

# GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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## Upcoming Events

8/22-8/26 - Community Investment Celebration

8/25 - Curriculum Night

8/30 - Senior Info Night

9/5 - No School

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## 22.23 Calendar

10/10 - 10/14 - Fall Break

12/19- 1/2 - Winter Break

3/13 - 3/17 - Spring Break

5/25 - Last Day of School

## Academy Giving

Hello Gladiator families!

Welcome to a new school year. For those of you that do not know me, my name is Jackie Curtis. My family and I have been part of the Great Hearts North Phoenix

community since they opened their doors in 2012. Our daughter graduated with the class of 2020 at North Phoenix Prep, our son is now a 2nd grader at Archway North Phoenix, and my husband is the Head Coach of the Cross Country and Track programs. Being involved in our school community is one our favorite pastimes.



For the last four years, I have had the privilege of serving our school community in the Academy Giving office. My new title this year is *Family Giving and Community Engagement Officer*. My role on campus is to raise the necessary funds we need to provide our students with the Great Hearts education model through our annual campaigns: Community Investment and Tax Credit Drive. Your partnership, and support of these campaigns make everything we do in-and-outside of the classroom possible. We are so thankful for all the support and partnership that we have received over the years.

**This week, August 22nd through the 26th, we are celebrating and officially launching our Community Investment Campaign for the 22-23 school year.** With a fun week planned, we are excited to share with you the truth, goodness and beauty that is happening throughout our campus.

\*More information and details are being sent home with your student as to how your family can participate in celebrating our great school.



## 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, Family Giving & Community Engagement Officer, with any questions or click here for more information.

## PSO Corner

**PSO Website**

**Contact PSO**

**Amazon Smiles**

**Connect with NPX**



## Curriculum Night

We look forward to welcoming **PARENTS/GUARDIANS** this **Thursday, 8/25**, for our annual Curriculum Night. The event will begin at **6:00pm in the Archway MPR**. Come learn more about the rich curriculum offered at North Phoenix Prep. This is a parent-only event.

## Gladiator Teams

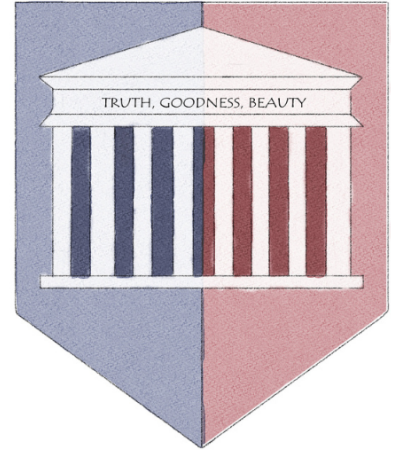
*Attention new Middle School Students:* Our Gladiator Team Draft is happening this Friday! Editors and Lanistae (teacher and student leaders) will be drafting new students onto one of our ten Gladiator Teams. Middle school students stay on the same team for the duration of middle school, so we want to hear from you about your preferences. **Please fill out this [survey](#) before Wednesday, August 24 for us to take your preference into consideration.**

After the draft, we will start our first *Familia Friday* meetings where teams get together to play games, do activities, and make new friends. These meetings take place during Lunch/Rec every other Friday. Every student will receive a t-shirt for their team, which they can wear on Spirit Fridays every week.

The Lanistae serve as high school mentors to our middle school students, and can help with homework, advice, or a shoulder to lean on during the tough middle school years.



**ATTENTION,  
8TH GRADE  
STUDENTS!**



# PANTHEON

IS STARTING SOON!

**MS Student  
Leadership**

Join PANTHEON to serve the NPX community, develop your leadership skills, and have fun!

**SEE MS. LENTZ FOR AN  
APPLICATION.  
APPLICATIONS DUE BY  
THURSDAY, 8/25!**



## College Counseling Update

Website: [www.northphoenixprep.org/college](http://www.northphoenixprep.org/college) Email: [college@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:college@northphoenixprep.org)

### *Seniors*

**Senior Info Night** – Tuesday, August 30th from 5:30 – 7 PM. Seniors and their parents are invited to join us to learn more about the college application process, senior thesis deadlines, and the Senior Trip to Washington, D.C. [Flyer](#)

### *Juniors*

**Fall Workshop: College 101** – Wednesday, September 7 from 2:45 – 3:45 PM in the Drama Room/MPR. Juniors, get a head start on college prep at this month's **required** after-school workshop.

### *All High School Grades*

Campus Visits – Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting early September. Meet with college admissions representatives during lunch. Check out the [College Counseling calendar](#) for scheduled dates and schools. Students, please pack a lunch and bring it with you as visits will start promptly at 12:55 PM in the MPR/Drama Room.

