

GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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Upcoming Events

12/12 - MS Music Concert

12/14 - HS Choir Concert

12/15 - Cozy for a Cause

12/20-12/22 - Final Exams

12/22 - Crazy Sock Day

12/25-1/5 - Winter Break

1/9-1/11 - Conferences

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Every Family! Every Gift Counts!

Gladiators,

Thank you for investing in your student’s education! If you missed the chance to give on Giving Tuesday, there is still time to support both of our annual campaigns. A gift at any level is appreciated and still needed in order for us to meet our budgeted goals for this school year in support of our schools operation budget. You can make your gift to [Community Investment](#) anytime between now and June 30th. You can also redirect your [AZ Public School Tax Credit](#) anytime between now and before your file on or before April 15th. Should you have any questions or need help setting up your giving, please reach out to our Family Giving Officer, Jackie Curtis at 602-404-7414 or jcurtis@northphoenixprep.org.

Community Investment -

- School Security
- Boutique College Counseling
- Classical Education-with a socratic learning enviroment
- Fine Arts, and a low to teacher student ratio

AZ Public School Tax Credit=

- Athletic Program that allows all students to participate
- Field trips
- Extracurricular programs



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



Director of Academic Success Update

Semester 1 Evaluations

Semester 1 evaluations will be sent home on Sunday January 7th, 2024. The parent portal will also open this same day. Semester 1 evaluations will be more formative than quarter 1 evaluations. There will be a summary of what was taught this past quarter, strengths and areas of growth will also be identified for your child. The semester 1 evaluation will include quarter 1 and quarter 2 grades, as well as the overall semester 1 grade.

Final Exam Schedule

Wednesday, 12/20 - Periods 1 & 2

Thursday, 12/21 - Periods 3 & 4

Friday, 12/22 - Periods 5 & 6

Note: These are half-days - 12:15pm release time

January Conferences

January conferences will be held Tuesday January 9th, Wednesday January 10th, and Thursday January 11th. Conferences will be held on campus, IN PERSON. Families that did not receive conference invites for October conferences will be sent the invites. Conference invites for sign ups will be sent out next week and are first come - first serve. If you signed up for an October conference and did not attend, or did not sign up, you will be added to a wait list. Please be on the lookout next week for the invite.

Missing Assignment Reports (MARs)

The last missing assignment report for quarter 2 will be sent on Friday December 15th. The first MAR and MQPR for quarter 3 will be sent on Friday January 26th.

Galileo Testing (Middle School)

The third and final benchmark for Galileo testing will be held for grades 6th, 7th, and 8th, on January 9-11. Please check the testing calendar for more details.

SUPPORT THE CLASS OF '24
HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR
THEIR SENIOR TRIP!

Cozy for a Cause

Friday, 12/15

Pay \$5.00 and wear NPX approved cozy wear to school instead of your uniform. All proceeds will go to the Senior Class.

Pajama wear acceptable. See dress code flyer for details.

Participation is optional. School uniforms are permitted and do not require a \$5.00 donation.

COZY FOR A CAUSE DRESS CODE

What to Wear

- Pajamas
- Flannels
- Onesies
- Sweatpants
- Athletic/Sneakers

Pajamas must be pant or capri length and be made of cotton or flannel. Tops must be modest and full coverage.

Shoes are to cover the entire foot - closed toe sneakers only.

Participation is optional!

Standard Uniform is permitted - but must wear the full uniform - including uniform shoes.

Not Permitted

- Jeans
- Short shorts
- Leggings
- Yoga pants
- Sleeveless shirts
- Midriff showing
- Hats
- Slippers
- Crocs
- Slides/Sandals
- Clothes with holes
- Tight clothing

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.

High School Preview Night

We invite currently enrolled NPX 8th graders and their parents to learn more about the high school experience here at North Phoenix Prep. Kindly click on [this link](#) to let us know you plan to attend. Students/families who are **in attendance** will be guaranteed to receive their first choice for high school language course. Please reach out the Ms. Stone should you have any questions.

[HS Preview Night RSVP](#)

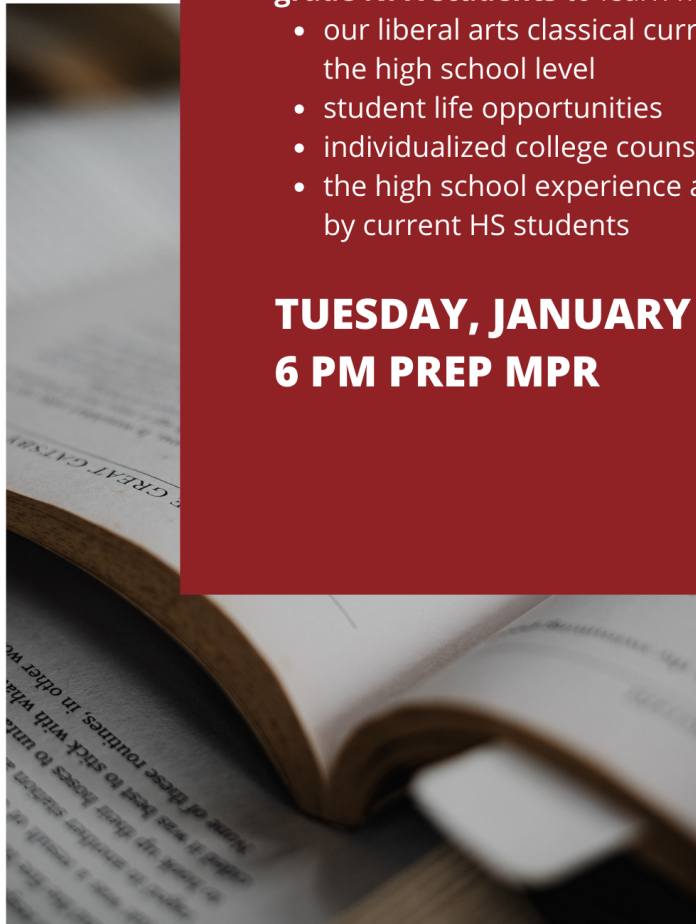
NORTH PHOENIX PREPARATORY ACADEMY

HIGH SCHOOL PREVIEW NIGHT

We invite students and parents of **8th grade NPX students** to learn more about:

