

GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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Upcoming Events

3/18 - Quarter 4 Begins

3/20 - Barro's Dine Out

3/24 - Parent Portal Closes

3/25 - Headmaster Chat
- Athletics Signing

3/29 - No School - R&R

4/13 - Spring Celebration

4/15 - Tax Day - Take the
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From the Headmaster's Desk

Welcome back, Gladiators! I am excited to be back at school with you all. I hope you enjoyed a restful Spring Break and are returning with renewed energy for the weeks ahead.

This time of year is always invigorating, with the beautiful weather and anticipation of all that the fourth quarter holds. The pace of this quarter is such that there is a rare week that is not punctuated with an event or celebration. From field day to spring concerts, to prom and college decisions, we have much to look forward to. These events can be filled with many emotions for students and parents alike, and it is not uncommon to feel both excitement and sadness at the approach of each. Still, we know that these milestones signify the achievements of a year of effort and growth, and that they are worthy markers of our students' academic journeys.

In the weeks ahead, I encourage you to remain present and engaged throughout these events, and in various opportunities on campus and within the community. Parents, we hope you will join us for the first Headmaster Chat of the quarter on March 25 at 8:30am. As questions arise, I invite you to reach out to me. I look forward to connecting with you, and to continuing to serve our school together.

With gratitude,
Ms. Lentz

3rd Quarter Grades

The parent portal closes on March 24, 2024. Please make sure to review your scholar's 3rd Quarter Report Card. Students who have decreased or increased by 10 percentage points or more from first semester to third quarter have receive a full narrative.

Academic Dates

March 17th - Quarter 3 reports cards will be emailed, Parent Portal opens

March 24th - Parent Portal will close

April 5th - 1st Missing Assignment Report for Q4

April 5th - 1st Mid-Quarter Progress Report

April 26th - 2nd Mid-Quarter Progress Report

May 17th - Final Missing Assignment Report



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



Re-Enrollment

It's time to re-enroll your current North Phoenix Prep student(s) for the 24-25 school year! The parent portal is now open for re-enrollment. Please be sure to update your information and include a new proof of residence. Contact our registrar, Moriah Hilley at mhilley@northphoenixprep.org if you have any questions.

[Re-Enrollment Portal](#)

RE-ENROLLMENT

2024-2025



Re-Enroll Today!






Testing Dates

- March 25th - 8th Grade AzSCI testing
- March 26th - 11th Grade AzSCI testing
- March 28th - AzSCI make up testing
- April 1st - 6th-8th Grade AASA writing testing
- April 1st - 9th Grade Aspire testing
- April 2nd - 6th-8th Grade AASA ELA/Math testing
- April 2nd - 9th Grade Aspire testing
- April 2nd - 10th Grade Pre-ACT testing
- April 4th - 6th-8th Grade AASA ELA/Math testing
- April 5th/8th - AASA Make Up testing
- April 9th - 11th Grade ACT testing

Congratulations Sidney!

NPX Senior Sidney Hahn has earned her position in the Leadership Scholarship Program at ASU. This scholarship application took months for Sidney to prepare and was followed by a 2-hour interview process after the first round. It is the biggest New American University Scholarship that is granted. Sidney and her incredible cohort of leaders plan to make a difference in the community and represent ASU in an amazing way. Congratulations Sidney on this huge achievement!

Hello!! It is Sidney Hahn and I am so honored to be a member of the LSP '24 cohort. I am so excited to see the opportunities that are ahead! Thank you to my family and 12 years at Great Hearts for helping me grow into who I am. Once a Gladiator always a Gladiator but... FORKS UP!

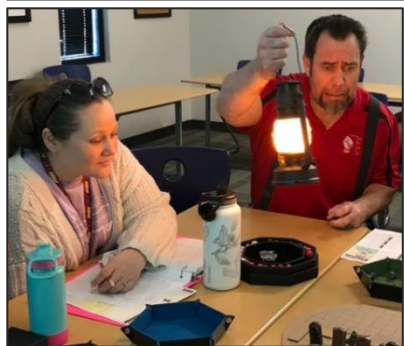


Dungeons and Dragons ECNA

Students and teachers enjoy their weekly time playing Dungeons and Dragons. They recently painted miniature characters with Mr. Babbitt. Thank you Mr. Pagani for leading this great ECNA!