*College Counseling Monthly Chat* – Friday, September 2 at 2 PM via [Zoom Link](#). Learn more about how College Counseling supports your student's journey toward selecting a college experience. Open to parents of current freshmen through seniors.



## PSO - Parent & Teacher Mixer

The NPX Parent-Teacher mixer is on 8/27 from 5-7 pm to be held in our MPR. Trivia night will be the theme and we will have other games for teachers and parents to play. Food will be catered by Chipotle, and there will be an open bar and raffle! Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Hope to see you there!

**CANCELLED!!**

**The PSO meeting scheduled for August 25th at 8:30 am has been cancelled.**

## Lost Canyon Recap

A HUGE THANK YOU to all the students, parents, faculty, and staff of Lost Canyon who helped us make our annual High School Retreat a success. Over 200 of our high schoolers traveled together to Williams, AZ for three days of community building activities. Students zip-lined, swam, slid, hiked, seminar'd, ate meals, had bonfires, played games, got advice from alumni, and so much more.

It's very important to us to make this trip meaningful and impactful to all our students who attend. If you are a student, parent, or staff member who went (or didn't go), we would love your feedback on this [survey](#) to help us make retreat better for next year. Direct any questions to Sarah Schripsema at [sschripsema@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:sschripsema@northphoenixprep.org).



# DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



## CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR NPX PARENT SERVICE ORGANIZATION

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH | 4-8PM  
3185 E. BELL ROAD, PHOENIX, AZ, 85032

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **Z2TPLL**  
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

## Textbook Deposits and Consumables Fee

We are reviewing our student files to determine who has made textbook deposits and paid consumable fees. If payment has not yet been made, you may receive notification from us. Bear in mind that the textbook deposits are refundable and they only need to be paid one time for the duration of your scholar's North Phoenix Prep career. If these fees come as a financial hardship, please contact our Office Manager, [Angie Nelson](#). Textbook deposits and consumable payments can be made through the [Parent Payment Portal](#) on the [North Phoenix Prep website](#).



### Welcome, Ms. Carlson!

*Welcome Ms. Carlson who will join our team as a Math Teacher and Math Interventionist.*

Hello! My name is Ingrid Carlson. I am so excited to be a Gladiator and look forward to a wonderful year! I am from Gardnerville, Nevada and just recently moved down to Scottsdale to pursue my career in Neurophysiology. I received my bachelor's degree in 2019 in Nutrition Dietetics with a minor in Neuroscience and Chinese Language Studies from the University of Nevada-Reno.

I spent three years during my undergrad tutoring 6th to 12th graders in math. After graduating, I was an EEG Technician for two years and became a substitute teacher in Gardnerville at the beginning of 2022. I absolutely loved working in middle and high school. Also, I have been a tennis coach in Lake Tahoe for the past six years.

Personally, I have a standard poodle named Penelope and I love spending my free time with my family, reading, playing tennis, and camping!

I look forward to working together with you all as a team and have a successful year learning, growing in all areas, and enjoying our time together!



### Parking on Campus

Please be mindful of signage that designates Faculty Parking spots. We have just enough parking spots for our faculty and administration and when a spot is taken, even if it may be for a short period of time, our faculty is left scrambling for a spot - which may make them late to teach! Thank you in advance for parking in the guest designated spots in front of school, or in Visitor parking spots near the Archway playground.

## Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

In accordance with the new Arizona Moment of Silence Law (HB2707), we provide a one minute moment of silence every day for students to utilize as they and their parents wish. Each morning as part of daily announcements, we recite the Pledge of Allegiance and have our moment of silence. Please discuss with your child how you would like them to utilize this time.

## Reporting Absences

To report your scholar(s) absence, please provide an email to [Attendance@NorthPhoenixPrep.org](mailto: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*)

**New this year is our automatic attendance line notification.** As quoted in our Family Handbook, "It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to email the school before 8:00am to report an absence. Students will be recorded as having an unexcused absence if no email is sent. Please be sure the school office has current telephone numbers on file. Whenever possible, if a student absence is anticipated, it is recommended that the parent/guardian notify the school office and teachers to request the assignments prior to the absence."

The Department of Education defines "...an excused absence as being an absence due to illness, doctor appointment, bereavement, family emergencies, and out-of-school suspensions." All other cases of absence, whether reported by the parent/guardian or not, shall be considered unexcused.

**A call will now be sent to both contacts in our PowerSchool system when the parent/guardian does not email this address by 8am: [attendance@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:attendance@northphoenixprep.org)**

## 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 ask that 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.