

# GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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## Upcoming Events

2/3 - Blazer & Pinning  
Ceremony for 11th & 12th

2/3 - 12:45 Dismissal

2/4 - HS Winter Dance

2/10 - 11th Gr. Field Trip

2/17 - R & R Weekend

2/20 - No School

2/28 - Rising Senior Night

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## This Week's Events

1/31 - Great Hearts Career Fair at Veritas Prep - 5:00pm

2/1 - Junior Class College Workshop - 2:45pm

2/2 - Headmaster Chat for 8th Grade Families - 8:30am

2/3 - Blazer Pinning Ceremony (11th & 12th Grade) - 10:30am

- Half-Day Schedule - dismissal at 12:45pm

2/4 - High School Winter Formal - 6:00pm

## Teacher Absences

We are sure you've noticed the number of teacher absences over the last few weeks. We appreciate your grace and flexibility as we navigate multi day illnesses that have impacted our teaching staff. We are grateful to our many on-call subs and parent volunteers (and we can always use more). When teachers are out, we try our best to ensure learning can still happen. Thank you for extending grace and patience. Should you have any specific concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to Ms. Jacobson or Ms. Stone.



## 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



## Gladiator Athletics

**Registration is now open for the following Spring Sports!** Contact Coach Page with questions.

### Middle School

Boys & Girls Basketball

Boys & Girls Tennis

Boys & Girls Track & Field

*All practices/evaluations will start the week of Feb. 13*

### High School

Boys & Girls Track & Field

*Practices will start the week of Feb. 6*

**All participants must be fully registered to participate including a sports 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>

Go to <https://greatheartsnorthphoenixathletics.org/> for all the details!

Go to <https://studentcentral.bigteams.com/> to register!

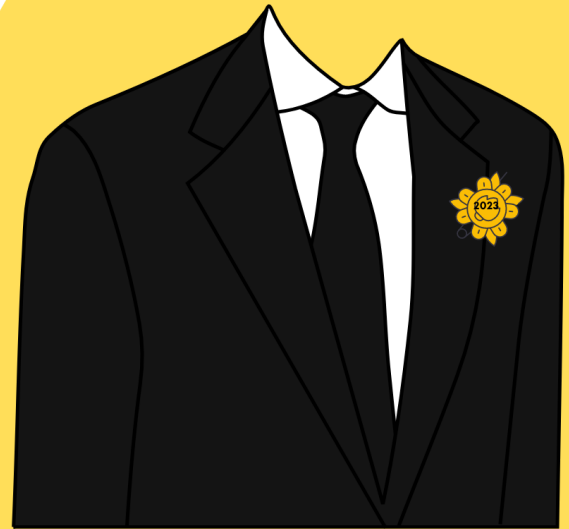


# Blazer Pinning Ceremony

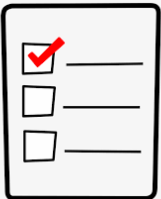


February 3 @ 10:30am  
NPX Gym  
Parking at the Baptist Church

Students may invite up to 2 family members.  
Doors will open at 10:00am. Please enter the gym  
via the West side entrance.



**2023 2024**



## 8th Grade Families

Please complete this [SURVEY](#) to let us, and Great Heart leadership, understand your driving factors when choosing to stay at North Phoenix for High School or seek out additional school options.

## 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. On Thursday, February 2, families of 8th grade students are invited to attend to learn more about the Foreign Language options offered at NPX in high school. We look forward to seeing you at 8:30am in the Library.



## Immersion Model

¿Habla español? Parlez-vous Français? In our high school, the modern language classes stress teaching even first-year courses entirely in the language of each student's choice, Spanish or French. Learning in a full-immersion program can be challenging and daunting at times. Still, students start gaining confidence and rapidly develop communication skills adequate for their level.

By the second year, students begin exploring literary works and composition, all in the target language. Later, in the third and fourth years, the class slowly transitions to seminar-style courses, reading and discussing literary texts in the target language, including short stories, novels, plays, and poems. Students are expected to write essays of three to four pages.

We strive to teach full-immersion classes since it is the most authentic and natural way possible to learn a language. It's the preferred way to learn because it allows students to truly experience almost all aspects of the class in the language they are learning. There are several benefits to learning a language through immersion. When you learn a new language through immersion, you can interact with teachers and peers and constantly develop proficiency by adding new vocabulary and contexts to your understanding. Numerous studies show that students exposed to the language they're learning in an immersive way exhibit higher levels of fluency (e.g., Cummins 2009, Kinginger 2011, Wilkinson 1998). We motivate students to stay in the target language, explore different ways to be exposed to the language, and keep practicing in and outside the classroom.

*-written by Señora Pagnone*

*(Adapted from the GH website)*



## A Taste of NPX

Hola, Bonjour, and Ciao, Gladiator Families! Have you ever wanted to travel around the world and experience its many cultures? Well now you can! The Senate is excited to announce ***A Taste of NPX***, a social event where students can partake in experiencing the foods of the different cultures on campus.

