

GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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Upcoming Events

3/21 - Senior Thesis
Defenses begin!

3/24 - 7th Gr Field Trip

3/29 - Football Meeting

4/5 - Cabinet of Curiosities

4/14 - 9th Gr Field Trip

4/15 - Tax Credit Deadline

4/20 - 10th Gr Field Trip

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Cell Phone Policy

Per the Family Handbook:

The use of cell/smart phones, and smart watches during the school day is prohibited. The reason for such a prohibition is to promote an uninterrupted academic environment. The Academy has a compelling interest in keeping students not just physically present on campus, but mentally and emotionally present as well, and the ways in which use of phones and social media encourage detachment from real persons and conversations are a commonplace.

While the ubiquity of personal technology is a given, the following restrictions/allowances apply at the school:

1. A student should keep a cell phone turned off (not merely silenced, but off) and cell phones and smartwatches must be stored in their locker during the school day. Cell phones may not be brought in pockets or purses into classrooms.
2. Cell phone use is permitted on campus after school and only in the school office area or outside the building.
3. If a student needs to phone a parent/guardian during the school day, the student must come to the school office to use one of the school's phones. In rare cases in which parents/guardians need to get an emergency message to a student before the end of the school day, they should call the school's main telephone line and ask for a message to be delivered. Parents/guardians should be mindful that texts or other messages that they send directly to the student during the school day are to be picked up only after school dismissal.
4. Violation of the above restrictions will result in confiscation of the cell phone and disciplinary action. Cell phones will be turned in to the school office and released only to parents/guardians after confiscation.



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

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Community Investment

Gladiators, at the end of three quarters, here is the status of of Academy Giving drives:

Community Investment

We have raised \$123,419 toward our goal of \$156,000

Thank You!

give.northphoenixprep.org/communityinvestment
A gift at any level is still needed & will help us reach our budgeted goal for this school years operational needs!

Tax Credit Drive

We have raised \$35,472 toward our goal of \$60,250

Thank You!

give.northphoenixprep.org/taxcredit
Deadline to give your dollar-for-dollar contribution is April 15th!

There is still time to make your families contribution. Every dollar will stay right here on campus supporting Ms. Jacobson's operating budget for this school year.

Let's reach our goals together, make your contribution today. Thank you for investing in your student(s) and our great school!

Community Investment

Tax credit

Questions or help in processing your gift, reach out to our Family Giving Officer, Jackie Curtis

jcurtis@northphoenixprep.org

Archery at NPX

Archery is hitting the target! This new and popular extracurricular course teaches students the safety and art of archery. Students meet after school with Mr. Aquila to send arrows down range right here on campus. As their aim has improved, the group has gradually been moving farther and farther back, and they are still hitting the targets! Way to go archers! Special thanks to our parent volunteer, Mr. Clark, for all his help with this program.

Did you know that NPX has had 260 students involved in our Extracurricular courses this year? That is more than 50% of our student body. Besides archery, we have offered: Senate, ACTA Gladiator (newspaper), Yearbook, Pantheon, Student Service Organization, STEM, Strength & Conditioning, Choir, Poetry, Chess, Antique Technologies, and D&D. We are just getting started! Next year, we hope to offer even more selections!



Gladiator Athletics



IT'S TIME TO GET READY FOR FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS AT NORTH PHOENIX PREP!!!

Yes that is correct – High School Football is Coming to NPX!

We have had several meetings with the students and now it is time to meet with the parents.

We encourage everyone who has an 8th-11th grade student-athlete that is interested in participating to attend an informational/meet the coach meeting on:

Wednesday, March 29 at 6pm in the Prep MPR.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the meeting and . . . GO GLADIATORS!



Dates from the Academic Dean

- Monday March 27 AzSCI 8th Grade
- Tuesday March 28 AzSCI 11th Grade
- Monday April 3rd AASA (7th and 8th)
Aspire (9th)
- Tuesday April 4 AASA (7th and 8th)
Aspire (9th)
P-ACT (10th)
ACT (11th)
- Thursday April 6 AASA (7th and 8th)
- Thursday April 6 First Missing Assignment Report
- Friday April 21 Advanced Notices



College Counseling

Seniors

If possible, attend in-person and virtual events for admitted students to get your questions answered and help inform your decision-making process. The typical deadline for your enrollment deposit is May 1, otherwise known as College Decision Day. Continue the [scholarship hunt](#) for institutional aid and private scholarships.

Juniors

Great Hearts College Symposium – Saturday, April 1 from 3 – 6 PM at Scottsdale Preparatory Academy. This network-wide event is open to Great Hearts Juniors and their parents; school uniform mandatory for participation. [Register today!](#)

Freshmen – Juniors

ACT Testing – Tuesday, April 4. On-campus ACT testing is just around the corner (freshmen-ASPIRE, sophomores-PreACT, juniors-ACT). Students can explore test prep opportunities at [act.org](#) or [Revolution Prep](#).

