



Great Hearts Anthem

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GREAT HEARTS ANTHEM ARCHWAY & GREAT HEARTS ANTHEM PREPARATORY WEEKLY NEWS 1.5.24

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:

Great Hearts Anthem K-5 is #6

Best Arizona Charter Elementary Schools:

Great Hearts Anthem K-5 is #2

Best Arizona Middle Schools:

Great Hearts Anthem 6-12 is # 42

Best Arizona Charter Middle Schools:

Great Hearts Anthem 6-12 is # 19

Press link for more information: [Best Elementary Schools in Arizona](#)

Employment Opportunity

Parents who have become members of our faculty and staff enrich our campus community in a special way. We wanted to let you know that we are currently in need of a full-time teaching assistant in 5th grade. If you are interested in applying for this position or a future teaching assistant/teacher position for next year, please reach out to Mrs. Clark by email at tclark@anthemprep.org and submit an application online at

Also, if you know someone who might be interested in joining our wonderful faculty, please let Mrs. Clark know or forward this information about these opportunities to them.

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! We ask your help with the following:

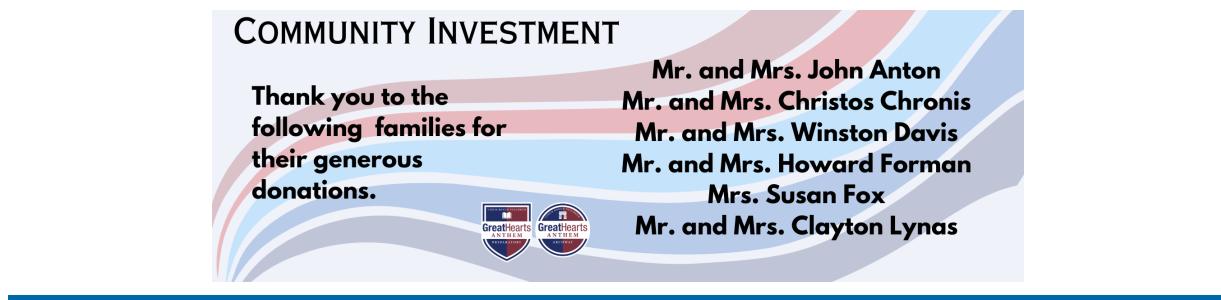
GREAT HEARTS HIRING EVENTS AHEAD...

If you or someone you know may be interested in these upcoming Great Hearts Hiring Events, please share [this link](#) to register for an event near you. Learn more about teaching, coaching, and leadership opportunities by registering today!



Family Giving

Tax Credit Tuesdays start Feb. 6! Contribute your TC and be eligible for gift card drawings.



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**.

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 igottschalk@greatheartsanthem.org.

Archway Quarter 2 Club Offerings:

Archway Clubs:

There are still a few spots available for the following Archway Clubs:

Thursday Art - grades 1-2

Beginning Band- grades 4-5

Chess Club

Dance Club

Tuesday Art - grades 3-5

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: 1/16 1/23, 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 \(Flag Football\) \(configio.com\)](#)

Anthem Archway January Coffee/Tea with the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

Please join me **in person** for a quarterly "Coffee/Tea with the Headmaster!" It is an opportunity for us to meet for forty-five minutes on January, 10th, 11th, and 12th in the Commons from 7:45-8:30 A.M. to enjoy the following:
A brief music performance of K-5 students in section A (Please do not share pictures or videos via social media due to privacy requests.)
A poetry recitation of one or more students in section A
A discussion of our curriculum
An opportunity for you to ask me questions
An opportunity for parents to meet and mingle.

Note: Each section of students will perform only once during the year at a Headmaster Coffee.

All parents are welcome even if your student isn't performing during 3rd quarter. Please remember to park in the north lot, drop off your students at the Archway entrance, and enter the building at the front school entrance on the south side to check in. Please wait in the glass reception room after you check in until 7:40 AM before proceeding to the Commons.

