

GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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Upcoming Events

3/4 - Re-Enrollment Begins
Headmaster Chat

3/5 - Last Day for Survey

3/6 - Science Fair

3/8 - Cozy for a Cause
Last Day of 3rd Quarter

3/11 - 3/15 - Spring Break

3/18 - PSO Meeting

3/20 - Barro's Dine Out

3/29 - No School - R&R

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

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Attention Gladiator Families

The family survey closes March 5. Your input is important to us and we look forward to hearing from you! Access the survey by clicking the link [Great Hearts 2024 Family Survey](#) or via the QR code.



Headmaster Chat - March 4 at 5pm

Meet our new middle school deans at the next Headmaster Chat in the NPX library at 5:00pm Monday, March 4, 2024

		
Headmaster Ms. Lentz	MS Dean Mr. Sokolis	MS Dean Ms. Faust

Farewell to Ms. Jacobson

The end of this quarter is bittersweet, as we say goodbye to Ms. Jacobson as our Headmaster. Ms. Jacobson's intentional leadership impacted every part of our school. From academics to athletics, parent partnerships to student leadership, our school is more united and our culture is stronger than ever as a result of her wisdom and her commitment to the mission.

Thank you, Ms. Jacobson, for all the ways you have served and built the community of NPX. We are cheering you on as you move in to your new role with Great Hearts, and we know you will always be a Gladiator at heart!



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 will be active for re-enrollment beginning March 4th. 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.

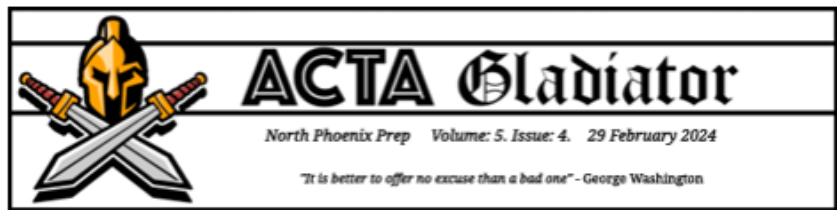
[Re-Enrollment Portal](#)



ACTA Gladiator

Linked below is a copy of our monthly edition of the ACTA Gladiator, our student-led and student-run Newspaper here on campus. Our editions sometimes include short stories, recipes, sports reporting, hand-drawn comics, historical reporting, coverage of school events, and more. We hope you enjoy the content we have put together for you. If you are interested in the activities of our ECNA, please feel free to reach out to Mr. Fleming at RFleming@northphoenixprep.org.

[ACTA Gladiator](#)



STEM

A round of applause for Dr. Bahbah and her remarkable STEM students! Engaged in a dynamic blend of learning and enjoyment, Dr. Bahbah's extracurricular students are actively honing their engineering and science acumen. Recently, they delved into the exciting world of homemade pneumatic cars, ingeniously employing balloons and Gatorade bottles. Overcoming various challenges, they refined their designs through multiple trials, ultimately achieving the desired outcome of smooth and straight runs. Kudos to the students for their outstanding efforts, and heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Bahbah for her exemplary guidance and leadership throughout this inspiring journey!





College Counseling

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

Seniors

We encourage all families to complete the **2024–2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**, regardless of income level. Please include all colleges your student may be considering and ensure that you click the APPROVE button to provide *Consent and Approval To Retrieve and Disclose Federal Tax Information*. [Access a recording](#) of the recent Great Hearts' Financial Aid Night or simply reference the [presentation slides](#). Please note that you will need to enter student contact information to access the recording.

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

Friday, March 8 at Lyceum: University of Arizona

Tuesday, March 19 at Lyceum: Arizona State University

Wednesday, March 20 at Lyceum: Northern Arizona University

Juniors

Junior Parent College Night – Monday, March 4 at 6 – 6:30 PM [Zoom](#) (passcode: NPXPREP). Learn more about the college application timeline and financial aid resources. *While designed for junior parents, this presentation is open to all NPX high school parents.*

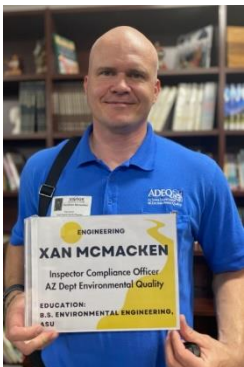
Watch your email on Tuesday, March 5 for opportunities to tour Barrett Honors College at Arizona State University, Arizona Christian University and Grand Canyon University.

In preparation for college applications next fall, we’ve encouraged juniors to ask two faculty to serve as recommenders by spring break. Help your junior brainstorm responses to their [Student Brag Sheet](#), a self-assessment tool to be shared with recommenders. The Student Brag Sheet is available as a survey in Naviance, our college planning portal.

The [Achievement Tutoring Program](#) offers up to 24 hours of FREE ACT Test Prep for Arizona students. Computer-based, private tutoring sessions are held for up to 60 minutes, for a maximum of four days per week, for a total of six weeks. Access the list of [Authorized ATP Tutoring Providers](#) contracted with the Arizona Department of Education. Session 3 begins on **Monday, March 4**. To sign up for the upcoming 6-week block of free tutoring, parents must register their student by Monday, March 18.

Practice ACT Test – Wednesday, March 20 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.

Lunch and Learn Career Talks – THANK YOU!



