

# GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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## Upcoming Events

**12/6 - MS Concert - 7pm**

**12/7 - Casual for a Cause**

**12/8 - HS Concert - 7pm**

**12/14 - 16 - Final Exams\***

**\*Half-Day Schedule**

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## Thank You!

Giving Tuesday is a Day of organized Giving, our gratitude for your overwhelming generosity is a gift that just keeps on giving! We cannot put into words how thankful we are for all the ways you continued to support our school through your Time, Talent, and Treasure. We cannot do this without YOU, thank you! Together we raised over \$17,000!

If you missed Giving Tuesday, or you were unable to give on that day, there is still time. Gifts to Community Investment and Tax Credit contributions are still needed and support our school budget all year. You can follow this link to take advantage of digital wallet pay OR reach out to our Family Giving Officer, Jackie Curtis, she will be happy to help you get your gift set up. [give.northphoenixprep.org/communityinvestment](https://give.northphoenixprep.org/communityinvestment)





## 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 Meetings

### Contact PSO

### Amazon Smiles

## Connect with NPX



## Photo Retakes

**All Students:** Retakes will be taken on Wednesday, December 7. Please be on the lookout for a link from the photography company should you wish to reorder photos.

**Seniors:** Your group photo will be taken after school on Wednesday, December 7 from 2:30 – 3:30 pm in the Library. Blazer, oxford, tie and uniform bottoms required for the photo.

## 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.

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

# Casual for a Cause

Wednesday, 12/7

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.

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

## Senior Drama Performance

Our Senior Thespians flawlessly performed *Arsenic and Old Lace* this past Friday. The performance was not only well acted and hysterical, but a true testament to the hard work of all the Seniors on stage and behind the scenes. Bravo to Ms. Violet Conner, a gift to our NPX Fine Arts department!



## Music Concerts

We look forward to hosting you at Calvary North on Tuesday, December 6th for our Middle School Music Concert and Thursday, December 7th for our High School Choir Concert. Show time is 7pm for both shows - with doors opening at 6:40pm. **\*Call time for students is 6pm.\***

Our Fine Arts Programs are made possible through the gifts we receive to Community Investment. As a token of our appreciation to all the families that have made a gift to Community Investment, a drawing is being held for one lucky family to receive Reserved Seating at the Middle School and High School Winter Concert (one family per concert). Ms. Curtis will be in contact with the Winners today with all the details. Thank you so much for your continued support of your scholars and our school.







## College Counseling Update

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

Email: [college@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:college@northphoenixprep.org)

### *Seniors*

Learn more about the [notifications timeline](#) for college application decisions, on-campus application workshops this spring and more!

[View an on-demand recording](#) of ASU's recent presentation on financial aid resources and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). While coordinated by ASU, the overview is applicable to all colleges and universities. We encourage all families to complete the [FAFSA](#), regardless of income, over winter break for priority consideration.

### *Juniors*

**Fall Workshop Series – Wednesday, December 7 from 2:45 – 3:45 pm in the MPR.** Get a head start on college prep at this month's MUST-ATTEND workshop featuring a conversation about college fit in preparation for January's 1:1 meetings. Don't forget to complete the StrengthsExplorer assessment and Career Interest Profiler on [Naviance](#), our college planning portal, prior to the workshop.

The [Coolidge Scholarship](#) application is live through mid-February; open to juniors only! This annually awarded, full-ride, presidential scholarship covers a student's tuition, room, board, and expenses at any accredited college or university in the US. Contact College Counseling prior to winter break to begin the application process.

### *Sophomores – Juniors*

October's PSAT/NMSQT results are available now online at [CollegeBoard](#). Students must login or create an account to access their score.

### *Freshmen – Sophomores*

Last week, College Counseling visited all freshmen and sophomore HL classes to build relationship with our underclassmen. An interactive Jeopardy game reinforced the significance of academic performance, campus involvement, and connections with NPX faculty.

