

GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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Upcoming Events

1/17 - No School
Civil Rights Day

1/29 - Campus Cleanup Day

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Happy New Year Gladiators!

We are so thankful for all the families that have made their gifts, & supported our school through our annual campaigns, Community Investment & Tax Credit Drive!

✨ Gifts to Community Investment - the financial fuel that make our mission possible!

✨ Gifts to our Tax Credit Drive - make our Athletic and Extracurricular programs possible!

Thank you for helping us reach 72% of our goal for Community Investment and 35% of our goal for Tax Credit.

There is still time to make your gift and contribute to both of our annual campaigns. Your partnership is critical and appreciated.

Set up and schedule your giving here.

✨ Every family that gave a gift to Community Investment or contributed to Tax Credit before the end of the calendar year was entered to WIN a consumable package or Gladiator swag.

💖 A special shout out & thank you to the two families that won our End of Year Giving Contest!

And the Winners are...

Congratulations to the Valenzuela family! They won a Free Grade level consumable package for the 2022-23 school year!

Congratulations to the Ruof family! They won some Free Gladiator Swag!



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 or click [here](#) for more information.

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From the Dean of Students

Evaluations

Semester 1 Evaluations are now available to view and print through the Parent Portal.

greatheartsaz.powerschool.com/public

- Choose the “Sign In” tab.
- Enter the username and password.
- Click the “Sign In” button.

Note for High School Students: Your GPA was likely incorrect if you viewed the portal prior to Wednesday, January 5. The technical glitch was corrected and your accurate GPA is now listed. Please log back into the portal to view the update. Questions? Reach out to [Ms. Jensen](#), Dean of Students.

The Parent Portal will close on **Wednesday, January 12.**

Important Dates

Monday January 10th - Homework Charts resume

Friday January 21st - Missing Assignment Reports will resume

Testing Dates:

♦ [Monday January 24th](#) - Grades 7 and 8 will be taking the Writing Stand Alone Field Test (*makeup testing 1/25*)

♦ [Thursday February 24th](#) - Grades 7 and 8 will be taking the 3rd (and final) ELA Galileo Benchmark (*makeup testing 2/28*)

♦ [Friday February 25th](#) - Grades 7 and 8 will be taking the 3rd (and final) Math Galileo Benchmark (*makeup testing 2/28*)



Dress Code

At Great Hearts schools, the student uniform is an essential part of who we are and what we do. The uniform serves to unify our students as one community of learners, irrespective of our diverse backgrounds. The uniform also signifies to the larger community our common purpose and identity as schools in pursuit of the true, the good, and the beautiful. Finally, the uniform frees our students to pursue their intellectual and moral development as individuals, without the distractions of fad and fashion. True individuality is formed in the heart and mind, not in appearances.

As we begin Semester 2, the dress code needs to be revisited and subsequently enforced. Please review the uniform policy with your scholars: **NPX Dress Code**.

Key Areas of Focus

Belts: A solid-colored black or dark brown belt must be worn with the dress pants or shorts. Dress belts with a simple clasp or open buckle designs are acceptable.

Outerwear: Sweaters and sweatshirts may be worn for warmth before and after school but must be stored in lockers and remain in during school hours. NPX uniform sweaters may be worn throughout the school day. This includes NPX sweatshirts, blazers, and Letterman jackets. **Personalized items may only be worn by the owner.

Jewelry: Girls have the option of wearing one pair of matching earrings (no other body piercings are permitted), one watch, one finger ring, and one necklace...Girls may wear one tasteful, non-distracting bracelet. Boys are permitted to wear one watch, one finger ring, and one necklace. All jewelry must be tasteful and worn in a non-distracting manner; gaudy costume or novelty jewelry is not uniform attire.

Earrings: Earrings must be worn on the ear lobe and cannot hang more than one-half inch below the ear lobe.

Necklaces: Only fine-gauged, 16 to 20 inch, silver or gold chain necklaces are permitted. Necklace pendants, if worn, must be less than an inch in length, width, or diameter.

Reminder: Backpacks, tote bags, and lunch containers must be kept in the lockers.

For details about the dress code, **including photos** and information about places to purchase uniforms, please click on this document: **Dress Code Reminders and Resources**.

Cell Phone Usage

Upon entry into the Academic Building, student cell phones are to be placed inside the student's backpack, which will remain inside their locker for the duration of the school day. Cell phones are not to be removed from backpacks until students have exited the Academic Building. No cell phone is to be used inside the school building or in the courtyard. Students observed with their phones on campus will be required to turn them in and may pick them from the Dean's office after school.

NORTH PHOENIX PREP STUDENT SERVICE ORGANIZATION



**ATTENTION,
8TH GRADE
STUDENTS!**



**MIDDLE SCHOOL
LEADERSHIP
IS STARTING SOON!**

**LEADERSHIP
THROUGH
SERVICE**



Join this new organization to serve the NPX community, develop your leadership skills, and have fun!

**APPLY
NOW!**



Open to 8th grade students only. See Ms. Lentz for an application. Applications due by Friday, 1/14/2022!

Self Defense Course

Michael Kaneen and 9 Dragons Kung Fu is pleased to present a practical course in self-defense for North Phoenix Preparatory Academy female students, parents/guardians, and NPX Faculty (and their family members). This course focuses on the key aspects of self-defense for women, including knowledge, instinct, preparation, situational awareness, and specific techniques for repelling a physical attack.

The program will be conducted by a corps of certified instructors at the facilities of 5 Elements Kung Fu in three, two-hour classes. Sessions will be held on Saturday afternoons in January (the 29th) and February (the 5th and the 12th). There will be one make-up session in February (the 19th) for participants who have missed a class.

