# GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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## **Upcoming Events**

- 4/25 PSO Meeting
- 4/29 & 4/30 Sr. Drama
- 5/2 5/6 Spirit Week
- 5/6 Field Day 1/2 Day

## **Quick Links**

School Calendar 21.22 **April Lunch Menu Configio Payment Portal Bell Schedule** Academy Giving **Uniform Policy Headmaster Chats** 22.23 School Year 8/9 - First Day of School 12/19- 1/2 - Winter Break 3/13 - 3/17 - Spring Break

- 10/10 10/14 Fall Break

- 5/25 Last Day of School

# **Gladiator Pride**

Congratulations to Ibrahim Laleka ('23) for earning the highest possible score of 36 on the ACT! According to ACT CEO Janet Godwin, less than one-half of 1% of all test takers earn the top score. Ibrahim, you are the epitome of a Gladiator. We are so proud of you!



#### North Phoenix Preparatory Academy



## **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 <u>here</u> for more information.

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#### **PSO Corner**

**PSO Website** 

**Contact PSO** 

**Amazon Smiles** 

#### **Connect with NPX**



# Headmaster Update

Thank you to the 133 families who completed the family survey! We are always eager to hear how we can improve the culture and community at North Phoenix Prep. Our thematic goal this year is to *Elevate the NPX Experience* and we are ever striving to make that a reality with every day that passes. We pay careful attention to the feedback we receive, and there are certainly bits of feedback and pockets of information that may not be widely shared, but nonetheless, warrant thoughtful consideration and attention. Every single family matters, and every single comment matters.

Overall, you articulated the following positive trends:

School leadership is accessible and communicative.
Parents are satisfied with teacher instruction, student-teacher relationships, and academic progress for students.

•The school is welcoming and students are generally happy at school.

•The front office is responsive and helpful.

The following two areas require special attention and will be the topic of our next advisory council meeting.

•**Parent engagement**- We have an exceptionally low number of parents who volunteer their time on campus (8.6% of respondents).

•Satisfaction with Special Programs (inc. College Counseling, Athletics, and Extracurriculars)- Only 44.3% of families expressed satisfaction with these programs.

In every respect, we want to finish our year together well! We want to keep our standards high, our students thriving, and our community flourishing. If there is any way we can continue to better realize our mission, we want to act as soon as we can.

Thank you very much for your time and support, and please reach out if you have any questions.

# **Teacher Appreciation Week**

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2-6, and the PSO needs your help providing our wonderful teachers with some meals. Please click on the link to sign up for a food item. Thank you for supporting our teachers!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054BA4A92CA7FD0-teacher12



# **Upcoming PSO Meeting - Nominations**

You are invited to the NPX PSO General Meeting on Monday, April 25 @ 7:00pm via Zoom. The purpose of this meeting is to share annual PSO updates, approve the budget for next year, and nominate PSO Board Leadership.

Please nominate yourself or another NPX parent for Board Leadership! Nominations will be accepted at the meeting or by sending an email prior to 4/25 to: <u>psopresident@northphoenixprep.org</u>.

Currently, the open positions are:

PSO President PSO Vice President

**PSO** Secretary

Zoom Info for 4/25 Meeting: <u>https://greathearts.zoom.us/j/5982813718?</u> pwd=VoxVaFlvQWo2NnNiN1RLSohUNElKdzo9

# **College Counseling**

## TOMORROW! Secrets of College Admissions and Scholarships

A free presentation for parents and students grades 9-11 on Tuesday April 26th at 4:00pm PST. <u>Click here</u> to register for our virtual presentation. The ZOOM link will be automatically sent upon registration. Can't attend? <u>Click here</u> for alternate dates and times.

# TOMORROW! Financial Aid Information Night

The financial aid department at ASU will provide <u>financial aid information</u> to families on Tuesday, April 26th at 6:30 pm. Learn what resources are available, how to find them, and what you should be doing now to prepare to pay for college. This session will define basic financial aid terminology, describe various ways in which students can reduce their overall college costs, and include an overview of the FAFSA. <u>Click here</u> to learn more.

# Senate

The Senate races for next year are underway. All 8<sup>th</sup>-grade through 11th-grade students with a 3.0 or better GPA are eligible to run for the Student Senate. See Mr. Black for an application and details.

#### April 25, 2022

# **Thank you Gladiators!**

We are so thankful for everyone that took part in and supported our Tax Credit Drive!

#### Together we raised \$65,427- reaching 100% of our goal!

While the Arizona State deadline for 2021 tax filing has passed- Tax Credits can still be made and will support this school years budgeted needs. You will still receive the dollar-for-dollar credit in the next Tax Season.

#### Thank You for Taking the Credit with NPX!



Grade level winner-Class of 2025! Earned & will enjoy A Donut party!

> NPX Tax Credit Contest 2022 • The Grade Level to bring in the most Tax Credits will earn a donut party

Student that brings in the most Tax Credits will get a private lunch party with a few friends & a teacher of their choice.

AND •If both ANP & NPX Make our Tax Credit Goals, Coach Page will take a PIE to the face!

Spread the word to everyone you know who pays AZ State Taxes...

Thank you for Taking the Credit with NPX @tinyurl.com/npxtaxcredit We hit our goal!! 100

Let's GO GLADIATORS!