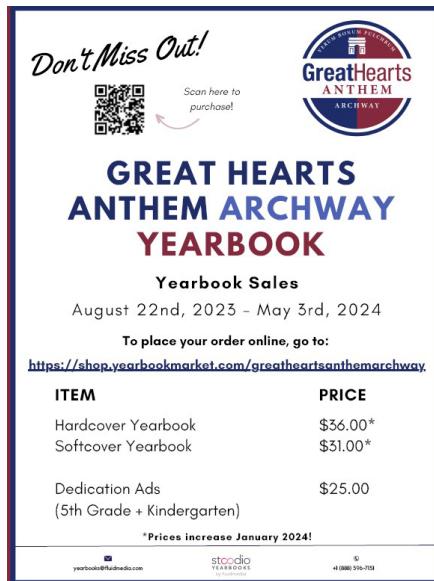
See the following schedule for Quarter 3:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Sections #s of students performing</u>
1/10/24	7:45am-8:30am	Commons	K - 1st	KA, 1A
1/11/24	7:45am-8:30am	Commons	2nd - 3rd	2A, 3A
1/12/24	7:45am-8:30am	Commons	4th - 5th	4A, 5A



I look forward to spending this time with you! Also, please note that my 10 part video series regarding my vision for the school community will resume on Saturday, January 13, 2024.

Great Hearts Anthem Archway Yearbooks



The image shows a promotional page for the Great Hearts Anthem Archway Yearbook. At the top left, it says "Don't Miss Out!" and has a QR code with the text "Scan here to purchase!". To the right is the Great Hearts Anthem logo. Below that, the title "GREAT HEARTS ANTHEM ARCHWAY YEARBOOK" is displayed in large, bold letters. Underneath the title, it says "Yearbook Sales" and provides the dates "August 22nd, 2023 - May 3rd, 2024". It then instructs readers to "To place your order online, go to:" followed by the website URL "<https://shop.yearbookmarket.com/greatheartsanthemarchway>". A table follows, showing prices for different items:

ITEM	PRICE
Hardcover Yearbook	\$36.00*
Softcover Yearbook	\$31.00*
Dedication Ads (5th Grade + Kindergarten)	\$25.00

*Prices increase January 2024!

At the bottom, there are small logos for "yearbookmarket.com" and "stodio YEARBOOKS", along with a phone number "(410) 886-5124".

GREAT HEARTS ANTHEM PREPARATORY NEWS & EVENTS

Prep Winter Formal is January 27th!

Attention all Middle School and High School students (6th - 12th Grade). You are invited to enjoy a Starry Night in Paris at the 2024 Annual Winter Formal Dance!

Location:

Palmcroft Anthem

Address: 3715 W Anthem Way, Ste. 100, Anthem, AZ 85086

Parent Volunteers needed to help with décor, set up, clean up, etc. Please follow the link below to sign up!
[Volunteer Help for Winter Formal](#)

Reminder - all volunteers must be cleared through the Raptor system. If you have not registered as a volunteer do so now:
<https://www.greatheartsamerica.org/volunteer/>

Tickets to attend Winter Formal (students)

Cost: \$20 until Thursday 1/ 25 or \$25 cash at the door**

[Middle School \(6th-8th\)](#)

[High School \(9th-12th\)](#)

***11th & 12 grade students only: If purchasing an additional ticket for a date- add them as a participant in your account.**
Complete and return the [Guest Permission Form](#) to the front desk. This is a requirement.

All other students: Review dress code and event policy [HERE](#)

When purchasing tickets online- turning permission form in to front desk is not necessary unless bringing a date *(11th & 12th grade only)

**When purchasing tickets at the door, parent is required to complete and sign permission form at that time.

Middle School Winter Dance

Jan. 27th

5:00pm-7:00pm

High School Winter Dance

Jan. 27th

7:30pm – 9:30pm

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 - Junior Cruise (more information coming out soon!)

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 Students - 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 23rd 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.

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.

Save the Date:



February 3rd at 3:00pm – Juniors and Sophomores are invited to attend the 16th Annual Great Hearts College Symposium, 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:



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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.



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.

Self-discovery:

Looking for ways to jump start your journey in finding the right college or career path? Here are a couple on-line assessments:



Simply go to [me3 Career Quiz](#) to discover which careers and degrees best match your interests.



Try visiting [IndigoPathway Career Survey](#) and discover your strengths and what motivates you.

Upcoming Testing Schedule:

March 7th, 2024 – PACT testing for Sophomores

March 28th, 2024 – ACT testing for Juniors

April 23rd, 2024 – Aspire testing for Sophomores.

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



[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.

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 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 dtysen@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.

Prep Yearbooks are on Sale

Yearbooks are on sale now! Sept 1, 2023 - April 15, 2024

Prices increase January 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

Don't Miss Out!