The program is open to all female Prep students (grades 7 to 12) as well as their parent(s)/guardian, and all teachers and staff of North Phoenix Prep. Registration is limited to 40 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment is required in advance, and liability waivers must be completed for each participant prior to taking part in the lessons. Registration fees are not refundable.

Fees

NPX female student	\$50
Parent/Guardian of a student participant	\$25
NPX teacher, staff, or family member	\$40

Location

5 Elements Kung Fu
3135 E. Cactus Rd.
Phoenix, AZ 85032

Schedule of Classes

Session 1: January 29	Student/Parent:1:00 to 3:00; Teacher Staff 3:00-5:00
Session 2: February 5	Student/Parent:1:00 to 3:00; Teacher Staff 3:00-5:00
Session 3: February 12	Student/Parent:1:00 to 3:00; Teacher Staff 3:00-5:00
Make-up Session: February 19	Student/Parent:1:00 to 3:00; Teacher Staff 3:00-5:00

Registration Procedure

1. Request registration forms from Mr. Gray (tgray@northphoenixprep.org)
2. Complete the forms.
3. Bring the completed registration forms and a check made out to 9 Dragons Kung Fu to Mr. Gray (Room 613) to complete your registration.

Other Information

- Participants should wear modest, comfortable, loose-fitting clothing and athletic shoes (preferably with smooth bottoms) and be sure to bring a water bottle.
- This is a drop-off event; there is very limited seating for non-participants.
- No one may participate without completed forms and waivers on file.

Latin Bootcamp

Salvēte, Familiae!

(Greetings, families!) This is Ms. Coffey, teacher of Latin and Greek. I want to let you know about an amazing opportunity for your Latin students. This semester, I am running Latin Boot Camp, and it's open to any NPX Latin student! I know that Latin is a challenging course, and can feel dismal and boring when students feel they have fallen behind. Latin Boot Camp targets key sets of noun and verb endings which every student must know, but which we do not necessarily review in the classroom each week. Boot Camp starts with a quick review in my classroom, after which we migrate outside (where the weather has been excellent) and march and chant the endings. At the end of the session, each student takes a rapid-fire verbal quiz to see if they have achieved short-term memorization. If they ace the quiz, they have the opportunity to receive a certificate of completion, a badge of valor in their Latin mastery, and redeemable for a piece of candy if they show up to Boot Camp again! My students can also reap the benefits of solid mastery by cashing in their certificates for grade bumps on quizzes and tests, exemptions from missing work, or candy. Encourage your student to join me for Latin Boot Camp on Tuesdays at Lyceum (directly after 2nd period). For best results, encourage students to attend weekly!

Valete,

Magistra Cafea (Ms. Coffey)



LATIN BOOT CAMP*
**NOT FOR THE FAINT OF HEART*

**LEARN YOUR ENDINGS
ONCE AND FOR ALL.**

**TUESDAY LYCEUM
MEET PROMPTLY IN
MS. COFFEY'S CLASSROOM**

Gladiator Athletics

Registration opens Monday, Jan. 17 for Spring Sports!

Starting Monday, Jan. 17 – Go to www.northphoenixpreathletics.com for all the details!

Middle School Sports – Boys & Girls Basketball, Boys & Girls Tennis, and Boys & Girls Track & Field
All practices/evaluations will start the week of Feb. 14.

High School – Boys & Girls Track & Field; Girls Tennis
Practices/evaluations for Track & Field will start the week of Feb. 7.
Practices/evaluations for Girls Tennis will start the week of Feb. 14.

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 AD, Joe Page, at jpage@northphoenixprep.org

2023 Summer Trip to Spain

Hola, North Phoenix Prep Families!
A reminder that enrollment is now open for our 2023 Summer Trip to Spain. If you are interested in learning the details, please visit our info page at www.eftours.com/tour-website/2503746DX. All enrollments before the end of January qualify for \$100 discount! Educational travel exposes students to new people, places, and cultures which in turn expands their knowledge of the world and their knowledge of themselves. This trip is open to any student that will be in the high school for our 22-23 school year (Current 8th graders included!) For specific questions please reach out directly to Ms. Coffey, at ICoffey@northphoenixprep.org. ¡Gracias!

Parent Contact Information - Action Item

As we begin a new semester, we would like to ensure that our communication resources are up to date. Kindly complete [this brief form](#) to ensure we have accurate emails, phone numbers, and mailing address on file. *Please complete the form for each scholar you have attending North Phoenix Prep Academy.

Parent Contact Information 2022

Reporting Absences

To report your scholar(s) absence, please provide an email to Attendance@NorthPhoenixPrep.org with the following information:

1. Student(s) First and Last Name
2. Grade
3. Date of Absence(s)
4. Reason for absence (*please be specific*)

Absences

When a student is absent and in need of make-up work, they should first check the Weekly Homework Chart for assignments. Should they have questions or need additional assignments, they are to email their teacher(s) directly. Please do not ask the attendance line to acquire assignments for your student. If items need to be picked up from campus, teachers will leave these items in the front office.

Covid-19 Policies and Updates

Please continue to monitor your child for symptoms and get tested if you suspect they have been in contact with Covid-19. You may find the Great Hearts Covid Mitigation [here](#) and on the [NPX Website](#). We will continue to update the [covid tracker](#) on our website. Please reach out to [Alison Stone](#), Assistant Headmaster/Campus Covid Response Coordinator, with your questions, concerns, or positive test results.



Get Your
NPX Spiritwear!
northphoenixprepathletics.com

If you haven't checked out our spirit store lately, you are missing out! This interactive store allows you to customize your own spiritwear!

The advertisement features two pieces of spiritwear: a black hoodie with "NORTH PHOENIX GLADIATORS" and "Gladiators" printed on it, and a grey long-sleeve shirt with "TRADITION STARTS HERE" and a small logo. The background is a solid dark red color.