

GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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Upcoming Events

9/15 - Blazer & Pinning Ceremony

9/15 - Half-Day Schedule

9/23 - PSO Mixer

9/30 - Homecoming

10/9-10/13 - Fall Break

10/16-10/17 - Conferences (No School)

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On this day, we remember the 3,000 people who lost their lives due to the attacks on our country on September 11, 2001. This was a great tragedy in our nation, but one that we also remember for how thousands of law enforcement officers, paramedics, EMTs, firefighters, and American citizens came together to help those in need. Let's honor those lost and those that served by demonstrating kindness to one another on this day and each day going forward.

-Ms. Jacobson
Headmaster



Community Investment Campaign

I am thrilled to be serving my 6th year as the Family Giving Officer for our Great Hearts North Phoenix community. Not only do I get to work with the most amazing people on and off campus, but I am also a parent in this wonderful community.

A little bit about me...Our family has been part of the Great Hearts North Phoenix Community since they opened their doors in 2012. Our daughter started at Archway North Phoenix in 5th grade and graduated with the North Phoenix Prep's class of 2020. Our son started in kindergarten and is now a 3rd grader at ANP. We are looking forward to him graduating at North Phoenix Prep with the class of 2033.

Over the last 5 years as the Family Giving Officer, I have had the privilege of having a front row seat on all the wonderful things that our scholars experience and learn every day here at NPX. As a parent, I am forever grateful for the lasting impact that this education has on our kids long after they graduate.

My role on campus is to raise the necessary funds that make the Great Hearts Classical Liberal Arts Curriculum and education model possible. We do this through the partnership and support of our school community in our annual campaigns, Community Investment, and the Arizona Public School Tax Credits.

This week we will be celebrating all the Truth, Goodness, and Beauty that is happening on our campus and made possible through our support as parents. Check your students' backpack- I sent home some information on how we as parents can best support & celebrate our great school and our amazing teachers!

I look forward to partnering with you throughout the school year as a parent and in support of our great academy through these vital campaigns.

-Jackie Curtis, Proud parent & donor of our annual campaigns

Family Giving and Community Engagement Officer

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

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Community Investment Celebration Week!

Community Investment

The fuel that makes the operation of our school possible!

We ask every family to make a gift that is meaningful to you and fits in your family budget.

Your gift allows us to have...

♥ Teachers who nurture intellectual curiosity & a love of learning through the Socratic method on the pursuit of Truth, Goodness, & Beauty.

♥ Boutique College Counseling

♥ A classical fine arts program including Art, Music, Foreign language, Drama.



Upperclassmen Field Trip

Field Trip to Northern Arizona University

Thursday, September 21

Juniors will participate in a group visit to Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff! The visit will include a campus tour, presentations about admissions and financial aid, and an opportunity to see what it's like on a college campus. Lunch will be provided. A limited number of seats are open to seniors; first-come, first served!

To confirm their seat, please sign the permission slip and pay the \$30/student participation fee in our [Payment Portal](#) by Monday, September 11. Email College Counseling at college@northphoenixprep.org if you are interested in chaperoning (Raptor approval required).



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

Deadline Sunday, October 1 – Senior families, now's the time to [order graduation supplies](#) with Josten's. Only the Cap & Gown Unit (\$33.95) is required to participate in our graduation ceremony.

Tri-University Application Workshops - Seniors, an admissions representative from will walk you through their application from start to finish.

- Barrett Honors College at Arizona State University
Tuesday, September 26 | 6 – 7 PM [Register in Advance](#)
Wednesday, October 18 | 6 – 7 PM [Register in Advance](#)
- University of Arizona
Thursday, September 14 | 7 – 8 PM [Zoom Link](#)

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

Wednesday, September 13 at 6 PM – [Zoom meeting](#). Attend this College Financial Planning webinar to learn more about total cost of college, financial aid, FAFSA and CSS Profile, efficient strategies to pay for college. This webinar is presented by Monica Felton, a Certified Financial Planner® and College Planning Expert (not endorsed by NPX Prep).

