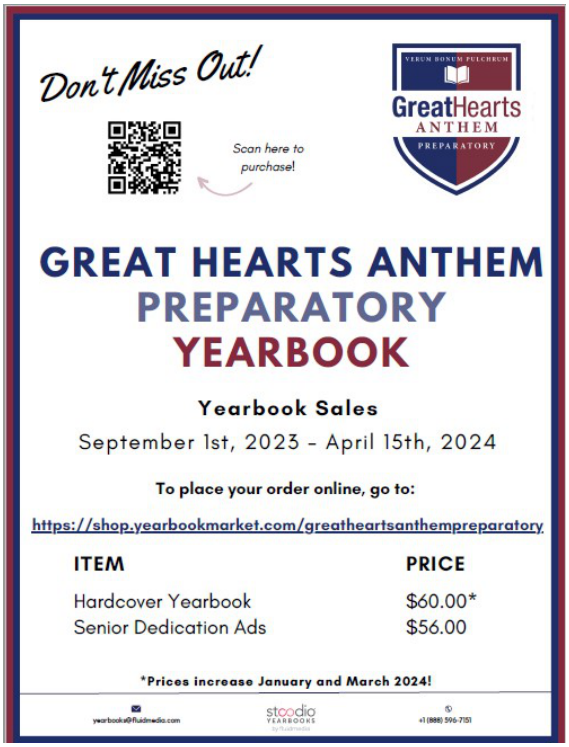
Last day to order is May 3, 2024. Please email Kristin Dumpit with any questions, kdumpit@greatheartsanthem.org.

GREAT HEARTS ANTHEM PREPARATORY NEWS & EVENTS

Prep Yearbooks are on Sale

Last day to order a yearbook is April 15, 2024

The Great Hearts Anthem Prep Yearbook is available to order online. Ordering instructions and the link to purchase a yearbook (click here) are on the attached flyer. Please email Mrs. Bidleman or Mrs. Chumley with any Prep (6-12th grade) yearbook questions, kbidleman@greatheartsanthem.org or jchumley@greatheartsanthem.org



Reminder of Office Hours:

Prep Parents,

This is a reminder that the front office closes at *4:00pm on regular days, 3:15pm on Wednesday early release, and 1:00pm on half-days*. The front door will lock, and front office personnel are not available after those times.

Students should not be waiting in the vestibule for pick – up after 4pm. If there is an after-school activity, such as an athletic event or practice, the students should be picked up from campus and then return to school at the start time of the event.

Special circumstances must be cleared through the front office or office manager.
Office Hours:
Regular Days: 7:15am – 4:00pm
Wednesday Early Release: 7:15am – 3:15pm
Other half-days: 7:15am – 1:00pm

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Attendance/Tardy Policy

Please see the email from last week regarding our Attendance and Tardy Policies. Please reach out to following people with any questions:

Tardies (MS) – Mr. Taylor ktaylor@greatheartsanthem.org

Tardies (HS) – Mr. Pillsbury dpillsbury@greatheartsanthem.org

Attendance (6-12) Mr. Wilson pwilson@greatheartsanthem.org

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers for field day on March 8th 2024 from 7:45am – 12:00pm. The event will be held at Anthem Community Park 41703 N Gavilan Pk Pkwy. This will be for grades 6th – 12th. Another email will be sent later for Archway's event . Please let me know if you would like to assist. It is greatly appreciated. Email Rick Watmore at rwatmore@greatheartsanthem.org Thank you!!!

Gum on Campus

This is a reminder that gum is not allowed by students on campus due to the mess it can cause. If a student is found to be chewing gum a teacher or administrator will issue a Lyceum detention.

Prep Commemorative House Shirts
Last chance to order commemorative house shirts for this school year! Order by February 2nd!

