

GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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Academy Giving

Because of your gift to our Community Investment campaign, Humane Letters is a cornerstone of the liberal arts curriculum at North Phoenix Prep. In the 9th through 12th grades, English and History are combined in our Humane Letters courses. These 2-hour long, daily seminars, follow the Socratic Method of teaching and revolve around readings from Western Civilization's best works in philosophy, drama, history, autobiography, poetry, novels, and essays. Students learn to read carefully, discuss clearly, and write coherently.

Ninth grade Humane Letters is a discussion-based class rooted in American literature and United States history. Over the course of the first quarter, our discussion skills have continued to grow, as our mastery of the history of the Revolutionary War and founding of our nation. Our seminars on *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* have elicited a lively dialogue, and our corporate examination of the United States' founding documents has been particularly fruitful.

The quality of education delivered at our school is only possible with your generous support of our Community Investment campaign. We are honored to publicly recognize those families and friends who have contributed to the Community Investment campaign. Please [click here for a listing of our 2023-24 Community Investment campaign donors](#) as of October 6th.

We ask every family to make a gift that best fits your families budget. Thank you in advance for your support of our great school!

[Donate Now!](#)



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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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



NPX Craft Fair

Do you like making crafts and projects in your free time? Have you had a desire to sell these items? You’re in luck! At this fall’s Cabinet of Curiosities (November 30th), students may set up a vendor booth to sell your wares. Please complete this interest survey or reach out to Ms. Stone directly if you would like to feature DIY crafts and treats at this year's Cabinet of Curiosities. *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!

School Photos

On Friday, your student received their school picture. If your student was absence our front desk is holding onto the pictures and will distribute them today for your student.

Picture retake is November 14th.

Please visit Dorian Studios if you are interested in purchasing a picture packet.



College Counseling

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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.

Join us in sharing best wishes with this year's [Flinn Scholarship](#) applicants: Masha Logvin, Elina Pinkhasova, Ava Christiana, Kara Fulton, and Kaden Duryea!



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.

Sophomores – Juniors

Tuesday, October 24 – A great primer for standardized testing, the **digital PSAT** can qualify juniors for the National Merit Scholarship Program and other honors. Encourage your student to be well rested and eat a filling breakfast. See below for a list of optional items to bring:

- An [approved calculator](#). There's a graphing calculator built into the app, but students may bring their own.
- Pencil or pen
- Snacks and water bottle (for break)
- Sweatshirt

Freshmen – Sophomores

Last week, College Counseling visited freshmen classrooms to share some tips for success based on [learning styles](#). Students explored what strategies they might employ in each academic subject as visual, tactile, kinesthetic, or auditory learners.

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.

College Rep Visits – Connect with college admissions representatives to ask questions about campus life, majors and more in the Courtyard.

Monday, October 23 at Lyceum:

[Colorado Mesa University](#) – [Franklin & Marshall College](#)

Monday, October 23 at Lunch:

[Biola University](#)

Wednesday, October 25 at Lyceum:

[Arizona State University](#) – [California Baptist University](#) – [Willamette University](#)

Thursday, October 26 at Lunch:

[Bethel University](#)

**Greece Trip 2023**

Dear current 8th-12th grade families,

Your student is invited to join us on an upcoming educational travel experience to Greece in Summer 2025!

When students travel, they expand their knowledge of the world around them, discover more about themselves, and grow more confident. These skills are critical for creating the global citizens of tomorrow, and I would love to have your student join me on this adventure. We have had two successful NPX travel tours in the past, and I am thrilled to announce our next adventure!

To find out more and snag one of our limited spots for this tour, come to our informational meeting! This meeting will be held on November 1st at 6:30 PM on Zoom. There are limited spots on this tour, and we would love to have you attend this meeting to learn more about this exciting opportunity! One parent must be in attendance.

RSVP using this link by October 31st to confirm your spot at the meeting: <https://bit.ly/46Tdooh>

Can't make the meeting but want more information? RSVP and select "No, but send info."

Thanks,

Ms. Coffey | Latin II, Latin IV, & Poetry



Field Day - Dress Code

Field day is coming this Friday! All high school students are placed on teams with themes. Please have your student look at the rosters posted in the courtyard to see which team they are on. They are allowed to dress in these themes for field day, but they must follow the guidelines from the handbook below. Middle school students will compete in their gladiator teams. We are expecting their shirts to be in on time for them to wear them on Field Day, but if not, they should try to dress in their team color! Below you will find the Athletic dress code for Field Day.

Just as the Academy provides guidelines for dress code in the classroom, it is important to project the image of professionalism in our athletic attire as well. All shirts worn for athletic practices and field day should be modest, loose fitting, in good repair (no holes, torn sleeves, etc.), should be worn either tucked in or well over the waist of the pants/shorts if not tucked in. No midriffs may be shown. T-shirts are preferred—no tank tops, camisoles, or sports bras may be worn as outer-garments. Sleeveless shirts may be worn if modest. Pants/shorts should be modest and in good repair (no holes, torn sleeves, etc.) Pants should be worn at the waist and should be no shorter than mid-thigh, and no-longer than just below the knee. No short-shorts or long baggy shorts may be worn. No boxers or undergarments may be visible. Attire should be free of inappropriate messages. Sports team logos (e.g., Diamondbacks, Notre Dame), and apparel brand names (e.g., Adidas, Nike) are acceptable, provided they do not make inappropriate allusions. These guidelines also apply to sweatshirts and jackets that students may wear. Footwear should be athletic in nature: no sandals, open-toed, or platform shoes. Hats and sunscreen may be appropriate if the students will be in the sun. Hat styles should follow the same guidelines as above.

FAQ:

Can I wear leggings? Yes, but only athletic ones and please make sure your shirt covers the waist.

Can I wear a pop-culture shirt? No, but you can wear sports teams.

Can I just wear my uniform? Of course!

Can I wear crazy socks? Please do! Support your team as much as possible.

Can I wear clothes supporting politicians or political views? Please don't.



Online Safety

Parents-

In an effort to support you in keeping your student safe online, here is a great resource who is well-known around Phoenix.

Katey McPherson is a former educator (teacher, counselor, and administrator), and now her mission is to be a childhood advocate and education consultant in order to help keep children safe.

<https://www.kateymcpherson.com/>

One of her most important resources that you can use to keep your child safe online is called Bark. It helps to monitor your child's content, websites, screen time, location, etc.

<https://www.bark.us/>

Please let us know how else we can support you and your student!

Erin Hatch | School Counselor

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by October 31st!

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purchase by
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craft fair

November 30, 2023

from 4pm to 5:30pm

at the NPX Cabinet of Curiosities

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!

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 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.*