## GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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#### **Upcoming Events**

12/20-12/22 - Final Exams

\*Half Day Schedule\*

12/22 - Crazy Sock Day

12/25-1/5 - Winter Break

1/9-1/11 - Conferences

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## News from the PSO

Get the latest PSO newsletter here: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/NPXPSONews">https://tinyurl.com/NPXPSONews</a>

Upcoming Events: We are excited to announce several upcoming events that aim to foster a sense of community and support for both students and parents alike. Please join us this Wednesday at 8:30 for our PSO meeting on campus. Following the meeting, we will be setting up for the faculty luncheon. This is a great volunteer opportunity and the PSO could use your help!

*Volunteer Opportunities:* Our school community thrives on the collective effort of dedicated parents and teachers. If you have a passion for supporting education and creating memorable experiences for our students, we encourage you to explore volunteer opportunities within the PSO. Please contact our PSO President, <u>Darrel Horton</u>, for details!

### **Every Family Counts!**

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 <u>Community Investment</u> anytime between now and June 30<sup>th</sup>. You can also redirect your <u>AZ Public School Tax Credit</u> anytime between now and before your file on or before April 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.

#### North Phoenix Preparatory Academy



#### **Academy Giving**

Did you know? Community Investment is the best way to support North Phoenix

**Prep!** <u>Community Investment</u> <u>Funds</u> help keep our curriculum rigorous while supporting our teachers and administration. Does your family want to support our school through Community Investment? Email <u>Jackie Curtis</u>, Family Giving & Community Engagement Officer, with any questions or click <u>here</u> for more information.

#### **PSO Corner**

**PSO** Website

**Contact PSO** 

**Amazon Smiles** 

#### **Connect with NPX**



### **Director of Academic Success Update**

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

#### Semester 1 Evaluations

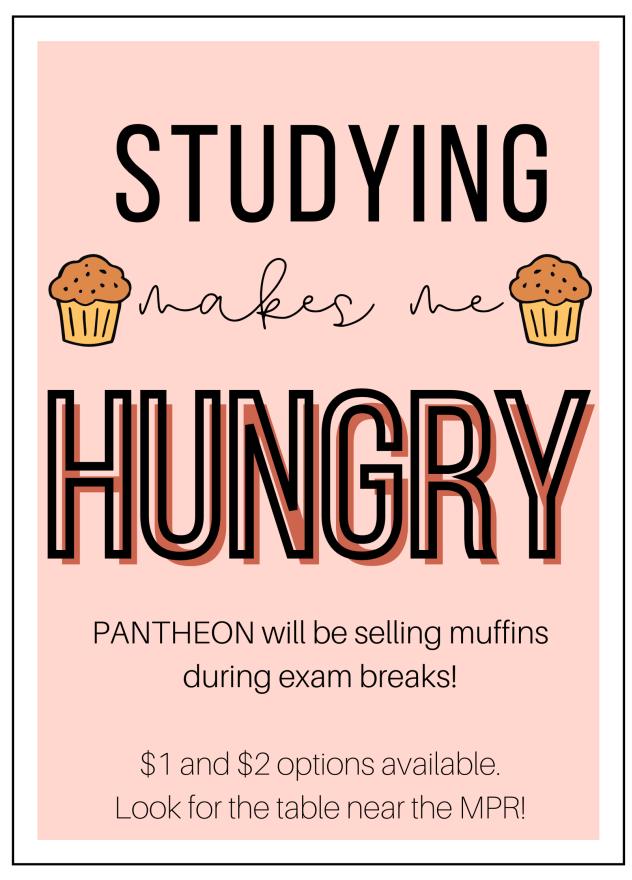
Semester I evaluations will be sent home on Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The parent portal will also open this same day. Semester I evaluations will be more formative than quarter I evaluations. There will be a summary of what was taught this past quarter, strengths and areas of growth will also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

#### January Conferences

January conferences will be held Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday January 10<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday January 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 have been sent 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 reach out to <u>Ms. Jensen</u> with questions.

#### Galileo Testing (Middle School)

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





## **College Counseling**

College Counseling <u>www.northphoenixprep.org/college</u> | <u>college@northphoenixprep.org</u>

#### 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 <u>college decision timelines</u> and review our <u>scholarship resources</u> 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 this year. To prepare, we encourage all seniors and Contributors to create their own FSA ID account (*this is simply a login for FAFSA*) today. We've shared this FSA ID Worksheet with students to help them and their Contributor keep a record of passwords and security questions. As soon as the FAFSA form becomes available, Great Hearts will host an application workshop by Zoom for families.

#### Juniors

College Counseling invites you and your junior to schedule a 1:1 *IN-PERSON* meeting this January. During these meetings, we'll review your student's transcript and ask your student to talk about their post-graduation plans. Schedule your 1:1 College Counseling meeting today!

#### All High School Grades

Earn College Credit while enrolled at Great Hearts Academies! <u>College-Level Examination Program</u> (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 <u>Modern States</u>. Upon successful completion, students receive a voucher for a free CLEP test.

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.

## **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 <u>this link</u> 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

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#### 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







## Semester 2 - Upcoming Events

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January 15	No School - Civil Rights Day
January 19	Familia Friday
January 23	High School Preview Night
January 27	High School Winter Dance
January 31	Senior Class Photos
February 2	Half Day Schedule - Great Hearts Inservice
February 3	Great Hearts College Symposium
	Great Hearts Career Fair
February 6	10th Grade Field Trip
February 8-13	Candy Gram Sales
February 16	9th Grade Field Trip
February 19	No School - Presidents' Day
February 23	6th Grade Field Trip
March 1	Familia Friday
March 2	Middle School Social
March 11-15	Spring Break
March 22	Familia Friday
March 29	No School - R&R Weekend
Week of April 1	State Testing
April 5	Familia Friday
April 9	ACT Testing
April 13	NPX Spring Carnival
April 19	Familia Friday
April 19 or 20	Junior Drama Performance
April 27	Prom
Week of April 29	Spirit Week
May 1 (tentative)	Cabinet of Curiosities
May 2	Field Day - Half Day Schedule
May 5 (tentative)	Senior Dinner
Week of May 6	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 10 or 11	Senior Drama Performance
May 14	Middle School Music Concert
May 16	High School Choir Concert
May 16-21	Senior Trip to Washington, DC
May 20-22	Final Exams - Half Day Schedule
May 22	8th Grade Promotion
May 23	Graduation
May 23	Last Day of School - Half Day Schedule

## FINANCIAL LITERACY ECNA starting this spring

Understanding of money and personal finance while you're still in high school creates a powerful edge in the real world. Gain confidence over your own money decisions.

> Financial Literacy ECNA Teacher: Mark Fulton Cost: \$100 per semester Semester: Spring Day/Time: Thursday 3:45 to 5:15pm Location: Room #514

**OPEN TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS** 

GO TO THE NPX PARENT PAYMENT PORTAL TO SIGN YOUR CHILD UP NOW. SPACE IS LIMITED.

## **Gladiator Gear**

Show your school spirit on Fridays! Visit the <u>Gladiator Spirit Store</u> 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: <u>https://www.greatheartsamerica.org/volunteer/</u>

## **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 <u>email to Attendance@NorthPhoenixPrep.org</u> with the following information:

- I. 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.* 

