

Hello Heritage Family!

We are excited for the start of the 2026-27 school year! School hours are 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM Monday through Thursday. Our **first day** of classes will begin on **Tuesday, August 4th**. It will be an All 8 Day (scholars will attend all 8 classes- see the link to the Bell schedule below).

WITHDRAWING? - If you are moving or plan to attend a different school for the upcoming school year, please send an email to mesaregistrar@heritageacademyaz.com requesting withdrawal forms. If you have already done so, please disregard this email.

Note: You may continue to receive emails & notifications until the first day of school 8/4.

MEET THE TEACHER OPEN HOUSE

Our Meet the Teacher event will be held on Monday, August 3rd from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. All Heritage scholars are welcome! Seniors - come order your caps & gowns with Jostens. We will have uniform vendors, tours of the campus, PTO information, teachers available for questions, supply lists, and much more! ****ALL Junior High Scholars & Parents are REQUIRED to attend a Core Class Kick-Off held in the Multi-Purpose Room - offered every 20 minutes.** Please print your schedules prior to arriving. We will not be handing them out nor making schedule changes that night. [Here](#) is a flyer for the event.

NEW TO HERITAGE: Join us for our Hero's Welcome on Friday 7/31 from 9-10:30am. Incoming Scholars Only. Tour Campus, make new friends, and sign in to our computer system so you can access your school google account, emails, google classroom, etc. [Here](#) is a flyer for the event.

This letter is intended to give you most of the information you will need to get ready for the upcoming school year. **It is imperative you read through this email in its entirety** and **CLICK ON THE LINKS!!!** Most of your questions will be answered here. We will refer to this **“Very Important Email” (VIE)** should you reach out to us with questions that are found within.

CLASS SCHEDULES

Schedules will be available in the PowerSchool parent/student portal in early July. You will receive an email when schedules are live. At this time, most classes are fully scheduled with NO space available. In an effort to meet all our scholars' needs and desires, each schedule is looked at individually. If you did not get a course from your request, it is most likely because it did not fit in your schedule, or the class was full. Please be mindful—as we balance teachers' classes, your schedule may change multiple times. All schedules will be final on the day of Open House, Monday 8/3/26.

POWERSCHOOL LOGINS

Directions on how to login are found below and your PowerSchool codes have been sent in a separate email. **If you have already logged into PowerSchool and have a current account, you will NOT need to create a new account.** If you are unable to login to your account, please email Ms. Connelly heidi.conn@heritageacademyaz.com to reset your password. If you have multiple scholars and need their accounts linked, please send an email to heidi.conn@heritageacademyaz.com with your scholars' names, and we can link them for you. For additional help, please see our instruction sheet: [HOW TO LOGIN TO POWERSCHOOL](#)

SCHEDULE CHANGES

A schedule change will only be considered for the following reasons:

- * Seniors with graduation credit needs
- * Incorrect course level placement (i.e.: 7th grade scholar in a 10th grade English course)
- * Missing a course in your schedule (there's a blank spot in your schedule)
- ** Changing of mind is NOT a reason to submit a schedule change request.**

If one of the reasons listed above applies to your scholar, you will need to sign up to meet with Mrs. McDowell using a Google Calendar Booking link. This link will be included in the email alerting you that schedules have been posted. Otherwise, **during** the first week of school (8/4/26), **your scholar** will need to **fill out a schedule change request form** found in our front lobby and return to the front desk. **Additional emails and phone calls will not change this process.**

During the first weeks of school, scholar requests will be evaluated. If it is determined that a schedule change is appropriate, your scholar will be called to the office during school to discuss options.

ELECTIVE COURSE FEES

All fees for fall semester (including winter sports) will be due on **August 20th**. Plan **NOW** to pay when the invoice is received. Payments should be made online through [MySchoolBucks](#). **You will be invoiced for fee bearing classes on August 13th**. If you believe you have credit on your account, send an email to mesaregistrar@heritageacademyaz.com requesting the amount be applied to your invoice. To pay with **ECA** funds, **DO NOT PAY INVOICE DIRECTLY**. Instead make a donation [HERE](#). The donation will be applied to the open invoice. If you have trouble paying through MySchoolBucks, payments can be made at the front desk.

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR 2026-2027 COURSE FEES [CLICK HERE for how to pay fees with MYSCHOOLBUCKS](#)

PARKING PERMITS (10th - 12th grades only)

You can apply [here](#). Priority will be given to seniors on a first come first serve basis. If you are assigned a parking permit, you will pay the **annual \$50 non-refundable, non-transferable fee at the front desk in CASH ONLY during the first week of school**. Parking monitoring will begin the second week of school.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM

All Heritage scholars have been assigned an email address to use to sign-in to Google Classroom. **Teachers will send scholars an invite to their classroom in the first few days of class. NOTE: New scholars to Heritage cannot log in from home until they log in on a school computer first. Attend the Hero's Welcome on Friday, July 31st from 9:00 am to 10:30 am to set up your school email and get a tour of your classrooms.**

[CLICK HERE FOR HOW TO LOGIN TO GOOGLE CLASSROOM](#)

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Your teacher will provide a list of items needed on the first day of class or at the Open House.

