

GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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Upcoming Events

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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

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.

[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.*



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



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.



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.



Middle School News

It was wonderful to see so many of you at Greet the Gladiator, and to share your excitement for the first day of school! In preparation for Wednesday, we want to share a few Middle School procedures with you to make your first days as a Gladiator as smooth as possible.

Students may enter the building at 7:50 each morning, at which time they should go to their lockers, put away their cell phones and smart watches (powered off!), and gather their materials.

Locker visits are permitted before school, before Rec, and before Lunch. Students should gather their materials for their next two classes, bring them to their next classroom, and then head outside to the courtyard. Since our first day is a Wednesday, they should bring their materials for periods 1 – 3 to their first period class. Teachers will be available in the hallway to help with lockers and to let students know what they need to bring to class.

Teachers will meet their classes in the courtyard and along the fence to line up before first period. Signs are posted to designate meeting areas for each class.

Teachers will check dress code during 1st period, and will be giving reminders about dress code throughout the first three days of school. Dress code Notas will be issued beginning on Monday, 8/14, for any students whose uniforms are out of compliance. The Deans will follow up with these students to address dress code infractions.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Ms. Lentz, Dean of Middle School. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday!

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.

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

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.

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 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.

9th grade retreat

CAMP TONTOZONA

8/30 - 9/1



REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION



College Counseling

www.northphoenixprep.org/college | 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

During Saturday's Senior Bootcamp, we shared best practices for keeping track of [college application](#) and [scholarship application](#) requirements. Seniors applying to out-of-state institutions started their [CommonApp](#) profile. [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 from 5:30 – 7 PM 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](#)

Juniors

College 101 Workshop Series – Thursday, August 24. We'll kick-off our year-long College 101 Workshop Series during classes to offer juniors a head start on college prep.

Freshmen – Sophomores

Check out this [TEDx Talk](#) on how to improve study habits by setting goals and managing time!

All High School Grades

College Rep Visit – Thursday, August 10 during Lyceum in the Library. Learn more about the [University of Arizona](#), a public university in Tucson that blends a deep history with innovative, cutting-edge research.

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/>

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.



Reporting Absences

To report your scholar(s) absence, please provide an **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*).

