

# GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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## Upcoming Events

### High School Retreat

8/11 - 8/13 - Lost Canyon

### PSO Parent Mixer

8/21

### Curriculum Night

8/26 - *via Zoom*

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## Headmaster Update

Gladiators,

How wonderful it has been to see you on campus again! I want to thank Ms. Nelson for putting together a fabulous “Greet the Gladiators” open house. I hope that you were able to sign up for an extra-curricular, learn more about our athletics program, and sign up to volunteer this year. If you missed out on any opportunities from the open house, please reach out so that we can assist you.

This year the leadership team of NPX and I have set a goal for the school: **Elevate the North Phoenix Prep Experience.**

Specifically, we will focus on four key areas:

- Enhancing Gladiator Spirit and Pride
- Clear, Consistent Communication
- Strengthening Best Practices
- Uniformity within Grade Levels



## Academy Giving

**Did you know? Community Investment is the best way to support North Phoenix Prep!** Community Investment Funds help keep our curriculum rigorous while supporting our teachers and administration. Does your family want to support our school through Community Investment? Email Jackie Curtis, Academy Giving Manager, with any questions.

## PSO Corner

The new PSO officers - Gina, Eileen, and Jamie - are excited to kick off the school year! We had a BLAST giving out 500+ popsicles on the first day of school - it was a nice cool treat on a hot afternoon. We also hosted a Back-to-School Teacher Luncheon to kick off the new school year.

Thank you to everyone who filled out an interest form at Greet the Gladiators! We will be contacting you shortly! Be sure to check out our website for frequent updates and upcoming events.

Questions? Contact us at [npxparents@gmail.com](mailto:npxparents@gmail.com)

This thematic goal will carry us through the year and result in better outcomes for our students, our teachers, our staff, and our school. We ask for your partnership in meeting our goal this year. One way you can help is by encouraging your child to get involved and attend community events, games, and concerts to cheer on their friends.

In addition, we are celebrating our ten year anniversary as a school this year and will have plenty of new swag and celebratory spirit wear to purchase. My door is always open for your insights and feedback- so please feel free to reach out anytime. I look forward to seeing you in Headmaster Chats and around the campus this year!

Go Gladiators!

Ms. Jacobson

## Lost Canyon Retreat - THIS WEEK!

Our High School Retreat to Lost Canyon is coming up this Wednesday, August 11! We are so looking forward to the chance to bond and have fun together, setting the tone for this coming year.

Here are a few last details as we prepare for this trip:

1. If you have not yet **registered**, here is the link to do so! [Lost Canyon Registration](#)
2. Your child should have received a **Packing List and Info Sheet** from Ms. Schripsema last week, but if it stayed in the bottom of a backpack over the weekend, here's a copy for you: [Lost Canyon Packing List and Info Sheet](#). The info sheet has much more detail about how the trip will work, but please email Ms. Schripsema at [sschripsema@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:sschripsema@northphoenixprep.org) if you have further questions.
3. Your child may also have obtained a **Guest Consent Release Form** yesterday at school, but here is a copy: [Lost Canyon Guest Release Form](#). They will need to bring this form to Ms. Schripsema by Wednesday.
4. If your child has **special dietary needs**, please go here to fill out the form for them: [Special Diet Requests Form](#)

5. Here is the form for **requesting roommates!** [Roommate Request Form](#)
6. Remember, **no cell phones** will be allowed for students on this trip, but if they do choose to bring them for the bus ride back, we will ask to keep them in Ziploc bags until that point. The reason for this is we would like everyone to just unplug and have fun together on the trip! However, we understand there are some circumstances where you might want to check in with your child. If this is the case, please keep these phone numbers nearby: Ms. Jacobson (480-577-9933), Ms. Schripsema (480-239-2180), or Mr. Black (623-337-1084). Your child may also come up to any of us at dinnertime and ask to borrow one of our phones to call.
7. **Update on weather:** it looks like there could be some rain in Williams this week. Therefore we have decided to change our stopover point to Kaibab Lake, which has better facilities for that possibility. Please also have your student bring an umbrella or other rain gear, since much of the camp is outdoors.
8. **One more thing!** We will be playing Messy Games again this year, and would like to suggest that students have an extra pair of shoes that can get messy. Otherwise they may have wet shoes the rest of the trip.

Lastly, if your child is not going on retreat (we are sad, but understand), know that we will not be holding regular high school classes at the school Wednesday-Friday. Should your child come to school, they should bring some quiet activities they can do on their own, or we may also have them do some volunteer work on campus.

**Late Registration = \$225 by Midnight TONIGHT - 8/9!**

Questions? Email [Ms. Schripsema](#) or [Mr. Black](#). Parent Volunteers? Email [Sarah Miller](#).

