

# GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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## Upcoming Events

2/16 - Senior Class Photo

2/17 - R & R Weekend

2/20 - No School

2/28 - Rising Senior Night

3/5 - NPX Family Picnic

3/8 - 8th Gr. Class Photo

3/8 - Science Fair

3/13 - 3/17 - Spring Break

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## CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to our Middle School Softball A Team who were deemed League Champions! The Lady Gladiators defeated the #1 seed Heritage Academy 6-2 in the championship game. Way to go Lady Gladiators!





## 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

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## First Period Tardies

We are seeing an influx of students arriving late to campus in the morning. Please note that if a student is tardy more than 3 times, a detention will be issued. In addition, parents **must** sign students late to 1st period into school when tardy. We will no longer allow students to check into Raptor without a parent (*this does not include students who drive themselves to campus*). Thank you for understanding that students are to be in their classroom seat no later than 8:20am. In addition, 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.

## Rising 9th Graders - Choice Time!

**Attention all current 8th graders** - the time has come for you to make your decision as to your high school plans - specifically, what foreign language do you want to learn in high school! All current 8th graders are asked to complete [this survey](#) so administration may begin to prepare for foreign language courses and overall enrollment for the 23.24 school year.

**We ask that all current 8th grade families complete this survey regardless of intent to return for the 23.24 school year. Kindly complete this survey by Tuesday, February 28, 2023.**

### Rising 9th Graders Language Questionnaire

## NPX Family Picnic - Save the Date

On Sunday, March 5, all NPX families are invited to the first community picnic in memory of Daniel Smith. Details are forthcoming, but please save the date!

When: Sunday, March 5 - 11:00am - 2:00pm

Where: NPX Field



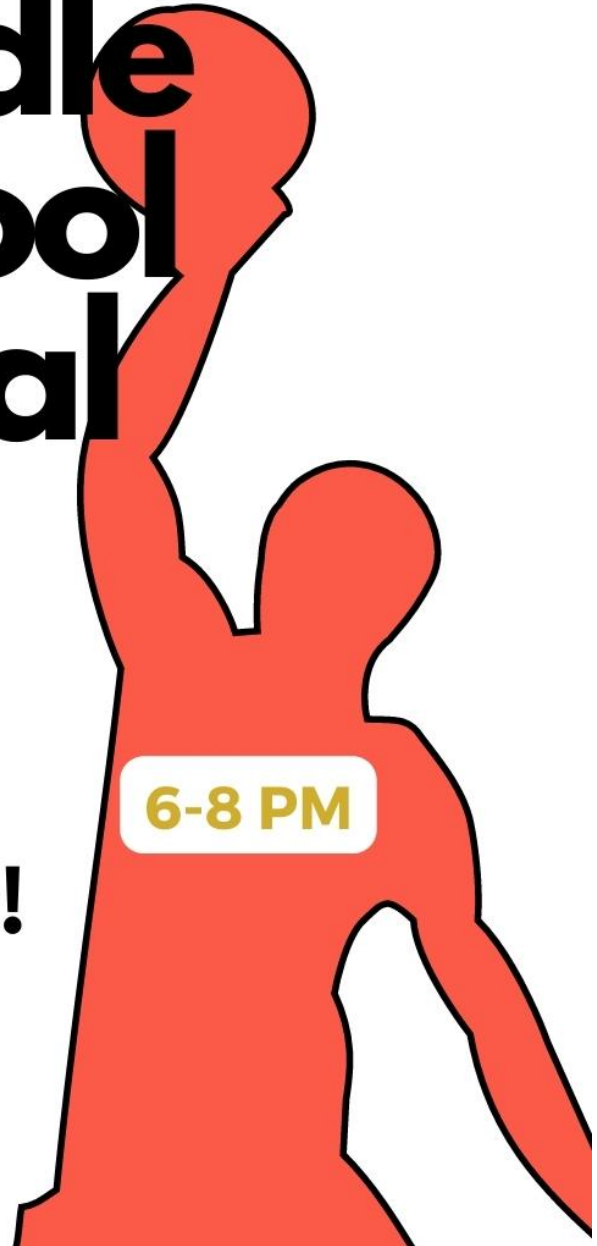


# Middle School Social

**February 24th**

**Volleyball  
Basketball  
Games & Music!**

**Ticket includes:  
pizza, drinks, and snacks  
\$10 online, \$15 at the door.  
NPX courtyard/gym**



Don't miss the next Middle School Social! Basketball, volleyball, games, and snacks! You can pay now using the online parent payment portal at the NPX website: <https://tinyurl.com/yubk8npk>

## A Note from the Dean to Middle School Parents

The PSO and Pantheon are excited to welcome your students to campus for the MS Spring Social on Friday, 2/24, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM! We encourage students to wear sports-related clothing or athletic wear so they can participate in all the activities. Please refer to the Family Handbook dress code guidelines for “Athletic Practice and Outdoor Field Day Dress Code,” found on page 51, for more guidance on appropriate attire for this event. (Please note that volleyball shorts are not permitted for this event).