Scan here to purchase!



GREAT HEARTS ANTHEM PREPARATORY YEARBOOK

Yearbook Sales
September 1st, 2023 - April 15th, 2024

To place your order online, go to:
<https://shop.yearbookmarket.com/greatheartsanthempreparatory>

ITEM	PRICE
Hardcover Yearbook	\$60.00*
Senior Dedication Ads	\$56.00

*Prices increase January and March 2024!

yearbooks@flaudmedia.com stcodia YEARBOOKS +1(888) 596-7151

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](#)

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.

PSO Restaurant Day

The PSO will receive 10% of ALL orders (including takeout). Please be sure to mention that you are part of GH Anthem. As always, we thank you for your support!

Restaurant Day



3655 W Anthem Way, Suite C-137, Anthem

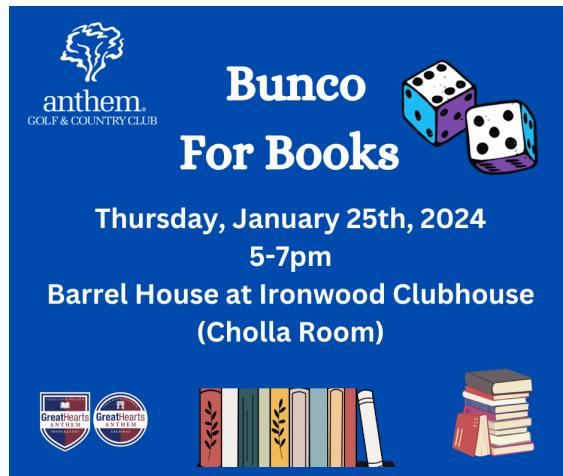
Wednesday, January 17th, 2024

11:30am-2pm





Bunco for Books



We are excited to present Bunco for Books night at Ironwood Club inside Anthem Country Club! Come join us for a night of bunco fun. You'll get to meet other GH Anthem parents while at the same time helping the school fill their libraries. Admission to the game is a new book, preferably purchased from the libraries amazon wishlist. https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/aaObvk6?ref_=wl_share Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you and see you then!

www.signupgenius.com

Lastly, thank you for your support during Archway Spirit Days! Your support will help the PSO continue to stock the teachers' lounges with coffee, tea, creamers, sugars, sweeteners, honey and all necessary condiments. 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.

[Lunch Volunteer Sign Up](#)

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

[Lunch Volunteer SignUp](#)

[PSO Meeting Minutes](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

1/08 HS Girls & Boys Soccer Home Game vs. Cicero Prep
1/10 Archway Coffee with the Headmaster, 7:45 AM – 8:30 AM, Commons
1/10 Half Day Early Release Dismissals: K - 5th Grades 12:00 PM / 6th - 12th Grades 12:30 PM
1/10 MS Boys A & B Soccer Home Game vs Basis
1/11 Archway Coffee with the Headmaster, 7:45 AM – 8:30 AM, Commons
1/11 Girls & Boys JV & Varsity Basketball Home Games vs. Bagdad
1/12 Archway Coffee with the Headmaster, 7:45 AM – 8:30 AM, Commons

1/12 MS Girls A Soccer Home Game vs. Glendale Prep – Opportunity Park
1/15 School Closed – Civil Rights Day
1/16 PSO All Parent Meeting, 8:15 AM – 9:15 AM, Prep Library
1/17 Half Day Early Release Dismissals: K - 5th Grades 12:00 PM / 6th - 12th Grades 12:30 PM
1/17 Restaurant Day at To Brothers Restaurant, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM, 10% on all orders (including takeout) goes back to the PSO.
1/23 University of Advanced Technology College Visit, 12:10 PM – 1:10 PM, JQA
1/24 Senior Day, Belfour will be on campus to talk about caps, gowns, etc.
1/24 Half Day Early Release Dismissals: K - 5th Grades 12:00 PM / 6th - 12th Grades 12:30 PM
1/25 PSO: Bunco for Books Night, 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM, Anthem Country Club, Ironwood Cholla Room
1/27 MS & HS Winter Formal (MS, 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM), HS (7:30 PM – 9:30 PM
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 Spring Sports Parent Meeting,
2/2 Spirit Shirt Day! Sock and Shoe (\$1)

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Websites and Links

[Great Hearts Anthem Archway & Anthem Preparatory Website](#)

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