Mr. Babbitt holds a miniatures painting session.



If Mr. Aquila looks worried, it is because his party is in flight with two of the characters near death, one, who was bitten by a poisonous giant centipede. Whether or not the pursuing mummified coffer corpse captures them remains to be seen.

With better luck, we hope, Dr. Mann's party continues to delve into their dark dungeons in search of honor, gold, and glory; survival, however, is on the line.



College Counseling

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

Seniors

Students are encouraged to submit their 2024-2025 [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA) as **soon as possible**. Please ensure that you click the APPROVE button to provide *Consent and Approval To Retrieve and Disclose Federal Tax Information*. Reference [College Ready AZ](#) to schedule an appointment for application assistance from ASU, NAU, UA or the Arizona Board of Regents.

If your senior plans to attend an in-state university next fall, remind them to attend “next steps” workshops for admitted students.

Tuesday, March 19 at Lyceum: Arizona State University

Wednesday, March 20 at Lyceum: Northern Arizona University

Did you know that the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation (MCCF) offers hundreds of scholarships for all ten Maricopa Community Colleges? Students can apply to hundreds of available scholarships using [one easy application](#) by April 30.

Juniors

Practice ACT Test – Wednesday, March 20 & Wednesday, April 3 at 1:30 PM in Room 515. Juniors may sign up to take a full-length practice ACT test in preparation for on campus ACT testing Tuesday, April 9. Access the [Preparing for the ACT Test Guide](#) for a full-length practice test, information about the multiple-choice and writing sections, and test-taking strategies.

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.

Now through summer is a great time to tour college campuses! Encourage your student to complete a [Campus Visit Score Card](#) (includes a list of questions) after each tour to capture your family’s experience and impressions.

Arizona State University | [Schedule a Tour](#)

Tour groups will receive an in-person information session, followed by a walking tour of campus. [Sun Devil Day](#) is a full-day event designed for you to tour campus, learn about classes and majors, and discover what it’s like to be a Sun Devil.

Northern Arizona University | [Schedule a Tour](#)

Attend a presentation about living and learning at NAU, take a tour of our beautiful campus, and get all your questions answered about life as a Lumberjack. [Discover NAU](#) offers full-day events that provide an in-depth dive into life as a Lumberjack, academic discovery, discussion sessions, complimentary lunch, and more!

University of Arizona | [Schedule a Tour](#)

Get the inside scoop about attending Arizona with a walking tour led by a Campus Ambassador. [Wildcat Snapshot](#) events are an immersive half-day event to learn more about Arizona’s academics, financial aid, student services, housing, and more!

Great Hearts Day at Grand Canyon University | [RSVP Today](#)

Wednesday, March 27 at 3:30 PM, GCU Campus. This informative event will allow your family to tour our campus including our engineering labs, learn more about the college admissions process and our Honors College and hear from Great Hearts alumni and families about their GCU experience!

Academy Giving

NPX Family Tax Credit Contest 2024- Help us reach our Tax Credit Goal!



Share this with all your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers that you know pay AZ State Taxes!!

***The grade level with the highest percent of participation in Tax Credits Received by April 15th - Will Earn A FREE Dress Day!**
(school dress guidelines will apply, more details to come.)

Questions: Contact Jackie Curtis, Family Giving Officer jcurtis@northphoenixprep.org

At NO Cost To You...

Support our School's Athletics & Enrichment Programs!

Scan the QR code to make your contribution today (be sure to fill in student referral)

OR visit northphoenixprep.org/support to learn more about our Tax Credit Drive

#ItsA WIN-WIN #DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR

#AZPUBLICSCHOOLTAXCREDIT #FREEMONEYFOROURSCHOOL



Did you know that you can double, or even triple your Community Investment and Tax Credit donations to North Phoenix Prep?

Many companies will match their employees' donations to our school through their Corporate Gift Matching Programs, and that is an easy way to increase the impact of your donations!

