

# GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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## Upcoming Events

**9/26 - Sandra Day  
O'Connor Day**

**9/30 - Casual for a Cause**

**10/10-10/14 - Fall Break**

**10/17-18 - No School;  
Conferences**

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## Sandra Day O'Connor Day

Three years ago, Governor Ducey designated September 25 *Sandra Day O'Connor Day* in Arizona. "From her service as the first female Senate Majority Leader in the country to her 25 years on the U.S. Supreme Court – Sandra Day O'Connor has given us the example for how to serve with civility, character and compassion," said Governor Ducey. "A role model, trailblazer and Arizonan through and through, she has been a tireless advocate for justice, while inspiring countless generations around the world." (*Gov. Ducey Press Release, 9.25.2019*).

Due to this day falling on a weekend, the students and faculty at North Phoenix Prep will honor Justice O'Connor's legacy on 9/26. Most of your scholar's classes will focus on civics education on Monday. We encourage you to discuss with your scholar at home to hear how they engaged in civics learning and how it connects to our rich liberal arts curriculum presented at NPX each day.





## 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**

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## Connect with NPX



## Student-Led Conferences

Student-Led Conferences will be held on October 17 & 18 (there will be no school on those days). All students will be offered a conference within a 2-tier system.

- ♦Tier 1: Struggling students
- ♦Tier 2: All students - first come, first served

Conferences will be held virtually (via Zoom) and offered between 8am - 5pm both days (\*times subject to change).

Students will have an opportunity to complete a Quarter 1 Student Reflection Sheet prior to leading the conference (which will be attended by their parent/guardian and all teachers).

During the week of 10/3, please be on the lookout for an email to sign up for conferences. Tier 1 families will have 2 days to sign up before Tier 2 families are offered conference times. Of note, there are not enough spaces for all students to have a conference so this will be a first come, first served opportunity. Families who miss this opportunity will be at the top of the list for our conferences in January.

## Parent Portal - Grade Access

### *New Families*

You will be receiving notification on how to log into the grading portal. Please take note of the instructions. If you do not receive this email please contact our office 602.996.4355.

### *All Families*

Please note that we advise you to log into the grading portal to confirm your credentials are correct. This will ensure that you have no issues with the portal when it is open on October 16<sup>th</sup> to view your scholars' grade.

Please NOTE the portal is closed at this time, however you will be notified when the portal is open.

-Angie Nelson, Office Manager

SUPPORT THE CLASS OF '23  
HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR  
THEIR SENIOR TRIP!

# Casual for a Cause Friday, 9/30

Pay \$5.00 and wear NPX approved  
casual wear to school instead of  
your uniform. All proceeds will go to  
the Senior Class.

Field Day Clothing Attire is accepted. See NPX  
Handbook for details.

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Participation is optional. School uniforms are  
permitted and do not require a \$5.00 donation.

## **Casual for a Cause: Dress Code**

*\*Clothing should match the modesty standards of our regular dress code\**

**Tops:** No holes, torn sleeves, etc.  
Worn tucked or well over the waist  
No midriffs may be shown  
No tank tops or sports bras worn as outerwear  
Sleeveless shirts may be worn if modest

**Bottoms:** Sweatpants and jeans are allowed  
No holes, rips, tears, etc.  
Shorts should be worn at the waist  
No short-shorts allowed  
To check length:  
    \*below straight arm fingertips\*  
No boxers or undergarments may be visible

**Footwear:** Athletic in nature  
No sandals, open-toed, or platform shoes

### **Additional Guidelines:**

Attire should be free of inappropriate messages.  
Sports team logos and apparel brand names are acceptable,  
provided they do not make inappropriate allusions.

## Truth, Beauty, and Goodness

### *Why does Great Hearts focus on Beauty?*

While truth is necessary to operate successfully in the world, and goodness is necessary to operate successfully in society, beauty initially might not seem to be necessary for the good life. Yet, who would willingly choose to live a life without beauty?