## Drop-off & Pick-Up

Click [HERE](#) for the [Traffic Flow Map](#)

While the construction is certainly creating a hinderance, it is still imperative that all families follow traffic patterns and street signs. Please set the right example for your children - safety first! **Please DO NOT park across 32nd Street and jaywalk in order to reach campus. This a significant safety issue and cannot continue.**

- All cars will enter campus from 32nd Street at the northern most entrance nearest Archway. Please DO NOT enter off Hearn in order to bypass the line.
- All Prep families are encouraged to stay in the outermost lane - while Archway is still dropping off/ picking up - and drive around the field until reaching the Prep side of campus.
- Once cars have made it around the field, the following is to happen:
  - **AM Drop-Off** - All cars must merge to the curb and drop students off along the sidewalk.
  - There is NO DROP-OFF ALONG HEARN.

- **PM Pick-Up** - Once you have passed the field, cars may split into two lines - one along the sidewalk, one along the row of parked faculty cars. Students may enter cars from the sidewalk or may cross at the crosswalk and enter cars from the passenger side only. **No student may cross the parking lot without using the crosswalk.** Once the student(s) is in the vehicle, cars may merge to the center and exit campus. You may only TURN RIGHT onto 32nd Street upon exiting campus.
- There is NO PICK-UP ALONG HEARN.
- Please DO NOT enter off Hearn in order to bypass the line.

## Parking

Our Great Hearts North Phoenix campus has very little visitor parking. If it is necessary to park on campus, please park in the spaces near the front office facing 32nd Street. Please mind the signs that say “Faculty Parking only” and do not park in these spots. (Last week, we had faculty late for school due to there being no parking spaces upon arrival).

We **do not have permission** to park in the adjacent business properties, including the Elks Lodge north of campus and the Paradise Valley Baptist Church south of campus. We ask that you please respect our neighbors’ property.

## Lunch at NPX

We are fortunate to partner with Blue Willo Catering once again this school year. Beginning this week, Blue Willo will be on campus daily selling hot and cold lunches, grab-and-go items, snacks, and drinks. There will be no pre-orders this year! All lunches must be purchased day-of, using cash or credit card. Lunch items will range from \$2.00 - \$6.00 and include, but not limited to: Wraps, salads, sandwiches, pizza, burgers, corndogs, as well as many snack items. All lunch meal orders include chips and a drink.

## Uniforms

### **NPX Uniform Policy (Link)**

Please familiarize yourselves with our Uniform Policy particularly the policies regarding hair color and shoes. There will be a grace period for students to be in uniform compliance. Beginning Monday, 8/16, uniform infractions will be given should students remain out of full uniform compliance.

Note: There was a typo in our 2021-2022 Family Handbook. Students may **only** wear khaki pants or shorts. Navy pants or shorts are not permitted.



## From the Dean of Students

Greetings Gladiator Parents!

It was wonderful to see all the smiling faces of both students and parents last week! I wanted to inform you of weekly communication that is sent from my office.

### *Homework Charts*

Every Monday morning (or Tuesday morning if we have no school on Monday) you will receive a message through our School Messenger system that will have links for homework charts. The homework charts will give you an idea of what homework your student will be assigned each day. Please understand that the charts are subject to change during the week. If there are ever any questions about homework, please reach out directly to the teacher. *Note: You should have received this week's Homework Chart today.*

### *Missing Assignments Report*

These reports will show you what your child has as missing, absent, or incomplete work for the previous week. Please be sure to read each teachers syllabus carefully for their late work policies. If there are any questions, please reach out directly to the teachers. *The first missing assignment report will be sent out on Friday August 20<sup>th</sup>.*

As always, I am available for any questions or concerns you may have. I am looking forward to a fantastic year with your children!

Ms. Jensen: [mjensen@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:mjensen@northphoenixprep.org)

## College Counseling Announcements

### *National Merit*

Congratulations to Cheyenne Wahlheim and Matthew Glos who met the requirements to enter the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program. These high performers have shown outstanding academic potential. Both of them are amongst the 50,000 highest scoring participants who will be recognized as either Semifinalist or Commended students in the fall! A huge congratulations!





*Homework for Seniors*

- Personal statement and Common App due on 8.15.21 to Mrs. Martin via google doc.
- College application tracker (submission dates) due on 8.23.21 to Mrs. Martin via shared excel spreadsheet.