This month, our virtue focus is Perseverance. Perseverance takes determination, as we work to complete tasks to the best of our abilities, even – and perhaps, especially – when they are difficult. In Quarter 3, the end of the year is in sight, but we still have much to learn and accomplish. For these reasons, this time of year can be the toughest for our students, both behaviorally and academically. Our MS Social is an opportunity to reward students for all they have accomplished so far, and to encourage them to finish the year strong.

As a reminder, attendance at school events, such as the MS Social a privilege, and one that we want all of our students to enjoy. **However, if a student has a behavioral infraction in the coming weeks (2/13 through 2/24), or has an accumulation of detentions and/or disciplinary consequences, they may not be permitted to attend.**

Please talk with your student this week and encourage them to continue making wise and virtuous choices. Thank you for partnering with us as we seek to cultivate virtue in our students, and we look forward to seeing them all at the Middle School Social on Friday, February 24th!

## Academy Giving

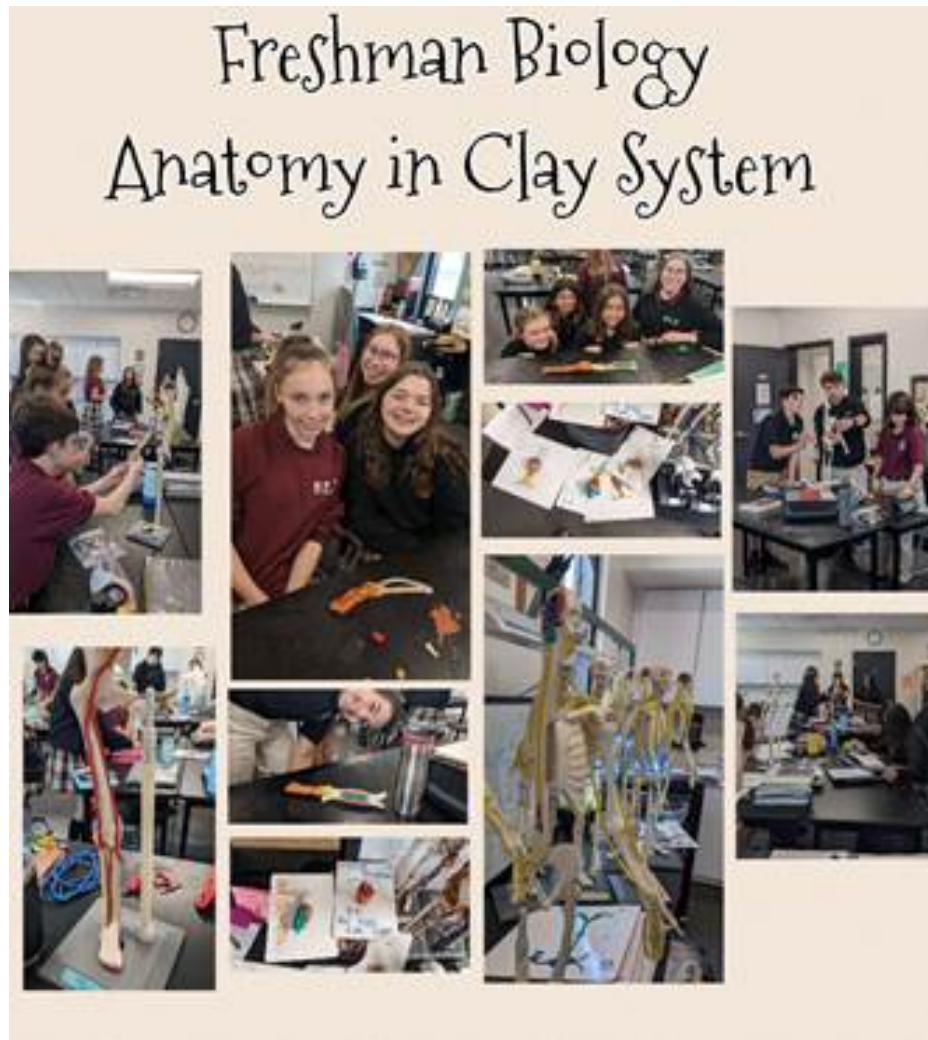
**Community Investment** - We are 73% to our budgeted goal for this school year. Because of the support we receive through Community Investment we are able to offer our students a classical liberal arts curriculum, that not only cultivates the hearts and minds of students in the pursuit of Truth, Beauty, and Goodness, but also graduate as great-hearted leaders prepared for success at the top colleges and universities worldwide.

