# GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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#### **Upcoming Events**

2/5-2/9 - Candy Gram Sales

2/6 - 10th Grade Field Trip

2/16 - 9th Grade Field Trip

2/19 - No School

2/22 - 6th Grade Field Trip

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

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# A Message from the Deans

As we enter second semester, we are seeing a number of students out of dress code on a daily basis. Dress code is being enforced by all teachers, and we ask for your partnership in checking that your student is in compliance before they arrive at school to ensure that they do not receive a detention. As a reminder, permitted outerwear is only the NPX Gladiator sweatshirt, and sports sweatshirts may be worn only on Fridays along with other spirit wear. Other hoodies are not allowed.

We are also seeing an increase in the number of students bringing food and drinks into the classrooms, and chewing gum on campus. Please encourage your student to refrain from these behaviors, as they are affecting the cleanliness of our spaces and will result in detentions.

If you have any questions regarding these policies, please refer to the <u>Family Handbook</u> or reach out to the Deans.

Thank you, Erin Lentz, Dean of Middle School Michelle Jensen, Dean of High School



#### **Academy Giving**

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





# Thinking Ahead ~ 24.25 School Year

#### Attention Rising 9th Graders

Thank you to those that attended our High School Preview Night last week. For those that were unable to attend, <u>here is a folder</u> that contains all documents and presentations that were shared.

In addition, 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 by Friday, February 9th.

NPX High School Preview Night Parent Resources

Rising 9th Graders Language Choices Survey

#### Attention Rising 12th Graders

Please complete this survey to indicate your preference for your

Senior year course of study. Due date: Friday, 2/9.

Senior Year Course of Study Options

#### Attention All Students

Re-Enrollment for the 24.25 school year will begin March 4th.



# **Upcoming Field Trips**

10th Grade Field Trip

Tuesday, February 6

University of Arizona (UA)

Sophomores, pack your bags for the University of Arizona's Road Trip day event in Tucson, AZ! Students will learn about the college-going journey and explore how to pick a major that aligns with their goals. Check-in at 7 AM; lunch will be provided.

9th Grade Field Trip

Friday, February 16

Grand Canyon University (GCU)

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 <u>Payment Portal</u> by Monday, February 5.

#### 6th Grade Field Trip

Save the date for your trip to the **Pima Air and Space Museum in Tucson on Thursday, February** 22.

#### **Gladiator Athletics**

Registration is now open for the following spring sports teams:

Middle School Boys and Girls Track & Field High School Boys and Girls Track & Field

Boys and Girls Basketball Boys and Girls Tennis

For more details, go to our <u>ATHLETICS WEBSITE</u> - <a href="https://greatheartsnorthphoenixathletics.org/">https://greatheartsnorthphoenixathletics.org/</a>

All participants must be fully registered to participate including a physical. We highly recommend you get the physical completed at your earliest convenience. Here is a link to **the only form that will be accepted** as proof of a completed physical: https://aiaonline.org/files/16936/forms-157-a-d.pdf

For more info please email our Athletic Director, Joe Page, at jpage@northphoenixprep.org

2024 North Phoenix Prep Spring High School Teams Information

2024 North Phoenix Prep Spring Middle School Teams Information



# Sale from February 5th-9th

Candy Grams include a pretzel stick dipped in chocolate and a chocolate chip cookie!







#### 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 <u>FSA ID account</u> (this is simply a login for FAFSA) as soon as possible. **Save the date Thursday, February 15 at 6 PM for a Zoom workshop** to learn about the updated FAFSA and financial aid from Steven Tokos, our ASU Admissions Representative. Beginning February 6, Paradise Valley Community College will be hosting <u>FAFSA Completion Sessions</u> in their Computer Commons.

We advise seniors to continue the hunt for scholarships with gusto! Here's another <u>search tool</u> based on criteria like academic interest, hobbies, religion, and more.

#### 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. <u>This spreadsheet</u> will help them stay organized as you explore your best fit college. Consider using <u>this spreadsheet</u> to research scholarship opportunities now that they plan to apply for during senior year.

#### All High School Grades

We strongly recommend that students engage in <u>enrichment opportunities</u> 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 <u>summer programs</u> 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.

# **Financial Literacy ECNA**

Our Financial Literacy ECNA is now registering students. This exciting after school course is open to both middle school and high school students. Gaining a healthy understanding of money and personal finance while you're still in high school creates a powerful edge in the real world and provides command and confidence over your own money decisions. This high-energy, interactive personal finance workshop series prepares students with life skills by revealing the common sense concepts, pitfalls, and habits needed to thrive in an anxious economy. You'll learn real-world personal finance principles like how to budget, save, avoid debt, and invest. Help future "you" eliminate stress and worry around money - don't miss out on the Foundations in Personal Finance weekly workshop!

Sign up now using the NPX Parent Payment Portal. Space is limited!

Meets: Thursday 3:45-5:15 pm in room 514

Cost: \$100 LINK HERE

Teacher: Mr. Fulton (Certified Financial Planner)



#### **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 <a href="mailto:keara.katayama@greathearts.org">keara.katayama@greathearts.org</a>. Please view the <a href="mailto:Gala Committee Invitation Details">Gala Committee Invitation Details</a> 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 <u>at this link</u> right before you file, using the emailed receipt to complete Form 322.

Deadline to give is April 15th 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!



Thank you for making our
Athletics and
Enrichment
Programs possible!

Every Family! Every Gift Counts!







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.

**Bounce Houses** 

Lemonade

Food trucks

Pizza

**Glow sticks** 

**Dunk Tank** 

Mechanical bull

Lip sync battle

Nerf battle

Face painting

**Vendors** 

Family fun

Picnic

NPK

SATURDAY APRIL 13TH



5:00 - 8:00 PM

#### **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: 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.

