

# GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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## Upcoming Events

8/7 - Greet the Gladiators

8/9 - First Day of School

8/30 - 9/1 - Freshmen  
Retreat

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## 23.24 Calendar

10/9 - 10/13 - Fall Break

12/25- 1/5 - Winter Break

3/11 - 3/15 - Spring Break

5/23 - Last Day of School



## Greet the Gladiators - August 7th

Join your fellow Gladiators at our annual *Greet the Gladiators (Open House)* on **Monday, August 7th, 9:00am-12:00pm** to receive your schedule, locker assignments, books, have a chance to meet the teachers, purchase used uniforms, and other exciting opportunities to kick off the 23.24 school year! Questions? Please reach out to [Angie Nelson](#).



## 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**

**Contact PSO**

**Amazon Smiles**

## Connect with NPX



# Preparation for the 23.24 School Year

*Note: All underlined titles are hyperlinks to more pertinent information.*

## **NPX Family Handbook**

All families will be asked to acknowledge reading the handbook. Please be on the lookout for separate communication regarding the 23.24 handbook.

## **NPX Uniform Policy & Dress Code Details**

Please click on the links above to learn more about our uniform requirements. NPX is proud to partner with Anton Uniforms and Dennis Uniforms which have uniforms available at their retail locations and through their online ordering systems.

Note: There will be a grace period for students to be in uniform compliance. Beginning Monday, 8/14, uniform infractions will be given should students remain out of uniform compliance.

## **Books & Supplies**

**Classics to Keep** - Please purchase books using the ISBN provided.

### **Grade Level Supply Lists.**

**Textbook Deposit Link** - This is a one-time deposit that will be refunded in full when textbooks are returned in good condition.

**Consumables Family Contribution** - These include select workbooks, supplies used in Science and Fine Arts, Gladiator team contributions, student planners, and testing fees.

## **Lockers**

All students will be assigned a locker and lock and have access to their locker at various times throughout the school day. *Please note that backpacks and tote bags are not allowed in classrooms.*



## **Bell Schedule**

We have updated the bell schedule for this school year. Please access it here: [Bell Schedule](#). Of note, our Middle School and High School students will have separate Lyceum, Lunch, and Recreation times on our regular days (8:20am - 3:30pm). All students will follow the same bell schedule on Early Release Wednesdays (8:20am - 1:15pm).

## **Lunch**

We are pleased to partner with Blue Willo Catering this year. There will be daily hot and cold lunch options offered. Students may pay by cash or card on a daily basis (online ordering will not be offered at this time). Vending machines will also be available before school, and during the Rec and Lunch periods. Students may certainly bring snacks and lunches from home. **We strongly encourage names to be written on all lunch boxes and water bottles.**



## **Sibling Pickup**

NPX students will pick up their younger sibling in a designated area. Blue placard cards will not be needed. The only exit for students will be on the Prep side of campus. Parents picking up students from both campuses are asked to not get into the pickup line until 3:30 (regular days) and 1:30 (Wednesdays). Please stay in the outermost lane for Prep side pick up at all times.

## **Gladiator Athletics**

*Registration is open next week for the following teams:*



**Middle School** – Coed flag football, boys & girls cross country, and girls volleyball

**High School** – Boys & girls cross country, 8-man tackle football, and girls volleyball

Go to our **ATHLETICS WEBSITE** for registration details and upcoming game schedules!

**Note: All participants must be fully registered to participate including a 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://aiaonline.org/files/16936/forms-157-a-d.pdf>

For more info please email our AD, Joe Page, at [jpage@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:jpage@northphoenixprep.org).

## From the Desk of the Office Manager

### *Have your plans changed?*

While we certainly do not want to lose any student, we understand that educational plans change. Please contact [Angie Nelson](#) as soon as possible should your child be withdrawing from NPX. Please note: Transcripts and records will not be released to another school until officially withdrawn from NPX.

## Freshman Retreat

Attention Freshman Families!

We are pleased to announce our upcoming Freshman retreat to [Camp Tontozona](#)! We are inviting the Freshman class to join us in a relationship building, enriching, and exciting trip to start their high school experience off with a blast! This is truly a significant opportunity to build a strong foundation for your student's high school experience at North Phoenix Prep. This opportunity not only ignites your student's social engagement with his or her peers, it also cultivates the trust required for the rigorous and collaborative work they will do in the classroom. A North Phoenix Prep education depends upon the development of an invested and united community of learners, so our goal is to have 100% participation. We want every freshman student to experience this important opportunity to share a communal experience with their friends.