In order for this event to come to fruition, we need volunteers to enrich us with their culture's cuisine. If you want to share a piece of your culture, please read and fill out the event form to demonstrate your interest in the event using the following link: **[A Taste of NPX - Interest Survey](#)**.

This form is non-committal and is only meant to gauge the interest of the Gladiator community for this event. **If the community shows sufficient interest, the event will be held on Saturday, April 15th.** If you know anyone who might be interested in volunteering, please inform them of this opportunity. For any further questions, reach out to the head of student leadership, Mr. Black, at [bblack@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:bblack@northphoenixprep.org), or the Senator event lead, Yasoah Habbaba, at [yasoahabbaba@gmail.com](mailto:yasoahabbaba@gmail.com). Let's make this a tasteful, exciting event, Gladiators!

NPX HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  
YOU'RE INVITED TO THE

# Winter Ball

A FORMAL WINTER DANCE!

*February 4, 2023*

DRESS IN YOUR FORMAL BLUE, WHITE & SILVER.

6-9 PM IN THE ARCHWAY MPR

*Buy tickets online or during  
lunch/lyceum*

*\$15 ONLINE*

*\$25 AT THE DOOR*





## College Counseling Update

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

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

### *Seniors*

Continue to check your email (even junk email!) and college portals for important updates. Deferred or waitlisted? Review your application and determine whether you want to write a letter of continued interest. If you're confused about the purpose of a waitlist, read this blog post by an admission director.

Wednesday, February 8 from 2:30 – 3:30 pm in Senior Commons. Admissions representatives from Paradise Valley Community College will walk seniors through the application for the Maricopa County Community Colleges and share scholarship opportunities.

### *Juniors*

Save the date **Tuesday, February 28th** for **Rising Senior Night**, an evening program open to students and parents.

**Wednesday, February 1 from 2:45 – 3:45 pm in the MPR.** Get a head start on college prep at February's MUST-ATTEND workshop featuring an exploration of majors and core values.

Check out key terms to spot high-value colleges. As juniors develop their college list, identify schools that'll meet 100% of your financial need, institutions with generous merit-aid programs, and tuition savings agreements for Arizona residents like WUE.

### *Freshmen – Sophomores*

It's never too early to start thinking about how to pay for college. Begin building your RaiseMe profile now for micro-scholarship opportunities.

## Blanket and First Aid Drive

The Student Service Organization would like to thank you for all your donations from the blanket and first-aid drive! We received 211 donations in total, which has blown us away, as these items will go towards a good cause at the Farm Angels Sanctuary. As promised, Mr. Calahan's 10th grade Humane Letters II class will receive a prize of a pizza party lunch this week for donating the most items! Honorable mentions certainly go to the second and third place classes, which were Ms. Flood's and Ms. Schripsema's 10th grade Humane Letters II classes. Thank you again for all for your support, we truly could not have done this without you!

## Geometry Support

Beginning February 8th, NPX will be offering free Geometry tutoring and supplemental Geometry learning. Ms. Mira Todorova, a working engineer, has volunteered to run an open tutoring session and supplemental learning course **after school on Wednesdays**. All Geometry students may drop in for geometry support.

Cost: FREE

Room: #524

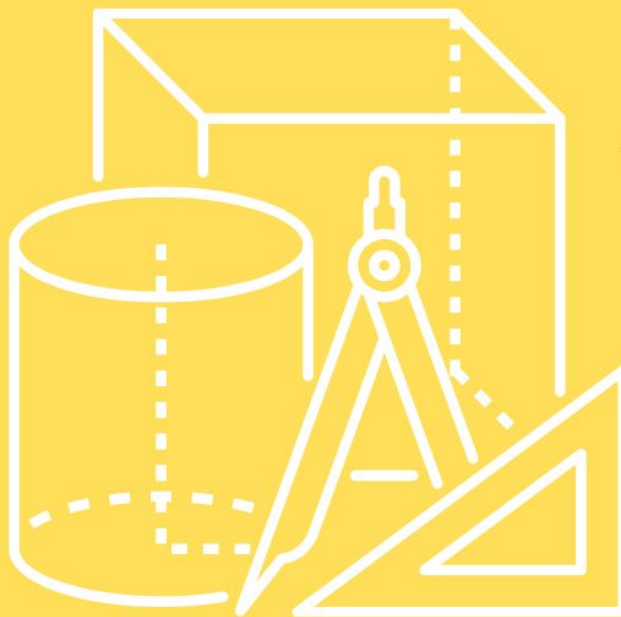
Time: 2:30-3:30 PM

Teacher: Ms. Todorova

**NEED GEOMETRY HELP?**  
**WANT TO EXPLORE FURTHER?**

**FREE!**

**STARTS  
FEB. 8TH**



**OPEN TUTORING**

**AFTER SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAYS**

**2:30-3:30**

**OPEN TO 9TH AND 10TH NPX GEOMETRY STUDENTS**

## 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.