Follow link below to order:

S2 SY 23/24 Commemorative House Shirts (configio.com)

Middle school field trips!
Register your middle school student for field trips in semester 2. Dates and links are below:

7th grade - February 15th to Wildlife World Zoo

6th grade- February 22nd to Scottsdale Museum of the West

8th grade- March 28th to Phoenix Art Museum

11th grade - March 28th to The Dolly Steamboat

Cellphone Policy Reminder

In the morning, when students arrive on campus they should refrain from using their cellphones. This applies as early as 7:15 am when students begin arriving on campus. Once they are allowed in the building they should put their phone in their locker for the day. As a reminder, the first time a student is caught using their phone without permission, they will have their phone taken and stored in an administrators office for the day. The second time will result in the student having to turn in their phone in at the beginning of the day for the remainder of the quarter.

Prep Tutoring - Our High School Mentors provide tutoring in any subject on Mondays in Room 250. Please arrive at 12:15 pm. Tutoring will extend throughout the lunch and Lyceum period, students may bring their lunch.

Cards for the Capitol

NEW Cards for the Capitol! The class of 2024 is selling new artwork to benefit their trip to DC in May. Purchase a pack of 10 assorted designs with envelopes for $20. Pick up from the front office on Mondays. ALL designs are shown in the configio link. Request a specific design via email to jchumley@greatheartsanthem.org

Cards for the Capitol

Register now for Prep Semester 2 Extra Curriculars!
Registration is required for continuing and new students. Please sign-up by following the link below:
Days and meetings times vary. Please make sure to read descriptions on website.
SY 23/24 Prep Extra- Curricular Courses (configio.com)

Semester 2 French Enrichment – Monday's 3:45PM
Semester 2 Drumline- Tuesday & Thursday mornings 7:15AM
Semester 2 Illustration Art – Tuesday's 3:50PM
Semester 2 Mosaic Art- Thursday's 3:30 PM
Semester 2 Fantastical Stratagem (High School Students) Friday's 3:30PM

Concert Choir and Men's and Women's Choir
Registration required for continuing and new students. Please sign-up by following the link below:

23/34 Concert Choir & Men/Women's Choir (configio.com)

COLLEGE COUNSELING

College Rep Visits:

January 30th at 12:10pm – The rep from *University of Arizona* will meet with interested high school students in the JQA conference room for a presentation and Q&A session.

February 1st at 12:10pm – The rep from *Simmons University* in Boston will meet with interested high school students in the JQA conference

room for a presentation and Q&A session.

February 26th at 12:10pm – The rep from *University of Advanced Technology* will meet with interested high school students in the JQA conference room for a presentation and Q&A session.

Save the Date:

February 3rd at 3:00pm – *Juniors and Sophomores* are invited to attend the 16th Annual Great Hearts College Symposim, 3:00pm, February 3rd, 2024, at Scottsdale Preparatory Academy. Join a collection of universities for panel presentations and an open college fair for parents and students beginning their college search.

Scholarships:

ARIZONA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Did you know the *Arizona Community Foundation* allows high school seniors throughout Arizona to apply for more than 100 scholarships with one application? CLICK HERE for more information.

COLLEGEdepot® at phoenix public library

Search *College Depot* through the Phoenix Public Library to find scholarships listed by Monthly Deadline, Academic Major, Extracurricular Activities, Awards, Education Level, and more. Simply CLICK HERE for more information.

Upcoming Testing Schedule:

March 7th, 2024 – P*ACT* testing for Sophomores

March 28th, 2024 – *ACT* testing for Juniors

April 23rd, 20204 – *Aspire* testing for Sophomores.

Please reach out to Mrs. Cathy Sparks in College Counseling at csparks@greatheartsanthem.org with questions.

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Sports Registration

Sports Registration for spring sports is now open. Last day to register for spring sports is 2/2/24. No exceptions. We are using Big Teams again as our sports website and registration.

*****We are looking for middles school swimmers. 5th – 8th grade. No experience necessary. Please email Rick Watmore @ rwatmore@greatheartsanthem.org for more information.***

Below are the instructions to register, however here is a "cheat sheet" to assist you with returning athletes and new athletes:

NEW FAMILIES

RETURNING FAMILIES

As we prepare for the 2023-24 sports season, GHA Sports would like to inform you of sport's fees for the 2023-24 season and the process to register for winter sports. Great Hearts Anthem's sports website. You will notice a box that reads "Online Registration" which is where you will go to register and provide a link to pay. To pay your sport fee, go to the configio payment portal. Attached are two documents (Big Teams Getting Started and Great Hearts Anthem Kick Off) to assist you with registering your athlete and creating your account. Please note that this might be a bit challenging at first, however as we go through your first year, it should become much smoother. If you participated in sports last year all you need to do is go to your account, select the sport, upload the forms and pay the fee. The instructions also give you ways to seek assistance through Big Teams. Please use this when needed.