*College Representative Visits @ NPX***OPEN TO ALL 9th - 12th Grade**

- \*Grand Canyon University- 8.17.21 (3:40-4:40)
- \*Embry Riddle Aeronautical University-8.19.21 (3:30-4:30)
- \*Hillsdale College- 9.23.21 (3:40-4:40)

*Seniors Only*

College Counseling Parent Chat 9.21.21 (3:30-4:30) *SENIOR PARENTS ONLY*

\*Barrett Tour- 11.13.21

*11<sup>th</sup> Grade Workshops @ NPX (2:35 - 3:35)***August 25th - MANDATORY for all 11th graders****Optional, but Highly Recommended**

September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Navigating the College Search + Financial Aid + PSAT Updates
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	PSAT Updates + Naviance Workshop
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Personal Statements + Supplemental Essays
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Preparing for Semester 2 / 1:1 Meetings
January 14 <sup>th</sup>	1:1 meetings continued + Scholarship Workshop + SAT Info
February 5 <sup>th</sup>	GreatHearts College Symposium College Fair- Virtual
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Barrett Tour (11 <sup>th</sup> grade only)
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Finalizing college list + Letter of Request (personal statement + college list due)
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Final 1:1 meetings + Summer goal setting

\*schedule is subject to change depending on scholars needs 😊

*A Note from Mrs. Martin*

Thank you to all the parents/guardians who wrote lovely notes for your kiddos! I wish you could have heard the joy and excitement from them. I've learned over the years, although they are taller in stature, continuously growing more and more independent, your support and acknowledgment means everything to them! Thank you for partnering with us to make their first day as a senior so wonderful! I will be reaching out with more events needing your help in the coming weeks.



## News from the Athletic Department

### Register NOW for FALL SPORTS!



#### **Middle School – Coed Flag Football, Boys & Girls Cross Country, and Girls Volleyball**

All Practices/Evaluations will start the week of Aug. 16 and competition the week of Sept. 6.

#### **High School – Boys & Girls Cross Country, and Girls Volleyball**

Try-outs will be the week of Aug. 9; practices will start the week of Aug. 16, and competition the week of Aug. 30.

**All participants must be fully registered to participate - including a physical. We highly recommend you get the physicals completed at your earliest convenience.**

Here is a link to **the only form that will be accepted** as proof of a completed physical:

<https://www.aiaonline.org/files/16936/forms-157-a-d.pdf>

For more info please email our Athletic Director, JoePage, at [jpage@northphoenixprepathletics.org](mailto:jpage@northphoenixprepathletics.org).

Your AZ Public School Tax Credit makes our Athletic Program possible, thank you! [Tax Credit link](#)

## Covid-19 Policies and Updates

Please see our website for the latest [Covid-19 Policies and Guidelines](#). We will continue to update the [covid tracker](#) on our website. Please reach out to [Alison Stone](#), Campus Covid Response Coordinator, with your questions, concerns, or positive test results. As always, we will adapt and modify in response to caseloads, outbreaks, and/or guidance from the AZ Department of Health. We are committed to remaining communicative about cases and exposures should they occur.

## Lockers

All students have been issued school locks for their lockers. Please encourage your student to **lock their lockers** after usage. Sadly, we have already had theft occur due to lockers not being locked. In addition, it is imperative that students use only the lockers issued to them. Should it be discovered that a non-school issued locker is on a lock, it will be cut off the locker. Thank you for understanding and supporting this safety issue.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Interested in volunteering on campus? Please [click here](#) to [complete a volunteer application](#).

## Headmaster Chats

Join Ms. Jacobson in the North Phoenix Prep Library for a casual discussion about how the school year is going followed by a tour of classes. [Click here for Dates and Times.](#)

## NPX is Hiring

North Phoenix Prep is hiring one full-time counselor for the 21/22 School Year. If you have questions or are interested in applying, please contact Lauren Katz, Director of School Counseling- [LKatz@greatheartssaz.org](mailto:LKatz@greatheartssaz.org).

## Teacher Excellence Fund 2021



Planning for the 2021 Telethon on September 25th is in full swing! As a Great Hearts parent, you know we recognize that the success of our schools truly lies in the passion, talent, and dedication of our teachers. Great Hearts Academies is currently looking for event sponsors, live-auction items, and hourly raffle items to help raise money for our amazing teachers. If you or your business can help, please contact [Haley Kucharo](#) (Great Hearts Development Officer) or [Anja Sharber](#) (Telethon Co-Chair) for more information.

## Amazon Purchases Supports NPX!

To support North Phoenix Prep while shopping on Amazon, always shop at <https://smile.amazon.com/> and support North Phoenix Prep as your charity.

## Planning Ahead - Calendar Items

10/4 - 10/8:	Fall Break
10/11 - 10/12:	Parent Teacher Conferences (no classes)
12/20 - 12/31:	Winter Break
1/3 - 1/4:	Parent Teacher Conferences (no classes)
3/14 - 3/18:	Spring Break
5/26:	Last Day of Classes; Graduation