Saturday, September 23 at 1 PM – Hilton Scottsdale Resort. Open to prospective students and families, [register to attend](#) an Admissions presentation for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and meet the Director of Flight Operations for NASA, Mr. Norm Knight.

Blazer Pinning Ceremony



September 15th @ 10:30 a.m.
NPX Gym
Parking at the Baptist Church

Students may invite up to 2 family members.
Doors open at 10:00 a.m.
Enter gym via West side entrance.

Honoring the
classes of
2024 & 2025

Memorial for Mr. Olsen

On Saturday, September 16th, we will honor the life and memory of our beloved Mr. Olsen with friends, family, and our community. We would love to see some of our families and students there! If you can make it, please RSVP at this link, as food and drink will be provided: (<http://evite.me/17IH9VRBHF>). If you know of families who are no longer at our school but would like to attend, please feel free to share this invitation with them. The more, the merrier!

PSO Corner

The Samaritan - Issue 3 *New*

Meeting Minutes 8.9.2023

Opportunities for Parent Engagement

Headmaster Chats & PSO Meetings

Click on this link to find upcoming meeting times.



Phoenix Children's Hospital Book Drive

Do you have any books that you don't want anymore? The SSO is running a book drive. Consider donating some to child cancer patients who could use them instead. Boxes are upfront for anyone willing to donate, books should be appropriate for children and teens. Please check out [this document](#) for ideas as to needed items.

Family Handbook

We are happy to announce that signing the Family Handbook will be done electronically this year through the [Great Hearts Enrollment Parent Portal](#), making it more convenient and reducing the amount of paper needing to be printed. This is required of all families.

To complete the process of signing, please follow the steps below:

- Please log into the [Great Hearts Enrollment/Parent Portal](#) using your username and password. If you do not remember your log-in information, please click on the "Forgot Password" link and follow the instructions.
- Once you have logged into the enrollment system, scroll down and you will see a large box that says **Arizona Family Handbook**.
- In the Arizona Academy Family Handbook section, please click on the blue "Family Handbook Link and E-Sign" button.
- For each child, please click the blue [Show Application button](#) then the green [Review and E-Sign Family Handbook for the handbook link](#).
- Once you review the handbook, navigate back to the Enrollment Parent Portal, accept and sign with your electronic signature.
- After you accept and hit NEXT, you will receive an email confirmation to the email registered in the enrollment system.
- **Please complete the above steps for each student.**

If you experience any technical difficulties, please contact the OM/REGISTRAR at anelson@northphoenixprep.org or mhilley@northphoenixprep.org



We Are Hiring!

Interested in working in the front office? Perhaps you are interested in assisting teachers? We are currently hiring for a part-time office assistant and full-time teaching assistant. Please contact Ms. Jacobson, cjacobson@northphoenixprep.org for details.



Annual Title I Grant Program Meeting

The annual Title I Grant Program meeting will be held virtually **Tuesday, Sep 19, 2023. Two sessions will be available on this date:**

Session 1 at 9:30 AM

<https://greathearts.zoom.us/j/96438604344>

Session 2 at 1 PM

<https://greathearts.zoom.us/j/98531593449>

These sessions will answer the questions: What is Title I? What is the Title I Grant Program? What resources are available for students who qualify for this assistance? The meeting will conclude with an open Q & A. Following the meeting, a brief survey will be distributed to collect feedback from attendees.

Questions about this event or Title I: Please email Missy Penniman at melissa.penniman@greathearts.org.



Hearn Road Closure

Hunter Contracting Co. will be removing the remainder of the existing asphalt on 31st Street and replacing all of the pavement on 31st Street from Thunderbird Road to just north of Hearn Road. While this work occurs, road closures will be required. Please see the attached map here. If it rains, the dates will change but the work will occur when the roads are dry.

Dennis Uniform Update

If your scholar has had issues with the Dennis Uniform shirt logo patch falling off, Dennis Uniforms is replacing the shirt. **Have them use this link to complete a form** for shirt replacement.

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/>

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).**

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.

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 an email 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.*

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