### *All High School Grades*

Alumni Panel – Friday, January 6. Calling all NPX Alums to [RSVP for our Alumni Panel!](#) Alumni will visit classrooms to share their college journey and enjoy a brunch with our senior class.

## Staffing Announcement

### *Ms. Martin*

We are sad to announce that Ms. Tier Martin will have her last day at NPX on January 20th to fully embrace being a mom. We are so grateful for all the work she has done to elevate our College Counseling experience and we are confident that Ms. Conner will continue that legacy.

On January 15th, we will also welcome a new, part-time, college counselor Ms. Michelle Tissot. Ms. Tissot has extensive experience in secondary education admissions including ten years of experience at Embry Riddle Aeronautical. We are excited to welcome her to the team!

See below for a note from Ms. Martin:

*I've enjoyed my time working as a college counselor for NPX. Supporting students through their application process while building a positive and meaningful relationship has been such a highlight for me the last few years. These kiddos truly are something special and I sincerely love them. I've been doing college counseling for a while now and with the birth of Kiere Martin, I've decided to stay home to raise my children. I appreciate so many here for the words of encouragement, borrowing of students during class time, and the many ways in which you all go above and beyond (it truly is inspiring). Working with Ms. Conner has been a pleasure and I am so excited for all that she has in store as I pass the torch. In January, Ms. Conner and I will conclude the application cycle for the class of 2023. With a heavy heart, I want to say thank you to everyone, as the end of January will be my final days as an official gladiator.*

### *Ms. Gonzales*

We are excited to welcome Ms. Blake Gonzales to North Phoenix Prep as a middle school Art teacher for next semester. Ms. Gonzales has taught at Archway North Phoenix for the past year and attended a Great Hearts school herself.

## Faculty and Staff Appreciation

### *PSO sponsored events for Faculty and Staff Appreciation*

The PSO is asking parents and students to write personal notes to a faculty and/or a staff member. Either you or your student may drop off these cards/notes in the front office. These notes will be distributed at their luncheon on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. The [Amazon Registry](#) is picking up steam. Our faculty is already feeling the love. Please visit the registry and see how you can contribute.

## Headmaster Chats & PSO Meetings

Please join Ms. Jacobson for a casual discussion about how the school year is going followed by a campus tour. Please click [here](#) to see dates for all upcoming Headmaster Chats and PSO Meetings.

# STUDYING



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# HUNGRY

PANTHEON will be selling breakfast items  
during exam breaks next week!

Look for the table near the MPR to  
purchase muffins, fruit, yogurt, and more!

## From the Academic Dean: Important Dates

12/9/22	Last missing assignment report will be sent out
12/16-18/22	Final exams
1/2/23	Parent Portal will open for grades
1/3-6/23	Student led conferences (first priority goes to those who did not have a conference)
1/3/23	First quarter 3 homework chart
1/20/23	First missing assignment report



### Illness

With flu/cold/covid season upon us, it is important that we work together to keep our children healthy. Viruses/Common Colds spread easily among children in schools, and families with school-age children have more infections than others. By keeping our children flu-free, we benefit the community as a whole.

• If your child is sick and has a fever, keep him/her at home to prevent the spread of illness to others.

- Your child should be naturally fever free (temp below 100 degrees, per AZDH guidelines, without Tylenol or Motrin) for at least 24 hours before returning to school. This is very important!
- A good rule of thumb is to keep your child at home if he or she has a fever of 100 degrees or more. When temperature is present in the morning prior to school (99.0 or greater) it will only climb higher as the day progresses. If your child has cold or flu symptoms as well, please do not give Tylenol or Motrin to cover the fever and send them to school. As soon as the medicine wears off, the fever will return and you will have exposed your child's classmates and teachers to your child's illness. Also, when your child has fever, he/she is even more at risk for other illnesses/ viral infections. There are many reasons why it is best to keep a sick child at home.

## Reporting Absences

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

Please provide an email to the attendance line before 9:00 am. Without an email, we will send a robo call and ask that you respond quickly so we may clear the absence. *Note: All absences will be marked unexcused should we not hear from you.*



## 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.

## 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>