We will depart by bus on Wednesday, August 30th and will return on Friday, September 1st, having bonded over team building activities, leadership exercises, hiking, games, a ropes course, and loads of new inside jokes. Students will receive an information packet when school begins with all the details that they will need for the retreat. The packet will include: daily schedule, packing list, group assignments, cabin assignments, camp map, and liability waivers. We will send home an electronic copy of this information as well.

Securing your student's spot on the retreat is an easy, [online process](#). Simply submit your payment, and complete a registration form. Because the staff at Camp Tontozona need to make our arrangements in advance, we have a tiered registration schedule that incentivizes your prompt response:

Registration & Payment by August 6 = \$180

Registration & Payment by August 14 = \$230

Messaging will be sent to all 9th Grade families with additional details, including [payment information](#). Questions about the retreat? Please contact [Ms. Fulton](#).



## College Counseling

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

### Seniors

Please review our [Fall Prep Checklist](#) with your senior as they refine their college list. [Application workshops](#) for in-state universities will begin Wednesday, August 2, but we encourage seniors to wait until Senior Bootcamp if self-reporting grades (for faster review).

**College Essay Guy Bootcamp – Monday, July 31 | Wednesday, August 2 | Friday, August 4** from 10 – 11:30 am, Room 514 or Virtual Sessions. This 3-day workshop will help seniors draft their personal statement for college and scholarship applications.

**Senior Bootcamp – Saturday, August 5 from 9 am – 2 pm, Senior Commons.** At this MUST-ATTEND event, we'll kick-off the college application season, choose lockers in the Commons and more! Seniors should bring a laptop plus drafts of their personal statement and college resume.

Please draft a short note of encouragement for your senior, and we'll attach the printed message to their locker for the first day of classes. Additionally, help us write a better letter of recommendation by returning a [Parent Brag Sheet](#). Email your locker note and Brag Sheet to [college@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:college@northphoenixprep.org) by Saturday, August 5th.



## School Communication

Great Hearts and North Phoenix Preparatory Academy continue to utilize the system School Messenger for emails, robo calls, and text messaging to inform families of campus related academy emergencies and other communications. **SchoolMessenger has a new automatic opt-in for text feature.** During the registration/re-enrollment process families confirmed their wish to participate in text communications. Great Hearts will now automatically opt in contact information given during the registration/re-enrollment process with the options you selected. You will notice at the beginning of July you will be opted in for text messaging. If you would like to opt out of text messages simply reply STOP to the text from 67585. You can also enter the code 67585 with the message STOP to block any text messaging. Please note, if opting out, you will not receive texts regarding emergencies on campus.

## Parking on Campus



When the school year begins, please be mindful of signage that designates Faculty Parking spots. We have just enough parking spots for our faculty and administration and when a spot is taken, even if it may be for a short period of time, our faculty is left scrambling for a spot - which may make them late to teach! Thank you in advance for parking in the guest designated spots in front of school, or in Visitor parking spots near the Archway playground.

## **PSO - Parent Service Organization**

# **PARENTS WE NEED YOU!**

Your Parent Service Organization is looking for parent volunteers to help with all kinds of tasks this year.

Please email with your availability and contact information to either:

PSO President, Mr. Darell Horton  
horton.darrell@gmail.com

Or, Dean of Student Leadership, Mr. Black  
bblack@northphoenixprep.org

**NPX does not work without our parent volunteers. Please plan on signing up to help with some events this year.**

The NPX Parent Service Organization needs you! Our PSO helps organize teacher luncheons, community get-togethers, pancake breakfasts, teacher birthday celebrations, middle school socials, and other community events. Our small school runs on parent support, and we want every family to plan on helping out in some way this year.



## Gladiator Gear

Show your school spirit on Fridays! Visit the [Gladiator Spirit Store](#) to purchase clothing that may be worn on Fridays. Our Senate will be selling uniform approved sweatshirts that may be worn any day.

## Campus Visitors & Volunteers

Have you re applied for your Raptor authorization. This is a yearly \$5.00 fee that must be documented and verified before any volunteering with our students. Here is the link:

<https://www.greatheartsamerica.org/volunteer/>

## 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*).