

GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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Upcoming Events

3/25 - Senior Thesis
Defenses Begin

3/28 - Archery Exhibition

3/29 - No School - R&R

4/1 - Re-Enrollment Closes

4/9 - ACT Testing

4/13 - Spring Celebration

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

4/19 - Drama Performance

4/20 - Drama Performance

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From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear Gladiator Families,

Last week I had the opportunity to attend the National Symposium for Classical Education, sponsored by Great Hearts. Over 700 attendees from around the world gathered in Phoenix to learn from and be inspired by each other in classical liberal arts education. Throughout the conference, the resounding message was that ours is the work of growth, with the goal of freedom and flourishing for all students as they pursue the good life.

This week we begin state testing, and while standardized testing in practice is quite different than what we do in our classrooms, the emphasis on growth is the same. These tests are one metric by which our students get to demonstrate their growth, and they provide us an opportunity to celebrate their hard work. The valuable data generated in this process help us assess student skill levels and identify and address gaps. Students have been preparing for these tests with targeted reviews aligned with state standards, and by practicing test taking strategies. As you talk about these important tests at home, please encourage your students to demonstrate their Gladiator spirit and take pride in doing their best work - we are confident that they will!

Have a wonderful week,
Ms. Lentz

Academic Reports

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

Re-Enrollment ENDS APRIL 1, 2024

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](#)



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.

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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

Cabinet of Curiosities

If you are the creative type and enjoy designing and making crafts, see Mr. Crowley to sign up for a table to sell your pieces at the Cabinet of Curiosities. You'll need to provide your name and the item you plan to sell.

Deadline to sign up is Monday, April 8th. There are only ten tables available, so don't wait! Use your imagination and happy crafting!

Save the Date

The second semester Cabinet of Curiosities is Wednesday, May 1. In addition to craft tables, there will be student performances, art and food.

Senior Thesis Defenses Begin Today

Senior Thesis Defenses begin today and continue through April 26. The Senior Thesis is a culminating project for Academy students aimed at exploring one of the "Six Great Ideas" of humanity - Truth, Beauty, Goodness, Justice, Liberty, and Equality. Seniors are asked to logically develop and assertively present their own philosophy on a topic of personal interest derived from their chosen texts. The thesis culminates with the senior defending his or her final draft in front of a committee of three faculty members. Thesis Defenses are open to the public, please check in through the front office by 3:40pm if you are interested in attending.

Thesis Defenses Schedule - Weeks 1 and 2

Date	Student	Room #	Advisor/Chair	Books
25-Mar	Hahn	208	Jacobson	<i>The Crucible; The Scarlet Letter</i>
25-Mar	Duryea	209	Schripsema	(Melville) <i>Moby Dick</i> , <i>Job</i>
26-Mar	Camacho	208	Pagnone	1984- <i>The Republic</i>
26-Mar	Fulton, K	209	Mann	<i>Wilhelm Meister</i> and <i>the Republic</i>
28-Mar	Pearson	208	Avery	<i>Henry IV</i> and <i>the Ethics</i>
1-Apr	Johnson	208	Stone	<i>Tale of Two Cities</i> , <i>The Judgement</i> , <i>Lord of the Flies</i>
1-Apr	Munro	209	Lentz	<i>The Count of Monte Cristo</i> ; <i>The Republic</i>
2-Apr	Osborne	208	Bain	<i>1984</i> ; <i>Fahrenheit 451</i>
4-Apr	Waters	208	Mann	<i>Brave New World</i> ; <i>Augustine's On Free Will</i> ; <i>the Nicomachean Ethics</i> ; <i>Nowell-Smith's essay on free will</i>
4-Apr	Del Duca	209	Fulton	<i>The Little Prince</i> , <i>C.S. Lewis The Four Loves</i> , and <i>My Antonia</i> - Friendship
5-Apr	Parvathareddy	208	Bahbah	<i>Man's Search for Meaning</i> by Viktor Frankl and <i>the Old Testament</i>



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. Paradise Valley Community College (PVCC) is offering in-person [FAFSA workshops](#) to families.

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, 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

Great Hearts Day at Grand Canyon University – Wednesday, March 27 at 3:30 PM, GCU Campus. This informative event will allow your family to tour campus including engineering labs, learn more about the college admissions process and the Honors College, and hear from Great Hearts alumni and families about their GCU experience. [RSVP today!](#)

Geeks Night Out – Wednesday, March 27 from 4:30 – 7:30 PM, Tempe Community Complex. Merging fun and education, [Geeks Night Out](#) showcases everything from robotics and coding exercises to forensic crime scenes and art displays. Check out more than 60 interactive booths, exhibits and science experiments that blend science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM).

Over the course of the last three years, [College Tour](#) has interviewed over 75 College and University Presidents across the nation. Check out [Coffee with the President](#) videos and get an authentic look at how these Presidents are preparing the next generation of leaders for the ever-changing world we live in.

We strongly recommend that students engage in [enrichment opportunities](#) this summer to test out the waters related to their academic interests and college search. Featured program: The Musical Instrument Museum (MIM) is currently seeking [student volunteers](#)! Volunteers will develop professional skills within a museum setting and join a growing community of individuals who appreciate music, education, museums, and the arts.



Academic Giving

Family Giving Officer: Jackie Curtis 602-404-7414 | jcurtis@northphoenixprep.org

Community Investment at Work



Mr. Black and the Senior Class of 2024, 2nd Semester Art, discovered Sargent's enchanting masterpiece, "Carnation, Lily, Lily, Rose" painted in 1885-1886.

The class beautifully recreated this masterpiece using chalk pastels on gray pastel paper by individually working on one portion and then combining efforts to form the final work of art.

Thank you for your donations to Community Investment!

Because of your support, we are able to offer our Classical Fine Arts Program.

We are currently 97% to goal with time left to support this year's operating budget.



Help us reach our Community Investment goal. Be entered to WIN Reserved Seating at the Spring Music Concerts! Families that have made a gift by May 10 will be entered to WIN. Watch for more details.

[Make your Community Investment here!](#)

Tax Credit Contest -2023 Tax Filing

The grade level with the highest percent of participation and tax credits given FREE dress day! Tax credits must be received by April 15, 2024.

ANYONE that pays Arizona state taxes can utilize this credit. Moneys raised are used for athletics, field trips, enrichment offerings, and student leadership programs. Share this with your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers.

[Contribute here TODAY!](#)

At NO cost to you . . . support athletics and enrichment programs like field trips and student leadership. A tax credit is a dollar-for-dollar amount taxpayers claim on their tax return to reduce the income tax they owe (irs.gov).

#FREEMONEYFOROURSCHOOL #DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR
#ItsAWIN-WIN #AZPUBLICSCHOOLTAXCREDIT



Which grade level will win a free dress day?

Corporate Gift Matching Program

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 to all the families that already have taken advantage of this opportunity to support our school.

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

This Week

NORTH PHOENIX PREPARATORY ARCHERY 2024


EXHIBITION AND COMPETITION



Start time: 4:00
Date: March 28th
Location: Prep Field


PARENTS AND FRIENDS WELCOME
BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS

RE-ENROLLMENT
 2024-2025



Re-enrollment closes
Monday, APRIL 1

[Re-Enrollment Portal](#)




Save the Date

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

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, BASKETBALL, TIE-DYE, ARCHERY, CAMPFIRES, 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.*