Leader Board Final results

> 1st place-9th grade

2nd place- tie Sophomores Juniors Seniors

> 3rd place-7th grade

4th place-8th grade

# SPIRITWEEK MAY 2 - MAY 6

# MON

**Tie Dye** Half Dress - Uniform bottoms, socks, and shoes

# TUES Mismatch

# **Full Dress**

Weds Bikers vs Surfers Day Full Dress

# **Thurs** Wear Red for a Cause Day - \$1

\$1 with proceeds going to Phoenix Children's Hospital (Half Dress-Uniform bottoms, socks and shoes)

**Fri** Gladiator Spirit Day Full dress = Field Day!

# **Student Leadership Opportunity**

Lanistae are High School leaders of our Middle School Gladiator Teams. A lanista is a person at the school who has demonstrated leadership potential, takes responsibility, works well on a team, and is capable or can learn to direct and mentor middle school students on campus. Our lanistae do not always have the best grades or even the best behavior, but they are students who are willing and able to step up and be model members of our community.

This year, we are opening up applications to ALL high school students (current 8<sup>th</sup> graders-11th graders). Most students will be chosen to lead a team, and a few students will be chosen to help with administrative tasks and planning for the many events we plan at the school, as well as mentorship for younger lanistae (only former lanistae will get these positions).

HOW TO APPLY: Follow this <u>link</u> to the Lanista Application, due May 6<sup>th</sup> by 5 pm. You will also need to select two current teachers to fill out a <u>Teacher Recommendation Form</u>. They need to fill out the form by May 6<sup>th</sup> as well. In addition, you may (but are not required to) have a third adult fill out a recommendation form. This would be an adult who has seen you in your element and can give you a good recommendation, such as a coach, scout leader, religious leader, Editor, etc. Lastly, be looking out for a reply email from Ms. Schripsema on May 7<sup>th</sup> asking you to sign up for an interview time the week of May 9<sup>th</sup> during lunch/rec. That's where we will ask you to clarify and expound upon your ideas.

If you have any questions or concerns, please find or email Ms. Schripsema (sschripsema@northphoenixprep.org).

# **Summer School Brochure**

In need of credit recovery? Looking for an enrichment course? Please take a look at this summer's <u>NPX</u> <u>Summer School Brochure</u>. Please reach out to <u>Ms. Jensen</u> with questions.

# **Upcoming Event Dates**

4/29 & 4/30 - Senior Drama Performance 5/2 - 5/6 - Spirit Week & Teacher Appreciation Week 5/6 - Field Day (Half-Day - 12:45pm dismissal) 5/10 - Middle School Music Concert 5/12 - High School Music Concert 5/13 & 5/14 - Junior Drama Performance 5/15 - Senior Dinner 5/19 - 5/24 - Senior Trip to Washington, D.C. 5/23 - 5/25 - Final Exams (Half-Day - 12:45 dismissal) 5/26 - Last Day of School (Half-Day - 12:45 dismissal) 5/26 - 8th Grade Promotion 5/26 - Graduation

## **Important concert information!**

The middle school and high school music concerts are coming up in a few weeks!	
Concert Location:	Calvary Chapel – 14201 N. 32 <sup>nd</sup> Street
Concert Date:	Middle School: Tuesday, May 10 <sup>th</sup>
	High School: Thursday, May 12 <sup>th</sup>
Call time:	6 p.m. (this is the time students must be at the church)
Concert Performance Time: 7 p.m. (concert will last approximately 60 - 70 minutes)	

All students are required to dress according to the concert dress code and this will be enforced on the night of the event.

#### Concert Dress

#### **Boys:**

Black dress pants, black dress shoes (NO tennis shoes), black socks, black belt, white longsleeved button down dress shirt with collar. Boys may use their long-sleeved white Oxford uniform shirts. Long, plain, Black tie. Please check ahead of time for proper fit of all items. Jewelry and accessories such as watches/ bracelets should be kept to a minimum. Hair should be neatly combed and out of the face.

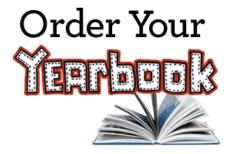
#### **Girls:**

Black skirt (A-line/Circle skirt) or black pants with a white top (must be dressier than a T-shirt and not sheer). Skirts must follow regular school dress code rules regarding length. Girls may also choose to wear a black dress (long or knee-length). For knee-length dresses/skirts, opaque black tights must be worn. All dresses/ tops must have some type of sleeve. No sleeveless, offthe-shoulder, or thin straps are allowed. No sheer materials. A black sweater could be worn if the top has no sleeves. No excessive hair accessories or jewelry, please. Leggings are not permitted. Hair should be out of the face.

**Shoes:** Please follow the school dress code. Black, closed-toe flats are best since there will be a lot of walking/standing/walking upstairs.

# **Rising 7th Graders - "Rise Up" Event**

What's it like to be a Prep student at NPX? On Thursday, 4/28, 6th grade Archway classes will participate in a variety of activities to learn more about Gladiator teams, tour middle school classes, meet the 7<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, and participate in a Q&A with high school Lanistae. Contact Ms. Lentz with any questions! <u>elentz@northphoenixprep.org</u>



# **NPX Gladiators Yearbook**

*It is time to order the 2021-2022 Yearbook!* Please visit this website: <u>ybpay.com</u> and enter our yearbook ID code: 14458922

# **Reporting Absences**

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

- I. 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.

# Tardies

We are now requiring any appointments (e.g., medical, dental, etc.) reported as a tardy to bring the documentation/slip from that office for auditing purposes. At time of check in, our Raptor system, allows to select reason for tardy "Doctor/Dentist or appointments, a slip must be given to our Front Desk team upon entry.

