

# GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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## Upcoming Events

2/12 - HM Chat - 5pm

2/16 - 9th Grade Field Trip

2/19 - No School

2/22 - 6th Grade Field Trip

3/2 - MS Social

3/6 - Science Fair

4/15 - Tax Day - Take the Credit with NPX!

## Quick Links

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## HEADMASTER CHAT

Join Ms. Jacobson and Ms. Lentz for a relaxed chat! Get answers, gain insights, and enjoy the conversation!

**Monday, February 12th**  
**5:00 pm**  
**at North Phoenix Prep**

## Headmaster Update

Ms. Lentz and Ms. Jacobson attended the Great Hearts Career Fair last weekend and met multiple candidates who are interested in teaching next year. The search for the next Middle School Dean is closing, and we look forward to announcing that decision soon.

Lastly, please join Ms. Lentz and Ms. Jacobson for the Headmaster Chat this evening, 2/12, at 5:00 in the library for a time of conversation and an opportunity to ask questions about the transition. All grade levels are welcome!



## 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**



## Attention 8th Grade Families

The time has come to share your preference for the language track you wish to take as a high school student. Kindly [complete this form](#) to rank your language choices for the 24.25 school year. **Should you not intend to stay for high school, you may also indicate that via this form.** Please complete the survey this week.

[NPX High School Preview Night Parent Resources](#)

[Rising 9<sup>th</sup> Graders Language Choices Survey](#)

## Attention 9th Graders

*9<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Grand Canyon University (GCU)  
Friday, February 16*

Freshmen will attend a group visit to Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, AZ! Explore GCU's campus and participate in an interactive "Find Your Career" activity to help prepare for future career conversations. Check-in at 8 AM; lunch will be provided. To confirm their seat, please sign the NPX and GCU permission slips in our [Payment Portal](#).





## College Counseling

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

### *Seniors*

The 2024–2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form is now available. We encourage all seniors and Contributors to create their own [FSA ID account](#) (this is simply a login for FAFSA) as soon as possible. We advise seniors to continue the hunt for scholarships with gusto! Here's another [search tool](#) based on criteria like academic interest, hobbies, religion, and more.

**Thursday, February 15 at 6 PM [Zoom Link](#)** – Attend a Zoom workshop to learn about the updated FAFSA and financial aid from Steven Tokos, our ASU Admissions Representative.

### *Juniors*

We encourage juniors to add 12-20 colleges to their “I’m Thinking About Colleges” list in Naviance. They’ll whittle this list down over time – through research. [This spreadsheet](#) will help them stay organized as you explore your best fit college. Consider using [this spreadsheet](#) to research scholarship opportunities now that they plan to apply for during senior year.

### *Freshmen*

On Friday, our freshmen received a printed copy of their high school transcript and learned how the [Arizona Board of Regents \(ABOR\) GPA](#) is recalculated for admission and scholarship to Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona. Encourage your student to continue to update their [4 A's worksheet](#) to document their academics, activities, accomplishments and awards.

### *All High School Grades*

We strongly recommend that students engage in [enrichment opportunities](#) this summer to test out the waters related to their academic interests and college search.

**ASU Open Door** – ASU is inviting the Arizona community to explore the four campuses and the spaces accessible only to ASU students — laboratories, living collections, museums and classrooms — in person, and discover everything it has to offer — science, the arts, humanities, sustainability and more.

[Register now!](#)

**CLT Partner Colleges 2024 Summer Programs – Classic Learning Test Partner Colleges** offer a variety of [summer programs](#) through which high school students can experience life on campus, explore possible career interests, and delve into avenues of study. Some programs even offer college credit.

# A GLADIATOR IN NEED! Help our alumni **Thomas Koska** to beat Leukemia



# GO JEEPI!



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**COTA CHILDRENS ORGAN  
TRANSPLANT ASSOCIATION INC**

**25%**  
**OF SALES  
WILL BE  
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**February 13, 2024  
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm MST  
4512 E Cactus Rd, Phoenix, AZ**

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# 6th Grade Field Trip

# Pima Air & Space Museum

## Thursday, February 22nd



**Attire:** Uniform polo, jeans with no holes or uniform bottom, comfortable walking shoes, sack lunch, water, sunscreen, hat

Register online using the NPX Parent Payment Portal

Questions to Mr. Sokolis at: [gsokolis@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:gsokolis@northphoenixprep.org)



## Lunch & Learn Career Talks

*NPX Welcomes Career Professionals to Campus in February*

College Counseling is pleased to host our first **Lunch and Learn Career Talks on February 26, 27 and March 1** during lunch in the Library.

Students will have the opportunity to meet and talk to professionals about their career path and current job. Presently, we have representatives from the fields of engineering, cyber security, automotive, finance, business, marketing, firefighting, culinary, medicine, law enforcement and higher education. This is your student's chance to explore careers and practice communicating with adults in a professional setting. Please encourage them to attend! If you are interested in sharing about your career at this event or in the future, please contact Ms. Tissot at [mtissot@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:mtissot@northphoenixprep.org).

## 10th Grade Field Trip

Our sophomores enjoyed a great field trip to the University of Arizona last week! The Arizona Road Trip workshop inventoried their values, ideal environment, skills and interests to reveal possible majors and careers. Consider [scheduling a campus tour](#) next time your family is in the Tucson area.







NPX MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS  
**THE SOCIAL.**

**DJ AND FOOD  
BASKETBALL, CHESS, &  
VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS**

**MARCH 2, 2024**

**5:30PM -8PM**

**SAVE THE DATE!  
MORE DETAILS SOON!**

**\$10 PREPAID ONLINE  
\$20\* AT THE DOOR**

***\*PSO IS ENCOURAGING ADVANCED TICKET SALES TO ENSURE WE HAVE ENOUGH PIZZA***

***PANTHEON & PSO HOSTED MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENT***

This social is open to all currently enrolled North Phoenix Prep. middle school students.

## Great Hearts Gala Committee

Great Hearts is seeking families to represent our academy on the 2024 Great Hearts Gala Committee. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please contact Keara Katayama at [keara.katayama@greathearts.org](mailto:keara.katayama@greathearts.org). Please view the [Gala Committee Invitation Details](#) for more information.

## Academy Giving

### Take the Dollar -for- Dollar Credit with NPX!

It's Tax Season! Don't forget to make your tax credit to our amazing academy before you file. You can complete your tax credit online [at this link](#) right before you file, using the emailed receipt to complete Form 322.

Deadline to give is April 15<sup>th</sup> and before you file!

\*If you have already taken the Credit, thank you!- Share this opportunity with friends and family to help our school- It's a WIN WIN!



**SCAN ME**

**Community Investment =**

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

*Thank you for  
making our  
Athletics and  
Enrichment  
Programs possible!*

**Every Family!  
Every Gift Counts!**



**SCAN ME**

**AZ Public School Tax Credit=**

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



Bounce Houses

Lemonade

Food trucks

Pizza

Glow sticks

Dunk Tank

Mechanical bull

Lip sync battle

Nerf battle

Face painting

Vendors

Family fun

Picnic

**FAMILY SPRING CELEBRATION**

**NPX**

**SATURDAY  
APRIL 13TH**



**5:00 - 8:00 PM**



## 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 outerwear 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](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.*