[Search our directory](#) to see if your company is listed. If they are not there, please take the extra step to inquire with your Human Resources department to find out if your company offers a matching gifts program. Thank you and shout out to all the families that already have taken advantage of this opportunity to support our school.

The first step? Making your Community Investment or Tax Credit gift!

[Give to NPX Community Investment](#) | [Contribute your Tax Credit to NPX](#)

Please contact Ms. Curtis, Family Giving Officer at (602) 404-7414 with any questions. Thank you!

Report Cards and Mid-Quarter Progress Reports

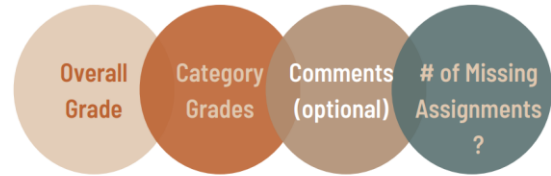
Grades, Evaluations, and Midquarter Progress Reports

Philosophy of Grading

Teachers at the Academy do not merely crunch numbers to determine grades. It is true that there can be tests, etc., where there are clear right and wrong answers that can be tallied in an unambiguous and indisputable fashion. Which grade to assign to such results is still, however, a judgment of the teacher and takes into consideration such things as the goals of the course, the way in which the material has been taught, the right expectations from this class, etc. Teachers also consider the student's sense of wonder, depth of inquiry, specific areas of mastery and needs for improvement, and attitudes toward learning and towards others.

Quarter 1	Quarter 2/Semester 1
Week 3- MQPR Week 6- MQPR Week 9- Evaluation with comment bank (made by NPX) Oct Conferences	Week 3- MQPR Week 6- MQPR Week 9 - Evaluation with teacher written narrative
Quarter 3	Quarter 4/Semester 2
Week 3- MQPR Week 6- MQPR Week 9- Evaluation with teacher written narrative for students whose grade has increased or decreased by one letter grade or more AND any students with an F Jan Conferences	Week 3- MQPR Week 6- MQPR Week 9- Evaluation w/ grades only, no narratives or comment banks* *Semester courses must write a narrative

What is included in the MQPR?



FAQ

Q: Will the evaluation include everything that the MQPR includes?

A: Yes

Q: If a student asks me what their grade is, how should I respond?

A: We believe that learning and habits are more important than grades, however, students and parents are entitled to know where they stand. If a student is hyper-focused on grades we want to have a conversation and help them understand our philosophy. If a student wants to see all of their grades, they should be directed to Ms. Jensen. A teacher should never show a student their grade in another teacher's class.

Q: What about Advanced Notices?

A: The MQPR takes the place of Advanced Notices. This means you no longer have to write them each quarter, however you may still include comments at your discretion to contextualize a student's grade.

Q: How does the Q1 and Q3 comment bank work?

A: There will be "district comments" in powerschool that you may select for each student. Categories will include behavior, participation, study habits, etc. Essentially, those things that we would typically comment on in an evaluation. These comments, paired with the category totals, will give parents an accurate view of how their student is doing before conferences.

Save the Date

FAMILY SPRING CELEBRATION

NPX

SATURDAY
APRIL 13TH

5:00 - 8:00 PM

Bounce Houses

Lemonade

Food trucks

Pizza

Glow sticks

Dunk Tank

Mechanical bull

Lip sync battle

Nerf battle

Face painting

Vendors

Family fun

Picnic

FRESHMAN RETREAT

AT FRIENDLY PINES (CAMPWAY)
IN BEAUTIFUL PRESCOTT
2024 - 2025
08/28 - 08/30

SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT YEAR'S 9TH GRADE RETREAT. EXPECT SOME FUN WITH A ROPES COURSE, ROCK WALL, CANOEING, GAGA BALL, VOLLEYBALL, TEAM BUILDING, BASEKETBALL, TIE-DYE, ARCHERTY CAMPFIRE . GREAT FOOD AND MORE!

PLAN TO PAY EARLY AND SAVE

\$240 JULY 1 - JULY 22
 \$265 JULY 22 - AUGUST 5
 \$275 AUGUST 5 - AUGUST 20

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.*