- our liberal arts classical curriculum at the high school level
- student life opportunities
- individualized college counseling
- the high school experience as shared by current HS students

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23
6 PM PREP MPR





College Counseling

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www.northphoenixprep.org/college | college@northphoenixprep.org

Seniors

Please encourage your students to check their personal email, college email(s) and college portals for application status and scholarship updates. Learn more about [college decision timelines](#) and review our [scholarship resources](#) guide.

Major changes and improvements are coming to the 2024–2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form. As a result, the new form should be available in late December 2023. An FSA ID is a username and password that is required to log in to certain U.S. Department of Education websites. Processing a new FSA ID can take up to 5 business days. To prepare, we encourage all seniors and parents to create their own [FSA ID account](#) today. As soon as the FAFSA form becomes available, Great Hearts will host an application workshop in January by Zoom for families.

Juniors

Junior Parent College Night – Access the [recording](#) and [presentation](#) from last Monday’s College Counseling presentation. This January, all juniors and parents will be required to sign-up for a 1:1 meeting with College Counseling. Watch for a sign-up link in next week’s newsletter.

All High School Grades

Earn College Credit while enrolled at Great Hearts Academies! [College-Level Examination Program \(CLEP\)](#) helps you receive college credit for what you already know, for a fraction of the cost of a college course. Free study resources are available through [Modern States](#). Upon successful completion, students receive a voucher for a free CLEP test.

Tour university campuses online or on Amazon Prime with [College Tour](#)! Their series touts, “From campus life, academics, housing, sports, activities, and much more... each student driven segment will give young people an inside look at what it’s truly like being a student at the featured college or university.”

NPX community, please support our Lunch & Learn Career Talks this spring by sharing your professional journey with our high school students. Simply [indicate your interest](#) in participating, and we’ll connect with you as we plan out the schedule.

Alumni Panel – Tuesday, January 9. Calling all NPX Alums to [RSVP for our Alumni Panel!](#) Alumni will visit high school classrooms to share their college journey and enjoy a brunch with our senior class.

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HUNGRY

PANTHEON will be selling muffins
during exam breaks!

\$1 and \$2 options available.
Look for the table near the MPR!

Elk's Lodge Basketball Tournament

The Phoenix Elks Lodge is having their Hoop Shoot on December 16th at 9am in the gym at the North Phoenix Preparatory Academy. After the Hoop Shoot is complete, participants will be going back to the lodge for the award ceremony, pizza, and drinks. Trophies will be given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in their respective age groups. For those of you that are new to this free throw event, it is free and sponsored by the Phoenix Elks Lodge. This is one of our annual activities for young boys and girls in our community to come and compete with their peers. There are six divisions:

Boys 8-9, Girls 8-9, Boys 10-11, Girls 10-11, Boys 12-13, and Girls 12-13. All youth must meet the age requirement as of April 1, 2024. Go to our [Age Verification Calculator](#) to confirm.

[Hoop Shoot Home Page](#)

[Hoop Shoot Contest Rules](#)

[Hoop Shoot Registration](#)

LEVELS OF COMPETITION

Youth ages 8-13 are invited to compete in three age groups, 8-9, 10-11, and 12-13, with girls and boys competing separately. Participants can only compete at **ONE** Lodge contest per year. Then, they must win at each level along the way before stamping a ticket to the National Finals.

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| PRELIMINARY |  | At the Lodge Director's discretion, in some communities, the season kicks off with a community-hosted contest. Winners advance to the Lodge contest. |
| LODGE |  | The official entry in the contest. Competitors are allowed to participate in ONE Lodge contest a season. |
| DISTRICT* |  | Six Lodge winners advance to compete with other participants from nearby Lodge communities. <small>*Several states do not hold District contests.</small> |
| STATE |  | District* winners travel and meet other participants from their home state. <small>*Several states do not hold District contests.</small> |
| REGIONAL |  | State winners hit the road again as Regional Semi-Finalists—competing against winners from multiple states. |
| FINALS |  | The 72 National Finalists compete on the national stage in April in Chicago. Six Finalists are crowned National Champions and are displayed in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame! |

UNLEASHING GRITTY KIDS



**NEXT YEAR'S
FRESHMEN CLASS
2024-25**

8/28-8/30

We are excited to announce next year's 9th grade class will be going to Friendly Pines (CampWay!) ropes course, team building, rock wall, canoeing, gaga ball, volleyball, basketball, campfire, tie-dye, camp store, archery, great food, and much more!

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.

Outerwear

Please remember that the only school approved outwear allowed during the school day are the NPX Gladiator sweatshirts sold by the Senate. As stated in the Academy Handbook: *Outerwear must be stored in the students lockers during the school day. Except for the school letter jacket, black or maroon Academy sweater or sweatshirt, or gray Senate sweatshirts, outerwear may not be worn in classrooms.*"

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.*

