

# GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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## Upcoming Events

**8/14 - Football Tailgate  
@5pm & Game @7pm!**

**8/28 - Senior Info Night**

**8/30 - 9/1 - Freshmen  
Retreat**

**9/15 - Blazer & Pinning  
Ceremony**

## Quick Links

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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**

## AM Dropoff and PM Pickup

Thank you to our Gladiator community for exercising patience as we kicked off the school year with 200 additional students on campus and adjusted bell schedules at ANP and NPX. We realize that the drive-line can be daunting, but we are confident in our system and know that the mornings and afternoons will be much smoother once everyone gets into a rhythm. Here are a few rules and pointers:

- ♦Keep in mind that Archway dismisses 30 minutes before NPX on regular days. Thus, entering the line prior to 3:30 will likely slow down Archway's dismissal if a Prep parent is in the line before them. On Wednesday, NPX dismisses before ANP so you are encouraged to be in line by 1:15pm.
- ♦All Prep parents must stay in the outside drive lane until they pass the field. Please do not block the turn lane which may prevent an Archway parent from moving towards their pickup line.
- ♦PM Pickup ONLY - Once you have passed the field/Hearn entrance, you may split into 2 different lines for pickup. Once your child(ren) are in the vehicle, please enter the center lane and exit campus. Children may not enter a vehicle that is in the center lane. Please pull to either side for pickup.
- ♦ANP/NPX Siblings may only exit campus through our academic building. Exiting on the Archway side or through side gates is not permitted.
- ♦Hearn Road is not monitored by ANP/NPX staff. Crossing in the middle of the road is highly discouraged as it is a significant safety issue.
- ♦Parking/Stopping along Hearn to dropoff/pickup your scholar is in violation of city ordinance. Please understand that you may be ticketed should Phoenix PD witness this.



## 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



Gladiator Families,

I am excited for the beginning of another school year here at NPX and I am so honored to serve this community. In my role as Headmaster, I am happy to be back on campus supporting our students, families, and teachers.

As you may know, our Community Investment and Public-School Tax Credit campaigns make it possible to provide a rich curriculum, character-building activities, and our next level Athletic Program to all students at our academy.

I want to sincerely thank the families who have already chosen to partner with us by making a gift to Community Investment and Tax Credit this year.

If you have not yet given, please consider partnering with us this year through a monthly gift to Community Investment and by designating your Public-School Tax Credit to our academy.

We ask every family to make a gift that best fits their budget. Please know that every gift, no matter the size, matters and will stay right here on our campus supporting our daily operational needs.

You can make your family Community Investment gift here. Designate your AZ public school Tax Credit to NPX here.

Should you have any questions regarding our funding or need assistance in setting up your giving, please reach out to our Family Giving Officer, Jackie Curtis at jcurtis@northphoenixprep.org

Your generosity leaves a lasting impact on our students, and we are so grateful.

Gooooooooo Gladiators!!!  
-Corinne Jacobson| Headmaster



## From the Deans' Office

On Monday teachers will begin issuing Nota's for dress code infractions. Here are few reminders for infractions that have been noticed this week.

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### *Shoes*

**Boys' Footwear/Socks:** Boys may wear all black low-top athletic shoes or black leather or simulated leather dress shoes in lace-up or loafer style. As a reminder, dress shoes require periodic hand cleaning and polishing/conditioning. Plastic shoes are not uniform attire. Socks must be all black in color, extend at least two inches above the ankle at crew length and be free of visible brand logos, patterns or decorations. Students with medical foot problems requiring special footwear should consult the "Medically-Necessary Footwear" document

**Girls' Footwear/Socks:** Girls may wear all black low top athletic shoes or black leather or simulated leather dress shoes with a 1.5 inch or less heel (measured at back of heel) and low sole. As a reminder, dress shoes require periodic hand cleaning and occasional polishing/conditioning. Plastic or sequined shoes are not uniform attire. Socks must be solid black in color, extend at least two inches above the ankle at crew length up to below the knee and be free of visible brand logos. Nylons or tights must either be knee length or extend from the foot to the waist. All socks, nylons and tights must be solid black in color and free of logos, patterns or decorations. Students with medical foot problems requiring special footwear should consult the "Medically-Necessary Footwear" document.