As you know, the fees support our coaches, coach's wear, uniforms, officials, travel expenses, bus rentals, rental of fields, tournament entry fees, and functions that support AP athletics. The fees for the 2023-24 season will be $320 per athlete for high school per sport per season. Middle School Sports will be $295 per athlete per sport per season.

Reminder that all sports are required to have enough participants to complete a team. If there are not enough a refund will be given.

Any team HS or MS could have the possibility of tryouts.

Please make your tax credit contribution as it runs our sports programs. Email Diane Tyson at dtyson@greatheartsanthem.org for more information.

Spring sports:

Start Date for HS- February 5
Start Date for MS- February 12
End date for all- May 10

High School Spring Sports*include (9th – 12th Grade; Boys and Girls):*
Track and Field (Boys and Girls)
Baseball (Boys)
Softball (Girls)
Tennis (Boys and Girls)
Golf (Co-Ed)

Middle School Spring Sports*include (5th – 8th Grade; Boys and Girls):*
Basketball (Boys and Girls)
Track and Field (Boys and Girls)
Swimming (Boys and Girls)

All MS and HS athletes*must complete the following:*
*Physical (**Every Year**)*
*Mild Traumatic Brain Injury Form. (**Every Year**)*
Consent to Treat Form
High school athletes*must also complete:*
Brain Book Course and Opiod Training @ https://academy.azpreps365.com/
Consent to Treat Form.

The Brain Book Course and the Consent to Treat Form only need to be completed once while your athlete is a student at Anthem Prep.

*The last day to register for spring is **2/2/24**. **No exceptions**. **Any sport is subject to cancellation if we do not have enough sign-ups on time.** All fees are due before **practice begins.***

All practice and game schedules will be released as they become available. Please email Mr. Watmore at rwatmore@greatheartsanthem.org if you need specifics on games schedules and practice times or any questions you may have.

Great Hearts Anthem works hard to provide students with the opportunity to enjoy the high school athletic experience while continuing to prioritize academics. As you know, our budget does not afford us the luxury of employing full-time medical staff. While we contract athletic trainers for required events, we are always looking for additional opportunities to both minimize injuries and manage injuries should they occur.

Sports Swag Store

Basketball

Golf

Track

Baseball

Softball

Tennis

Swim

Class of 2024 Senior Trip

Senior Trip is scheduled for May 16 - May 22, 2024.

Total cost is subject to change. Approx cost is $1600.00
You may pay a deposit amount of $250 and make payments until balance is paid.
Please follow this Payment Schedule:
1st Payment of **$250** - September 15th
2nd Payment of **$500 -** November 15th
3rd Payment of **$500** - January 15th
4th Payment of **$TBA** - February 15th (Payment Portal will be opened when necessary)
Instructions on how to make payments correctly can be found HERE

PSO

Collecting gently used Uniforms

The PSO is and will be actively collecting gently used uniforms throughout the year. The uniforms that are donated to the school will be used for our PSO Uniform Exchange Sales and for students that may be in need of uniforms. If you or anyone you know is in need of uniforms, please do not hesitate to contact the PSO at ghanthempso@gmail.com Please note that at this time we are no longer accepting shirts and outerwear with the previous school crest.

Books for Bunco

Thank you to those that made our first Bunco For Books community event at Anthem Country Club a success! We had a great time playing Bunco and getting to know one another better, all while helping our school collect books for the new libraries.
The teachers truly appreciate it!

Lunch Vendor

Please see the linked information for ordering lunch utilizing our vendors through BOONLI

For those families who do not order from Boonli, please consider making a $10 yearly parent contribution to help cover the cost of lunchroom supplies.