All High School Grades

RMACAC College Fair – Sunday, April 2 from 12 – 2 PM at ASU's Tempe campus. Free and open to the public, this in-person fair connects you with colleges and universities in one convenient location. [Register online](#) and review this [list of questions](#) to get prepared before you attend.

Check out this article on [5 ways to spend your high school summer](#). Think about your summer in the context of how your choices can help your student to lead a happier life (really!). Review our spreadsheet of compiled [summer opportunities](#) with ongoing updates.

Women's Self Defense

A Week-end Enrichment Activity
for the GreatHearts North Phoenix Prep Community

Master Michael Kaneen and 9 Dragons Kung Fu is pleased to present a practical course in self-defense for North Phoenix Prep female students. This course focuses on the key aspects of self-defense for women, including knowledge, instinct, preparation, situational awareness, and specific techniques for repelling a physical attack.

The program will be conducted by a corps of certified instructors at the facilities of 5 Elements Kung Fu in three, two-hour classes. Sessions will be held on Saturday afternoons in April: the 1st, 8th and 15th.

There will be one make-up session in April (the 22nd) for participants who have missed a class.

The program is open to all female Prep students (grades 7 to 12) as well as moms and dads and teachers and staff of North Phoenix Prep. Registration is limited to 40 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment is required in advance, and liability waivers must be completed for each participant prior to taking part in the lessons. Registration fees are not refundable.

Fees

NPX female student.....	\$50
Parent (mom, dad, or guardian) of a student participant.....	\$25
NPX teacher, staff, or family member.....	\$40

Location

9 Dragons Kung Fu
3135 E. Cactus Rd.
Phoenix, AZ 85032

Schedule of Classes

Student/Parent Session 1	April 1, 1:00 to 3:00; Teacher Staff 3:00-5:00
Student/Parent Session 2	April 8, 1:00 to 3:00; Teacher/Staff 3:00-5:00
Student/Parent Session 3	April 15, 1:00 to 3:00; Teacher/Staff 3:00-5:00
Student/Parent Make-up Session	April 22, 1:00 to 3:00; Teacher/Staff 3:00-5:00

Registration Procedure

1. Request registration forms from Mr. Gray (tgray@northphoenixprep.org)
2. Complete the forms.
3. Bring the completed registration forms and a check made out to 9 Dragons Kung Fu to Mr. Gray (Room 613) to complete your registration.

Other Information

Participants should wear modest, comfortable, loose-fitting clothing and athletic shoes (preferably with smooth bottoms.)

Participants should bring a water bottle.

This is a drop-off event; there is very limited seating for non-participants.

No one may participate without completed forms and waivers on file.

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.



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.” 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. (*this excludes students who drive themselves*).



31st Street Storm Drain, Pavement, and Pedestrian Improvements: Thunderbird Road to Hearn Road

Construction Notice

February 2023

The City of Phoenix Street Transportation Department has contracted with Hunter Contracting Co. to construct sidewalk and driveway improvements, new storm drain pipe and associated catch basins, relocate an existing water line and install a new portion of water line and pavement replacement in 31st Street from Thunderbird Road to Hearn Road.

What to Expect:

- Construction will begin Tuesday, March 7, 2023.
- Contractor's work hours will generally be Monday - Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (winter hours) and 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (summer hours). Some night work may be required.
- **ROAD CLOSURE:** 31st Street will be closed from Thunderbird Road to south of Hearn Road for approximately 6 months. Local access will be maintained for access to Friess Road and the Century Link parking lot.
- Pedestrian access will be maintained with a 36-inch accessible path on all pedestrian walkways.
- Beginning in mid-May 2023, Village Square Apartments north side parking lot access and parking will be restricted in phases during the storm drain pipe and catch basin installation. Apartment management and residents will be notified prior to any restrictions.
- Water service interruptions will occur; however, residents and business will be notified prior to any scheduled water service interruptions.
- Anticipated project completion is December 31, 2023.

Site Location Map

- New curb, gutter, & sidewalk
- Existing curb, gutter, sidewalk
- New driveways
- Water line relocation & new waterline
- New storm drain & catch basins
- New pavement



Road Closure Map



PROJECT PERSONNEL

Jeff Herzhaft, Project Manager Jared Pittman, Project Manager
 City of Phoenix Street Hunter Contracting Company
 Transportation Department

PROJECT HOTLINE

If you have questions or concerns,
 please contact the project hotline at
(480) 281-1506.

