

# GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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## Upcoming Events

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

**10/21 - PSO Trivia Night**

**10/27**

**\*Half-Day Schedule**

**\*Field Day!**

**\*Senior Sunrise Breakfast**

**\*Parking Spot Painting**

**11/20 - Grandparents' Day**

## Quick Links

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## Letter from Ms. Jacobson

Gladiator Families,

During break, we were reminded of our freedoms and safety as we watched conflict in the Middle East escalate. Our hearts break for the many innocent civilians and for those in our community with family and friends who are affected by the violence.

As we enthusiastically welcome back students on Wednesday, I want to reiterate that we are committed to ensuring the safety and support of all students on campus. We are intolerant to student behaviors such as physical aggression, racial slurs and speech, bullying, and harassment of all kinds.

From the NPX Handbook:

*POLICY FOR HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, OR BULLYING OF STUDENTS* The Academy prohibits acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying of students. "Harassment, intimidation, or bullying" means any gesture or written, verbal or physical act toward a student that takes place on school property or at a school-sponsored activity and that: 1. Is motivated by any actual or perceived characteristic of the student, such as race, ethnicity, religion, ancestry, sex or sexual orientation, socio-economic status, or disability; and 2. Harms the student or damages the student's property or threatens personal harm or damage to his property; or 3. Insults, demeans, or intimidates the student or a group of students in such a way as to substantially interfere with the student or students' educational or social activities at school or cause a substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the school.



## 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**



The Deans, Ms. Lentz and Ms. Jensen, are the primary resource for handling violations of the above policy which will result in immediate disciplinary action. Ms. Hatch, School Counselor, and Ms. Stone, Assistant Headmaster, are also available to support students with concerns and strategies. My team and I are committed to the values of the academy - to cultivate the minds and hearts of students through the pursuit of truth, goodness, and beauty. This includes holding students accountable and supporting students who are struggling.

Attached is a [resource](#) from The National Association of School Psychologists which provides information on how to talk to your children about the violence in Israel and Gaza.

If you missed the opportunity for a conference, look for sign ups this January. If you need help accessing your child's grades please contact Angie Nelson, Office Manager, at [anelson@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:anelson@northphoenixprep.org). Should you have questions regarding grades and evaluations, feel free to reach out to your scholar's teacher. Please know that teachers will likely not be able to reply until Wednesday at the earliest due to their full-day conference slate today and tomorrow.

We look forward to seeing our students on Wednesday and kicking off a successful second quarter!

Sincerely,  
Ms. Jacobson | Headmaster



## Academic Dean Update

### *Important Dates*

October 22<sup>nd</sup>- Parent Portal will close for the quarter (to access Quarter 1 grades)

November 3<sup>rd</sup>- First Missing Assignment and Mid-Quarter Progress Report sent home

### *Testing Updates*

All Middle School students will be completing the second round of Galileo benchmark testing on the following dates:

October 23<sup>rd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade Galileo ELA benchmark

October 26<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Galileo ELA benchmark

6<sup>th</sup> grade Galileo Math benchmark

October 30<sup>th</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Galileo Math benchmark

October 31<sup>st</sup>- Galileo makeup testing

PSAT October 24<sup>th</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade PSAT testing



## City of Phoenix Construction

Beginning Monday, October 23, the City of Phoenix will begin a pavement preservation project along 32nd Street, between Greenway Road and Thunderbird Road. The city's contractor, Weems Asphalt, will be applying a crack seal treatment as a maintenance measure to prevent infiltration of water into the pavement and to extend the life of the road. This project is anticipated to take approximately 2 weeks. Please see the "Construction Update" link below which provides details of the project along with a map of impacted areas. As always, please be mindful and respectful of city workers, pedestrians, and traffic signs.

### Construction Update



## College Counseling

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

Congratulations to our seniors whose PSAT scores last fall qualified them for recognition! Kaden Duryea was awarded a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, and College Board designated Sophia Camacho as a National Hispanic Scholar.



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*

Major changes and improvements are coming to the 2024–2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form. As a result, the new form will be available in December 2023, not October 1. To prepare, we encourage all seniors and parents to create their own [FSA ID account](#) today. Select out-of-state colleges may additionally require a [CSS Profile](#) to award financial aid.

### *Juniors*

During Fine Arts classes last week, our College 101 workshops focused on [post-high school pathways](#). Next month, we delve into college fit in preparation for building college lists in December. As homework, juniors have been asked to complete the Intelligences assessment in Naviance. Please note parent access our college planning portal is available upon request.

*Sophomores – Juniors*

Tuesday, October 24 – PSAT test day is just around the corner! A great primer for standardized testing, the PSAT can qualify juniors for the National Merit Scholarship Program and other honors. To prepare, a 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](#).

*All High School Grades*

There are three ways to earn college credit while enrolled at Great Hearts: [CLEP, AP, and Concurrent Enrollment](#)! Students and parents should know there is nuance with each method. Please connect with College Counseling to determine which method is best for your student.

**Christian Colleges Fairs** – [Register to attend](#) local Christian College Fairs featuring colleges and universities that intertwine faith in their academic programs.

- 6 – 8 PM Monday, October 23 at Northwest Christian School
- 6 – 8 PM Tuesday, October 24 at Scottsdale Christian School

**College Rep Visits** – Students, connect with college admissions representatives to ask questions about campus life, majors and more.

**Wednesday, October 18 at Lyceum, Courtyard**

[Marist College](#) - [Seattle University](#) - [New York School of Interior Design](#) - [University of Idaho](#)

**Thursday, October 19 at Lyceum, Library**

[Seton Hall University](#) - [North Michigan University](#) - [Xavier University](#)

**Friday, October 29 at Lyceum, Library**

[Union College \(NY\)](#)

**Friday, October 29 at Lunch, Library**

[Whitman College](#)

**ECA Participation**

Interesting in joining an ECA? Please click on [this link](#) to learn more about the sign up and expectations to participate in these extracurricular athletic activities.

**PSO Newsletter**

Here is [Issue 5 of The Samaritan](#). We are in need of parent volunteers for an upcoming event so thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter!



## **PSO Mixer - Trivia Night**

When: Friday, October 20, 5pm

Where: NPX MPR

## **NPX Craft Fair @ Cabinet of Curiosities**

Please complete [this interest survey](#) if you would like to feature DIY crafts and treats at this year's Cabinet of Curiosities. You may sell these items but we ask for you to consider a portion of your proceeds to be earmarked for the Senior Class. \*Commercially sold items are not permitted. This is not an event to promote your business. We look forward to seeing the many talents in our NPX community!



# craft fair

November 30, 2023  
from 4pm to 5:30pm  
at the NPX Cabinet of Curiosities

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Ready to showcase your DIY crafts?  
Sell your tasty treats? Please reach  
out to Ms. Stone if you would like to  
have a booth at the Fall Cabinet of  
Curiosities event.

Event participants of all ages are welcome!

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NORTH PHOENIX PREPARATORY ACADEMY  
Yearbook  
by October 31st!**

**10%  
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**purchase by  
October 31**

To purchase your yearbook go to:  
[treering.com/ 1016597386001337](https://treering.com/1016597386001337)

**Regular Price: \$50.00**

\*Does not include sales tax, if applicable





## 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.

## Opportunities for Parent Engagement

### *Headmaster Chats & PSO Meetings*

Click on [this link](#) to find upcoming meeting times.

## 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](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 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.*