### *Skirts*

Girls may wear the official uniform skirt. Skirts must be worn at the waist with the waistband visible at all times. When properly adjusted at the student's waist, the skirt hem should be touching the top of the knee. Skirts may be longer if desired. The Academy recommends wearing shorts under the skirt.

\*\*Often the skirts can be taken to a tailor to have the hem's dropped. Here are a few alteration places:

Milo's Alterations  
3131 E Thunderbird Rd  
Phoenix, AZ 85032  
(602) 493 - 9187

Arizona Alterations  
4030 E Bell Rd #103  
Phoenix, AZ 85032  
(602) 374-7000

## *Jewelry*

**Boys:** All jewelry must be tasteful and worn in a non-distracting manner. Boys are permitted to wear one watch, one finger ring and one necklace. Only simple, fine-gauged, 16 to 20-inch, silver or gold chain necklaces are permitted. Necklaces must be worn inside the shirt. One charity/motivational bracelet may be worn to support an appropriate cause provided it does not make inappropriate allusions.

**Girls:** All jewelry must be tasteful and worn in a non-distracting manner; gaudy costume or novelty jewelry is not uniform attire. Girls have the option of wearing one pair of matching earrings (No other body piercings are permitted), one watch, one finger ring and one necklace. Earrings must be worn on the ear lobe and cannot hang more than one-half inch below the ear lobe. Only fine-gauged, 16 to 20 inch, silver or gold chain necklaces are permitted. Necklace pendants, if worn, must be less than an inch in length, width, or diameter. Girls may wear one tasteful, non-distracting bracelet. One additional charity/motivational bracelet may be worn to support an appropriate cause provided it does not make inappropriate allusions.

## *Hair*

**Boys:** Hair should be neatly combed or styled. Hair must be above the top of the shirt collar. Hair should be styled so that it does not fall below the eyebrows or past the midpoint of the ear. Hair must be natural looking and conservative in its color and cut (no unnatural streaking/highlighting, no artificial jetblack coloring, and no unnatural colors). Hair may not change color during the school year. All boys must be clean-shaven. Sideburns must be neatly trimmed and may not grow below the bottom of the ear. Accommodations for religious reasons are permitted.

**Girls:** Hair should be neatly combed or styled. Neat small bows, barrettes, headbands, and hair ties are permissible so long as they coordinate with the uniform. Hair must be natural looking and conservative in its color and cut (no unnatural streaking/chunky highlights, no artificial jet-black coloring, and no unnatural colors). Hair may not change color during the school year. Accommodations for religious reasons are permitted.

Please review the family handbook or reach out to the dean's Ms. Jensen at [mjensen@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:mjensen@northphoenixprep.org) or Ms. Lentz [elentz@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:elentz@northphoenixprep.org) for further information or questions.



## Freshman Retreat

***Today is the final day to register!***

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 14 = \$230**

We want all 9th graders to attend so if your family is in need of financial assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to Ms. Nelson.

Questions about the retreat? Please contact Ms. Fulton.

9th grade retreat

**CAMP TONTOZONA**

8/30 - 9/1



REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION



## Have You Paid for Consumables?

Each year, all scholars are to pay a consumable fee which covers the cost of workbooks, planners, testing fees, classroom supplies, and other grade level specific school needs. Kindly complete your consumable purchase this week.

### Consumables Family Contribution Link



## 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.

## Gladiator Athletics

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

Note: All participants must be fully registered to participate including a physical. 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>



## College Counseling

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

We encourage your family to review our [College Road Map](#) and learn how College Counseling supports students at each grade level successfully navigate their college transition.