Thank you to the families that have already made your gift for this school year.

If you have not already made your family’s gift to Community Investment, now is the time. Please consider setting up a monthly contribution that best fits your family’s budget or schedule a one-time gift [here](#).

Please reach out to our Family Giving Officer, Jackie Curtis with any questions and or help setting up your gift. [jcurtis@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:jcurtis@northphoenixprep.org)

## Honors Biology



Honors Science is one of the three Honors courses your scholar will take in high school at North Phoenix Prep. The standard science curriculum at NPX is Biology, Physics I, Physics II, and Chemistry. All students graduate with four years of college preparatory science, including the option for a second year of physics. Emphasis is placed on learning through discussion and experimentation, and all of our science courses have a laboratory component.

Our Science teacher, Ms. Fulton has been introducing a new Anatomy in Clay system in 9th grade Biology this year. "Sculpting anatomical systems from clay is a vivid way to engage student senses in biology. After completing the Anatomy in Clay Musculoskeletal and Human Body Systems workshop at the University of Illinois-Chicago this past summer, Ms. Fulton introduced the "Maniken®" models into North Phoenix biology classes. Students have been learning how to sculpt muscles, blood vessels, nerves, cells, and organ systems from clay." -Ms. Fulton

# It's Tax Credit Time! Help us spread the news!



Gladiator families,

Thank you for supporting our school with your tax credit! By redirecting your AZ Public School Tax Credit to North Phoenix Prep, you are directly supporting our budget that allows us to offer our athletic/extracurricular programs and fieldtrips to all students.

**Would you please take a moment today to share this information with anyone you know who might be willing to participate?**

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The deadline to contribute is April 15th to take advantage of  
this opportunity.

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Please help us by sharing information about our Tax Credit drive with some of your family members, friends, co-workers, acquaintances – anyone who pays Arizona state taxes! The deadline to contribute is April 15<sup>th</sup> to take advantage of this opportunity.

*Remember that this is not an out-of-pocket donation, but instead a redirection of tax dollars that you would already be paying. You will get a dollar-for-dollar credit when you file your AZ State Taxes.*

Take the Credit with NPX at [give.northphoenixprep.org/taxcredit](https://give.northphoenixprep.org/taxcredit)

Feel free to contact our Family Giving Officer, Jackie Curtis with any questions.  
jcurtis@northphoenixprep.org

**#LETSGOGLADIATORS**



## College Counseling Update

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

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

### *Seniors*

Watch the mail for your [financial aid award letter](#) from each admitted college based on your [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA). Make a spreadsheet to compare financial aid packages from multiple schools. Consider [appealing financial aid](#) if you've been accepted to a college but the financial aid package isn't what you'd hoped. Read through [this guide](#) or listen to [this podcast](#) as you plan your appeal.

### *Juniors*

During 1:1 junior meetings this January, we shared a [spring handout](#) to promote upcoming College Counseling workshops, college fairs and standardized testing opportunities.

**Save the date Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> for Rising Senior Night, an evening program at 6 PM for juniors and parents.**

### *All High School Grades*

Campus Visits from Admissions Representatives – in the Drama Room.

**Tuesday, February 14** at 10:20 AM Lyceum: [New Mexico State University](#)

**Thursday, February 16** at 12:50 PM Lunch: [Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University](#)

**NACAC Virtual College Fair - Sunday, February 19 at 11 AM – 4 PM Virtual.** [Register to attend](#) Zoom sessions offered by hundreds of colleges to hear about student life, majors, financial aid, scholarships, and much more.

**Scholarship Expo by College Depot – Thursday, February 23 from 4:30 – 6:30 pm** at the Burton Barr Central Library. [Register to attend](#) to learn more about local scholarship opportunities and resources available at College Depot ([event flyer](#)).

Identify summer programs that correspond to an interest you'd like to pursue. Check out great opportunities at [TeenLife](#), [Raising Arizona Kids](#) or a few featured below:

- [Scrubs Academy](#) at University of Arizona's College of Medicine-Phoenix
- [Barrett Explores Engineering Day](#) at Arizona State University's Polytechnic campus (late April)
- [Health Careers Institute](#) at Midwestern University (mid-July)



## Senior Group Photo

Attention Seniors - Please wear your blazer, Oxford, and tie on Thursday, February 16th for your class photo!

## 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

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

**FREE!**

**STARTS  
FEB. 8TH**

A collection of white line-art icons on a yellow background, including a 3D rectangular prism, a cylinder, a compass, a pencil, and a right-angled triangle.

**OPEN TUTORING  
AFTER SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAYS  
2:30-3:30  
OPEN TO 9TH AND 10TH NPX GEOMETRY STUDENTS**



## Headmaster Chats

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.

## 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*)

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.

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