

Golden Eagle E-Blast

September 23, 2021



Parent/Teacher Conferences - 10/12, 10/13, and 10/14

Archway Glendale will offer mandatory Parent/Teacher Conferences via Zoom or In Person. Conferences are for adults only. Please be sure children are not in the room if you choose the Zoom option and please do not bring any children with you if you choose In Person. Links to signup are listed below. Each grade level has a separate link. Specials conferences are not mandatory and will be held one day only. All four specials teachers will be present during the conference slot. Grade level conferences are mandatory. Please reach out to the [school office](#) with any questions you might have.

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[First](#)

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Bard Competition

Throughout Western civilization, bards have been keepers of tradition, reciting the poetry of their people and passing on oral history. At every grade level, Archway Glendale students practice memorization and recitation of poems in the classroom. This year, Archway Glendale will again be joining other Great Hearts schools in holding a Bard Competition for 3rd through 5th grade students, who will be challenged to memorize and recite poetry. Over the course of two rounds and two poems, the field will be winnowed down to find Archway Glendale's most skillful bard. That student will be named School Bard for the year and will represent Archway Glendale at the Great Hearts Archway Bard Competition in the spring.

If your student wishes to participate, his registration form is due no later than Wednesday September 29, 2021. The registration forms will be completed online by clicking [HERE](#). Whether your student participates

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Important Dates

10/4 - 10/8
NO SCHOOL
Fall Break

10/11 - 10/15
NO SCHOOL
Project Week

10/12 - 10/14
PARENT/TEACHER
CONFERENCES
Mandatory

or not, we invite all Archway families to attend these public recitations, which promise to be engaging reminders of this oral tradition.

If you have any questions about the Bard Competition, please contact Ms. Bryant at mbryant@archwayglendale.org

Homework Club Quarter 2 Registration

Registration for Quarter 2 of Homework Club will open on Tuesday, September 28th, at 7 pm. Homework Club will run on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from Monday, 10/18 through Friday, 12/17. Homework Club pickup is at 3:45 pm.

Athenaeum is Hiring

Athenaeum is in need of teachers. If you are interested or know someone else who might be, please click [here](#) for details.

Special On Campus Events and Field Trips Are Being Planned. Would You Like to Help?

If you would like to help at one of the grade level special events or chaperone one of the upcoming field trips, you need to be cleared through the Raptor system. To apply, click [here](#). The cost is \$5. Volunteers must reapply each school year.

GP (Glendale Prep) Sports Info

Middle School (MS) Schedules - Schedules can be found on Glendaleprepathletics.com or the [Great Hearts Middle School League](#) website. Search for Great Hearts Middle School League to find all league results, standings and updates on this website. Let's go Griffins!

Are you registered for winter sports? - Start registering now, visit registermyathlete.com to begin the registration process.
MS offerings: Boys/Girls soccer. Baseball. Softball.
HS offerings: Boys/Girls basketball. Boys/Girls soccer.

APO Volunteers: (Parent Volunteers at Games! Join Us!) <https://signup.com/go/vvkrnvh>

Playing a sport? Click below to make payment. Payment is due ASAP. For any questions with payment, contact Mr. Garrison at jgarrison@glendaleprep.org

[MS Fall Sports 21-22](#)

10/21
Picture Retakes

10/29
Read-A-Thon

10/29
HALF DAY
Pickup:
Half-day Kinder @ 11
Full-day Kinder, 1st and 2nd @
11:30
3rd, 4th and 5th @ 11:45

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Liberty Buick & GMC, Clean Air Conditioning & Heating, Penny Chiropractic, West Valley Pain Solutions, Nally Paint Co., Blue Chip Auto Glass, Total Presence Management, Shipley Orthodontics, and Wow Wow Lemonade (Lake Pleasant & Happy Valley Location)!

Contact them today and tell them Glendale Prep sent you!

What Are All These Portals?

Archway Glendale and Great Hearts use many different portals. It can be confusing to know which portal to use for what. Hopefully, the list below will help you:

Enrollment Portal: The Enrollment Portal is used to apply for enrollment or to re-enroll in a Great Hearts school.

Payment Portal: The Payment Portal is unique to Archway Glendale and is where you will go to purchase Student Materials, register for clubs and other special events, etc. If you have students at other Great Hearts schools, you will have a separate Payment Portal for each school. Please note there is also a Great Hearts Payment Portal used for students who attend Athenaeum.

Great Hearts Parent Portal: The Great Hearts Parent Portal is used to access grades for each of your students no matter how many Great Hearts schools they might attend. The Great Hearts Parent Portal is open 4 times a year for parents to view report cards.

Lost and Found



The Archway Glendale Lost and Found is starting to fill up. If your child has lost a sweater, mask, water bottle, or lunch/snack container, please have them check the lost and found daily. It's located right outside the school library and can be checked before/after school or by asking a teacher for permission. Clearly labeled items are returned to the student's classroom. Items that have not been claimed will be thrown away after a couple of weeks.

Parents are welcome to check the lost and find themselves. Please come to the school office to sign in (make sure to bring your ID).

Academy Giving



The Teacher Excellence Fund Telethon is this Saturday, September 25th! The Archway Glendale segment is from 3:30pm to 4:00pm and will be hosted by Mrs. DeStefano and Mr. Navarrette. Tune in on Facebook, YouTube, or the Great Hearts website to support Archway Glendale teachers. Plus, when you give to the Great Hearts Telethon, your student will be entered to win, 'Headmaster for a Day' with Mrs. DeStefano! Join in for an exciting day honoring incredible teachers!

Headmaster Corner

After Fall Break, we have our Annual Project Week where students are assigned a poem to study, memorize, and recite. As your child embarks on this challenge, I would like to explain why we dedicate so much time and energy to poetry at Great Hearts. Poetry is a most beautiful use of language. The rhythms, meters, and rhyme schemes all add to our understanding and appreciation of language.

Language development is foundational to learning to read and learning to think. Poetry affects areas of the brain untouched by prose. It enriches a person's ability to express, enjoy, and appreciate the beauty and truth communicated in human language. Memorization of great and very good poetry will lead students to love language, become better writers and speakers, and immerse themselves more deeply in the beautiful experience of being human. Memorizing poetry trains and challenges the brain and builds memory skills that are essential to learning new concepts. Learning and reciting poetry improves syntax, the arrangement of words and phrases to create well-formed sentences in a language. And finally, children can learn through poetry a deeper appreciation for the beauty around them as they internalize the beauty of the poetic lines and apply it to what they see.

While it may be filled with moments of challenge and struggle, it is my hope that the exercise of memorizing and reciting the Project Week poems is a fruitful learning opportunity for your child.

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