

GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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Upcoming Events

10/6 - Cozy for a Cause

10/9-10/13 - Fall Break

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

10/27 - Half-Day
Schedule/Field Day!

11/20 - Grandparents' Day

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Academic Dean Update

Student-Led Conferences

Conferences will be held on October 16 & 17 (there will be no school on those days). Please look for an email from Ms. Jensen if your scholar will have a conference this quarter.

Conferences will be held virtually (via Zoom). Students will have an opportunity to complete a Quarter 1 Student Reflection Sheet prior to leading the conference (which will be attended by their parent/guardian and all teachers).

Important Dates

October 6th- Last Missing Assignment Report for Q1

October 15th- Report cards will be sent via email as an attachment

October 15th- Parent Portal will open to view report cards

October 16th-17th- Conferences via ZOOM (invite only)

October 22nd- Parent Portal will close for the quarter

November 3rd- 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 23rd- 6th and 7th grade Galileo ELA benchmark

October 26th- 8th grade Galileo ELA benchmark

6th grade Galileo Math benchmark

October 30th- 7th and 8th grade Galileo Math benchmark

October 31st- Galileo makeup testing

PSAT October 24th- 10th and 11th grade PSAT testing



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](#)

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Cozy for a Cause

On Friday, October 6, students may wear their cozy clothes to school! That's right - for \$5, they may wear pajamas, onesies, sweatpants, and athletic shoes (non-uniform). All proceeds will benefit the Senior Class for their Washington, DC trip.

COZY FOR A CAUSE DRESS CODE

<h3><u>What to Wear</u></h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pajamas • Flannels • Onesies • Sweatpants • Athletic/Sneakers <p>Pajamas must be pant or capri length and be made of cotton or flannel. Tops must be modest and full coverage.</p> <p>Shoes are to cover the entire foot - closed toe sneakers only.</p> <p>Participation is optional!</p> <p>Standard Uniform is permitted - but must wear the full uniform - including uniform shoes.</p>	<h3><u>Not Permitted</u></h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeans • Short shorts • Leggings • Yoga pants • Sleeveless shirts • Midriff showing • Hats • Slippers • Crocs • Slides/Sandals • Clothes with holes • Tight clothing
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Proceeds benefit the Class of 2024.

Questions? Ask Ms. Stone

Dress code strictly enforced. Alternative clothing should match or exceed the modesty standard of the regular dress code.

This is an optional event. Students not participating will be expected to wear full uniform clothing and shoes. The dress code will be strictly enforced!

Let's raise money for our seniors while being cozy our last day of Quarter 1!



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

There are major changes and improvements 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.

If your senior is applying to schools that require additional essays beyond the main personal statement, check out this [crash course guide](#) on supplemental essays.

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.

Freshmen – Sophomores

Encourage your student to get involved in a couple of clubs, sports or other extracurricular activities either at school or in your local community. Keep track of your engagement over time on this [simple spreadsheet](#).

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.

NACAC College Fair – Sunday, October 15 from 11 AM – 3 PM at Phoenix Convention Center. Hundreds of colleges and universities from the US and worldwide will be ready and waiting to talk with you and your student at the upcoming NACAC College Fair for Greater Phoenix. This event is free and open to the public; register to attend at nacacattend.org/fairs.

College Rep Visits – Monday, October 2 at Lyceum in the Library. Students can connect with admissions representatives from [St. John's College](#), a private, liberal arts institution rooted in the Great Books curriculum.



Gladiator Team T-Shirts

It's time to order t-shirts for Gladiator Teams! Please fill out the [form linked here](#) for each one of your MIDDLE SCHOOL children to receive a team shirt. You have already paid for these shirts as part of your yearly consumables contribution. This survey is due by Thursday, October 5th.

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: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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