To understand why beauty is essential to the good life, we might first ask, what is beauty? The briefest of answers would say that beauty describes our experience of true things that proportionally balance the sum with its parts. For example, a beautiful piece of music exists in sum, but a balance between the sum and its parts means that the work will have unity and variety, fulfilled expectations and surprises, and because of this it will inspire a sense of awe at such a balance. The same can be said of a beautiful painting or a beautiful person, each visually represents a balance between its parts toward an awe-inspiring whole.

On one level then, beauty enriches our lives in that it allows us to experience awe and wonder through communion with exceptional things, things that represent perfection in some way. Harmony, after all, is balance, and balance is one of the easiest ways to think of perfection.

On another level, however, beauty enriches our lives by also bringing us into communion with things that reach beyond us, things that point us toward the infinite, the unknown, and the purely true. This not only gives us something to strive toward, but it also helps us to transcend the painful, chaotic, and limited moments of our lives through this transcendent communion.

Thus, we might say that Great Hearts focuses on beauty because we want our students to have all the best things in life. We want them to know the truth and how to find it so that they can operate in the world accurately and successfully. We want them to know what is good and how to find it so that they can be good people and live fulfilling lives with other people. And, we want them to know how to find and experience beauty so that they can experience awe and wonder while transcending the mundanities of daily life. We want to give them the ability to glimpse perfection.

Compliment to Dr. Mann for writing this article.



## College Counseling Update

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

### *Seniors*

**Monica Felton's Paying for College Presentation** – Thursday, September 29 at 6 PM in Scottsdale Preparatory Academy's Theatre. Presenting "The True Cost of College and How to Make It More Affordable" by college financial planning expert Monica Felton, MBA, CFP. Learn strategies today to reduce your overall cost of college and ultimately make college more affordable.

**Graduation Supplies Order Deadline** - Saturday, October 1. Order your graduate's cap and gown, announcements, and more [online with Jostens](#). Only the "Cap & Gown Unit" for \$32 is required to participate in our graduation ceremony.

**FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Workshop** – Wednesday, October 5 at 6:30 pm in the MPR. We have partnered with Grand Canyon University to host a FAFSA Workshop on campus. Parents, please [RSVP online](#) and bring your laptop plus any required documentation.

### *Sophomores & Juniors*

**PSAT Testing Day** – Tuesday, October 25. Prepare for your PSAT test with College Board's [practice tests](#).

### *All High School Grades*

#### **Campus Visits from Admissions Representatives – Drama Room/MPR.**

Tuesday, September 25	Arizona Christian University at 12:55 PM during Lunch
Thursday, September 29	Embry Riddle Aeronautical University at 12:55 PM during Lunch

**\*Parents Only\* - College Counseling Monthly Chat** - Friday, October 7 from 2:00-2:45pm via [Zoom](#). Learn more about how College Counseling supports your student's journey toward selecting a college experience. Open to parents of current freshmen through seniors.

**GCU Day** – Tuesday, October 11 from 8 am – 1:30 pm. [Register your student](#) for an all-inclusive (FREE) day trip to Grand Canyon University in downtown Phoenix. GCU will cover bus transportation from NPX Prep and back plus lunch! Planned activities include the Cadaver Lab Experience, a campus tour and admissions presentation.

## Headmaster Chat

### *Attention 10th & 11th Grade Families,*

You are invited to a Headmaster Chat with Ms. Jacobson in the library this Thursday (9/29) at 8:30am. We will discuss how the year is going and have a brief tour. Hope to see you there!





Purchase the  
North Phoenix Preparatory Academy  
Yearbook  
by September 30th!

**10% OFF**  
purchase by  
September 30

To purchase your yearbook go to:  
[treering.com/1016597386001337](https://www.treering.com/purchase?PassCode=1016597386001337)  
Regular Price: \$45.00  
\*Does not include sales tax, if applicable