This $10 contribution per student helps the school to provide supplies in the lunchroom that are available to ALL students, whether they purchase a hot lunch or bring their own lunch from home. These supplies include plates, plastic cutlery, and napkins. ***More importantly, it allows the school to provide instant lunch items like mac and cheese and cup o noodles to students who forgot their lunch.***

23/24 Lunch Contribution

Volunteering for the 2023-2024 School Year

If you would like to volunteer on campus or chaperone field trips for the 23/24 school year, you MUST register online by clicking here to fill out and complete the volunteer application. The cost is $5.00. The enrollment is good from July 1, 2023, through June 2024. Each July, you will need to re register for the following school year if you would like to volunteer.

Once completed, the Raptor system will respond within 48 hours to let you know if you are cleared to volunteer. All volunteers must be approved through this process, no exceptions. Please note, when selecting our school, it will not separate from Archway and Prep; it will clear you for both schools. You may choose multiple campus if that applies to your family.

Below, please find the link for 23-24 SY Lunch Volunteer SignUp.
Lunch Volunteer SignUp

Mark your calendars! February 1st through February 15th PSO will be selling $20 vouchers for a family meal for By the Bucket in Anthem. By the Bucket will give back 25% of each voucher sold back to the PSO! Vouchers can be purchased through Configio and will be sold from February 1-15th. Vouchers will be distributed on February 16th and will be good for 90 days.
Please see link below:

By the Bucket Meal Vouchers (PSO Event) (configio.com)

*Sales start February 1st through February 15th!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

1/27 MS & HS Winter Formal MS (5:00 PM – 7:00 PM), HS (7:30 PM – 9:30 PM)
1/30 University of Arizona College Visit, 12:10 PM – 1:10 PM, JQA
1/31 Half Day Early Release Dismissals: K - 5th Grades 12:00 PM / 6th - 12th Grades 12:30 PM
1/31 Donut Day, $1.00, Basketball Courts outside 7:15 AM - 8:00 AM
2/1 Simmons University (Boston) College Rep Visit, 12:10 PM – 1:10 PM, JQA
2/1 Spring Sports Parent Meeting, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Commons
2/2 Half Day Early Release Dismissals: K - 5th Grades 12:00 PM / 6th - 12th Grades 12:30 PM
2/2 Spirit Shirt Day! Sock and Shoe ($1)
2/7 PSO Board Meeting, 8:15 AM – 9:15 AM, JQA
2/9 Sweethearts Dance, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM, Commons
2/14 Half Day Early Release Dismissals: K - 5th Grades 12:00 PM / 6th - 12th Grades 12:30 PM
2/15 7th Grade Field Trip, Wildlife Zoo
2/15 Bard Competition – Round One (3rd – 5th), Commons
2/16 Epic Night, 11th & 12th Grade, 5:00 PM – 12:00 PM, Gym/Commons

2/19 Presidents' Day – No School
2/20 PSO All Parent Meeting, 8:15 AM – 9:15 AM, Commons
2/21 Half Day Early Release Dismissals: K - 5th Grades 12:00 PM / 6th - 12th Grades 12:30 PM
2/21 Senior Day!
2/22 6th Grade Field Trip – Museum of the West
2/23 GCU College Visit, 10th Grade, 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM
2/26 University of Advanced Technology College Visit, 12:10 PM – 1:10 PM, JQA
2/28 Half Day Early Release Dismissals: K - 5th Grades 12:00 PM / 6th - 12th Grades 12:30 PM
2/28 Donut Day, $1.00, Basketball Courts outside 7:15 AM - 8:00 AM

SAVE THE DATE!

3/8 Field Day!
3/11-3/15 Spring Break – School Closed
3/21 Archway Art Show Last Name A-L, 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM, Commons
3/23 PSO Uniform Sale, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Commons
3/26 Archway Art Show, Last Name M-Z, 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM, Commons
4/16 Archway Music Concert, K-2, 5:00 PM, Commons
4/18 Archway Music Concert, 3-5, 5:00 PM, Commons
5/22 Archway 5th Grade Promotion, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM, On Campus
5/24 Senior Graduation, Desert View Bible Church

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Websites and Links

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