### *Seniors*

Seniors applying to out-of-state institutions will participate in a [CommonApp](#) workshop this Friday during lunch. [Application workshops](#) for in-state universities are now underway with in-person and virtual opportunities. If you haven't already, please help us write a better letter of recommendation for your student by returning a [Parent Brag Sheet](#).

**Senior Info Night – Monday, August 28 at 5:30 in the MPR.** Parents and students, please join us to learn more about the college application process, senior thesis deadlines, and the senior trip to Washington, D.C. [Flyer](#)

### *Sophomores – Juniors*

The PSAT/NMSQT is now digital! The test is easier to take, shorter, has more time per question, and comes with a built-in calculator. It can also qualify students for the National Merit Scholarship Program and other scholarship opportunities. To prepare, full-length adaptive digital [PSAT/NMSQT practice](#) is available on the Bluebook app. More resources are available at the [Official Digital SAT Prep on Khan Academy](#). Save the date **Tuesday, October 24** when NPX will proctor the test for sophomores and juniors on campus.

### *All High School Grades*

**College Rep Visit – Tuesday, August 15** at Lunch in the Library. Learn more about [Northern Arizona University](#), a public research university based in Flagstaff.

**Tri-University Information Workshops – Sunday, August 27** at ASU's Tempe campus or Sunday, **September 10** at ASU's West campus. ASU, NAU and UA have partnered to offer a variety of admissions and financial aid workshops. Learn about new programs, very important updates to the FAFSA for the 24-25 years, review of admission requirements and the evaluation process. [RSVP Online](#)

**Six Colleges Event – Wednesday, August 30** at Bioscience High School. Join the [Six Colleges](#) to learn about each institution and explore the value and affordability of the liberal arts. Amherst College, Bowdoin, Carleton, Pomona College, Swarthmore, and Williams.



## Blazer Pinning Ceremony



Time: 10:00am

Where: NPX Gym

*Details forthcoming to all Junior and Senior families.*





## From the Director of Academic Success

### *HOMework CHARTS*

Homework charts are sent out on Monday mornings, apart from holidays. Each grade level will have a link and you will be able to see what each teacher is assigning for homework each day. Please understand that these could change, due to many factors and your child's planner should be the first source of information.

### *MISSING ASSIGNMENT REPORTS (MAR's)*

Missing assignment reports are sent out on Fridays, starting on the third Friday of the quarter. This communication is to inform you of what your student is missing. The first report of each quarter will encompass the first three weeks. After the first report is sent, the report will capture only the current and prior week.

Please know what each teachers late work policy is and if you have specific questions about assignments, please reach out directly to the teacher.

### *MIDQUARTER PROGRESS REPORTS (MQPR's)*

This is a new piece of communication that will be sent to ALL families in the third and sixth week of each quarter. This report will be replacing our advanced notices and will give you a grade update for all your child's classes.

\*\*The first MAR and MQPR will be sent on the same day for each quarter. The first ones will go out on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

*Questions? Please contact Ms. Jensen, Director of Academic Success and High School Dean.*



## Opportunities for Parent Engagement

### *Headmaster Chats & PSO Meetings*

Parents are cordially invited to attend the Headmaster Chats and PSO Meetings this school year. Click on [this link](#) to find upcoming meeting dates.



## Gladiator Football is Here!

Cheer on our Gladiators on the football field this Friday, 8/18 for the inaugural NPX Gladiator Football Game versus Cicero Prep. Kickoff is 7pm.



YOU'RE MOST DEFINITELY INVITED

# NPX TAILGATE

August 18 | 5 PM | NPX Courtyard

Come join the PSO as we tailgate ahead of our first NPX Football game. Come meet you fellow Gladiators and enjoy some food sponsored by the Parent Service Organization. Remember to wear WHITE!

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## 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: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.” 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*).