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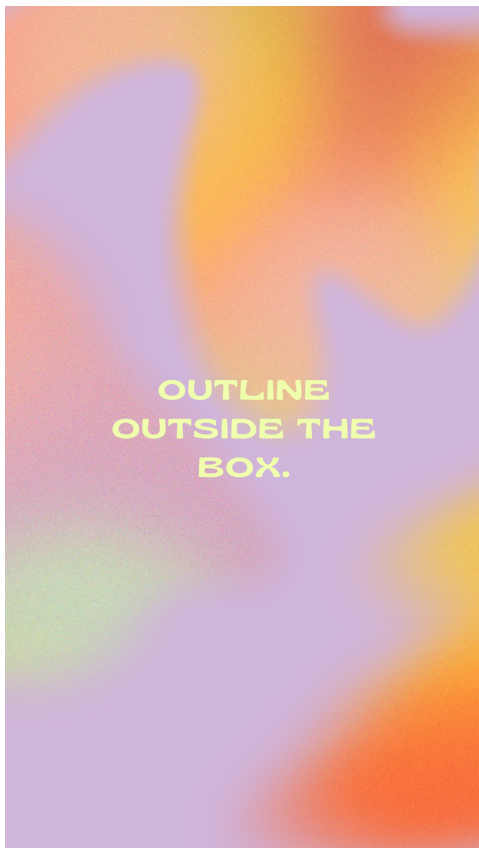
## Yearbook Purchases

Yearbooks are available to purchase! Here is the link to save on the 2022-2023 NPX Yearbook!

The link is

[https://www.treering.com/purchase?  
PassCode=1016597386001337](https://www.treering.com/purchase?PassCode=1016597386001337)

## Senior Thesis Workshop



Dear Seniors,

You are invited to register for Coffey's Thesis Workshops, a new NPX offering for support with writing your senior theses. The workshop will run as four separate sessions. All sessions will meet in Coffey's classroom, room 606. The schedule of workshops can be found below. All workshops are scheduled between deadlines, giving you time to work after receiving the workshop content, before the work is due. More details about workshops 2-4 are forthcoming. The first workshop will focus on outlining your senior thesis.

Those who register for the workshop will receive an outline template on Google Docs, which can be edited by each student for their own thesis. Students will also receive one-on-one instruction from me (Coffey), as well as chances for peer-review, to help with organizing and structuring a long essay.

The outline is due right after fall break; take it from me, who has done this process as a Great Hearts student...you will want to get a head start on this outline, and preserve some R&R over break. Secure your spot by registering for this workshop today!

Click [here](#) to see the workshop schedule and for more information, and to register, please contact me: [icoffey@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:icoffey@northphoenixprep.org).

## HOMECOMING DANCE!

*High school students, save the date!* The Senate is planning an amazing Homecoming Dance this year!

When: October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6-9 PM  
Where: Arizona Broadway Theater  
7701 West Paradise Lane, Peoria, AZ

Tickets will go on sale soon!

## Gladiator Gear

Looking for new spirit wear? Visit our [BSN Sports webpage](#) for the latest clothing and gear. \*Note: Not everything on the site may be worn in the classrooms. Please be sure to read the Uniform Policy prior to wearing items in the classroom. For example, the only sweatshirts allowed in class are the NPX Gladiator sweatshirts (sold by the Senate) or other student leadership group sweatshirts (Lanistae, Senate). All spirit wear clothing may be worn on Fridays only. Questions? Reach out to the Deans!



## Anton Uniforms

Dear Families,

As school begins, we hope the fall semester is a success for your students. We appreciate your patience, and support, to keep your student looking great all year long. To prepare for cooler weather, we're giving you a head start with our annual Outerwear Sale.

Shop between Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>- Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> to take 10% off all sweaters, jackets, and long sleeve polos with code "OUTER10". By preparing now, you can take advantage of new inventory arrivals at significant savings. Inventory has improved over the summer, but certain items remain in limited stock. Some sizes of our female cardigan may appear as pre-order and are due for fulfillment later this year. Orders are fulfilled as they are placed, so please consider shopping early in store or online.

All long sleeve polos are final sale so please consider visiting us. Our fitting rooms allow your student to determine sizing for the perfect fit.

We look forward to seeing you again soon and appreciate your understanding as we work to meet the needs of all families.



## Dress Code Reminders

Shoes - All black, low-top athletic shoes or dress shoes ONLY

Socks - All black, crew length or above (tights permitted, but not leggings)

Skirts - Be sure the length is below your fingertips (when arms are by your side)

## 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*)

## 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.