ELECTRONICS (i.e. CELL PHONES, SMART WATCHES, EARBUDS)

Scholars are **not permitted** to use electronics **during the school day** (8am-3:30pm) unless specified by the teacher for educational purposes or a medical emergency. If confiscated, parents will be required to pick up the devices from the principal. Scholars may use the phone at the Front Desk to call home. If you need to get a message to your child you can call the front desk. Please do not text or call cell phones between 8 and 3:30.

ATTENDANCE - Click [HERE](#) for more details if you are not registered for our SchoolMessenger System

1. Call the school or use SchoolMessenger before **10:00 am** on the day of the absence.
2. Leave a message with **first and last name of scholar and the reason** for the absence.
NOTE: absences cannot be changed after 24 hours.
3. Scholars must check **Google Classroom and talk with their teachers** for work they missed in class.

Any scholar who misses ten percent (10%) or more of classes (usually five or more per semester) in a given subject may not receive credit for that subject. If your scholar exceeds the allowed number of absences, an appeal will need to be filed at the end of each semester to save credit. Each teacher sets his/her own policy for work missed. Furthermore, many classroom experiences and activities by their very nature cannot be duplicated or "made up."

TARDY POLICY

Scholars are considered tardy if they are not in their seats and ready for class when the bell rings. If a scholar is tardy more than 3 times in 4 weeks, they will be given a log entry and receive lunch detention. For each subsequent 3 tardies, a lunch detention will be served. If tardiness continues, scholars may be suspended.

DROP OFF

Scholars should not arrive prior to 7:30 AM and should be picked up by 4:00 PM each day.

Our drop off/ pick up area is behind the school inside the gates. Please always follow the directions of staff members. Once you have reached the drop-off zone, **pull forward as far as you can** before dropping off.

There are three lanes for traffic. Please do not stop in the far-left lane, it is for vehicles to exit.

If you are in the middle lane, scholars should enter/exit quickly. The far right lane is our carpool lane to accommodate larger groups or more time.

After school, the driveline will not open until 3:15 PM. Vehicles are not allowed to line up on the streets until 3:15 PM. The Mesa Police Department will be issuing citations for anyone in violation. **Please do not park in spaces or block parking lots of surrounding businesses. We ask you to be courteous to our neighbors.**

[CLICK HERE FOR A MAP OF DRIVELINE](#)

FORGOTTEN ITEMS

If your scholar forgets items for school, fill out the drop off form at the front desk. Scholars can pick up items during passing periods or at lunch. Scholars will **not** be called out of class to pick up items.

LUNCH INFO

Most scholars bring a lunch from home. Our other lunch option is provided by My Hot Lunchbox. You may visit myhotlunchbox.com to learn more and create an account if you haven't already. If you do have an account, please visit the profile section to update your scholar's grade level to the correct one. The calendar should be open to orders a week before school starts. Vendors are subject to change at the start of each semester. **NO OUTSIDE FOOD DELIVERY (via UberEats, GrubHub, etc) is allowed.** Our PTO offers a "Snack Shack" during lunch with additional snack-type options. The school does not provide lunch if your scholar forgets.

[MY HOT LUNCHBOX FLYER](#)

DRESS CODE & UNIFORMS: CLICK HERE FOR UNIFORM INFORMATION

Classroom Uniforms will be required starting the first day of school, and PE uniforms starting the second day of school. It is best to pre-order to ensure delivery before the first day of school. Please review the [Scholar Handbook](#) dress code section (p. 60) before you purchase uniforms for the upcoming year. **Dress code is strictly enforced and you are expected to maintain a neat personal appearance including proper hair length and color, gentlemen are to be clean shaven, shoes must have a back and outerwear must be solid red, white or navy (no logos, writing, etc.).** One of our vendors is offering free delivery to our Open House. Click [Here](#) to see the flyer.*** Please note, home made Heritage polos shirts are not allowed. Polos and PE uniforms must be purchased from our vendors.

VOLUNTEERS: IVP FINGERPRINT CARD NOW REQUIRED!

All volunteers are required to have an IVP Fingerprint Clearance card to be on campus. If you plan to be on campus, including for the Snack Shack, please support our school by taking the steps needed **ASAP**. We love all of our volunteers and appreciate your efforts to keep our scholars safe. [Here is the link](#) to get started. Once you receive your card, please send a copy to heid.conn@heritageacademyaz.com or bring it by the front desk. [Here](#) is a flyer with more information.

ATHLETICS: We are changing from CAA to AIA and GreatHearts. This changes some of the sports seasons. See additional email from Athletics including required forms, uploading documents, and schedules.

SOME HELPFUL LINKS

[2026-2027 Academic Calendar](#)

[Bell Schedule](#)

[Scholar Handbook](#)

[2025-2026 Athletic Information](#)

[Graduation Requirements](#)-Location TBA

[High School and College Planning](#)

We are so grateful for our supportive parents! We really do have the most AMAZING parents and scholars in Mesa! Thank you for being part of our Heritage Family! We can't wait to see what the 2026-2027 school year will bring!

Sincerely,

Heritage Academy Administration

Thank you for reading this **VERY IMPORTANT EMAIL**. Open house Mon. 8/3/26 5:00 PM-7:00 PM; 1st day of school (ALL 8 DAY) Tues. 8/4/26 8:00 AM sharp. Campus opens 7:30 AM