

January 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is our pleasure to announce that Archmere Academy will have the opportunity to participate in the exchange program with *Colegio Chamberí Maristas* (Madrid, Spain) in the fall and spring of the 2022-23 school year. As currently scheduled, the Spanish students will arrive late August/early September. This is an incredible opportunity for our students to gain a global perspective and to practice what they have been learning in class with native speakers! We would like to extend an invitation to any family interested in hosting an exchange student.

Students will be reunited with their Spanish host during spring break 2023, when Colegio Chamberí Maristas will host. During this time, our students will engage in Spanish language activities and participate in cultural excursions, such as the religious ceremonies of Semana Santa.

If you would like to be considered as a host family and your son or daughter would like to travel, please express your interest by completing the attached permission slip by Wednesday, February 15, 2022. Once we select our families for this opportunity we will reach out to them with further details.

At this time the total estimated cost for travel to Madrid in March/April of 2023 is \$900 in exchange program fees plus the cost of the roundtrip flight to Madrid (estimated ~\$1,000). **To reserve a seat for your child, please complete the attached permission slip no later than Wednesday, February 15, 2022. We will communicate the initial deposit and fee structure once students are selected.** Permission slips may be handed to either Srta. Scheflen or Srta. Pérez or given to the language office.

Please note: *in the event that interest exceeds the available seats, we will select the participants on a first-come, first-served basis in addition to academic and discipline records.*

If you have any questions about our travels or the hosting experience here in the U.S., please do not hesitate to contact us (dperez or jscheflen@archmereacademy.com)

Sincerely,

Mrs. Denise Perez & Ms. Janna Scheflen

Spanish Teachers, World Languages and Cultures Department

Spanish Exchange Program Permission Slip

Please return **this permission slip** no later than **Wednesday, March 2nd 2022**. Please include your home phone and email address. Pursue Languages, an international student travel agency, is coordinating the air reservations and insurance. We will provide them with your email address and names as part of the necessary registration for flight information.

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I authorize my child, _____ to participate in the Archmere Spanish Exchange Program.

Please note that families must commit to both hosting and traveling in the same school year to be considered.

- Our family will serve as a host family to a student from Colegio Chamberí Maristas this upcoming fall of 2022. In addition, my son/daughter will travel to Spain in the spring of 2023.**

Parent Signature

Contact Number (please indicate cell or home)

Parent email address

Student email address