Thank you to the professionals who participated in our inaugural Lunch and Learn Career Talks and to our outstanding college counselors who coordinated the opportunity for our scholars. The event was a resounding success! With fantastic turnout and exceptional presenters, it was truly a remarkable event. We look forward to hosting more of these enlightening career talks in the future. Thank you all!



College Counseling Continued

All Grades

Spring break is a great time to tour college campuses! Reference this [campus visit score card and questionnaire](#) to help your student make the most of their experience.

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: Registration opened for ASU's [Digital Summer Institute](#), a series of 5-day, project-focused modules ranging from producing digital music to coding for games to 3D printing and projection mapping. The School of Arts, Media and Engineering annually hosts this summer program for students, ages 12 to 18.

Is your student interested in a future career in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math (STEM)? Attend an evening program on Wednesday, March 13 in Scottsdale to learn about the STEM opportunities available at the University of Arizona. [Register today!](#)

Earn College Credit while enrolled at Great Hearts Academies! [College-Level Examination Program \(CLEP\)](#) helps students receive college credit for what they already know, for a fraction of the cost of a college course. Upon successful completion of learning modules using [Modern States](#), students receive a voucher for a free CLEP test.

Parent Services Organization

A huge thank you to our Parent Service Organization! Last Friday, our incredible PSO showered our teachers with appreciation and goodies in honor of those with March birthdays. Your generosity and thoughtfulness are truly appreciated. Thank you, thank you!

The next PSO meeting is March 18. Please join us for bagels, an update from Ms. Hatch and volunteer opportunities.



PSO MEETING
and bagel breakfast

March 18, 2024, 8:30am
NPX Courtyard

Featuring Ms. Hatch
NPX School Counselor

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

#ItsAWIN-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!

Support the Class of '24

SUPPORT THE CLASS OF '24
HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR
THEIR SENIOR TRIP!

Cozy for a Cause

Friday, 3/8

Pay \$5.00 and wear NPX approved cozy wear to school instead of your uniform. All proceeds will go to the Senior Class.

Pajama wear acceptable. See dress code flyer for details.

Participation is optional. School uniforms are permitted and do not require a \$5.00 donation.

COZY FOR A CAUSE DRESS CODE

What to Wear

- Pajamas
- Flannels
- Onesies
- Sweatpants
- Athletic/Sneakers

Pajamas must be pant or capri length and be made of cotton or flannel. Tops must be modest and full coverage.

Shoes are to cover the entire foot - closed toe sneakers only.

Participation is optional!

Standard Uniform is permitted - but must wear the full uniform - including uniform shoes.

Not Permitted

- Jeans
- Short shorts
- Leggings
- Yoga pants
- Sleeveless shirts
- Midriff showing
- Hats
- Slippers
- Crocs
- Slides/Sandals
- Clothes with holes
- Tight clothing

Proceeds benefit the Class of 2024.

Questions? Ask the Deans!

Dress code strictly enforced. Alternative clothing should match or exceed the modesty standard of the regular dress code.

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

NPX

SATURDAY APRIL 13TH



5:00 - 8:00 PM

FAMILY SPRING CELEBRATION

Science Fair

SCIENCE FAIR

MARCH 6, 2024

NPX GYM

1:30 - 3:30PM



Note from our Director of Academic Success

Greetings Gladiator Parents!

I hope you are looking forward to Spring Break next week! Please see below for important dates and information. Please refer to the breakdown of how narrative evaluations will be written for students for Quarter 3. Not all students will receive a full narrative, only students who have decreased or increased by 10% points from Semester 1.

If you have any questions regarding the parent portal, please be sure to reach out to Angie Nelson for help.

Have a wonderful break and please reach out with any questions.

Ms. Jensen

Academic Dates

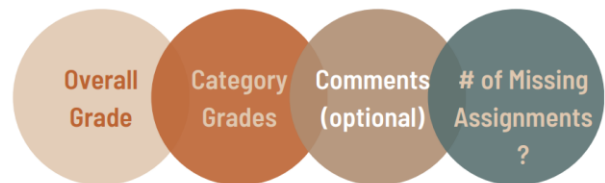
- March 17th- Quarter 3 reports cards will be emailed
- March 17th-Parent Portal will open
- April 5th-1st Missing Assignment Report for Q4
- April 5th-1st Mid-Quarter Progress Report
- April 26th-2nd Mid-Quarter Progress Report
- May 17th-Final Missing Assignment Report

Testing Dates

- March 24th-Parent Portal will close
- 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

Grades, Evaluations, and Midquarter Progress Reports

What is included in the MQPR?



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.

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.

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

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IS INVITED!

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CAMELBACK RANCH-GLENDALE SPRING TRAINING GAMES DURING THE WEEK OF YOUR MARCH 11 SPRING BREAK!

MON. MAR 11	WHITE SOX vs ROCKIES - 1:05PM
TUES. MAR 12	DODGERS vs GIANTS - 1:05PM
WED. MAR 13	DODGERS vs MARINERS - 1:05PM
THU. MAR 14	WHITE SOX vs ANGELS - 1:05PM

TICKET PRICES

BASELINE RESERVE OR TERRACE	\$11
LAWN SEAT	\$8



SCAN QR TO GET TICKETS!

1 CEREMONIAL FIRST PITCH

NOMINATE YOUR TEACHER, STUDENT, OR ADMINISTRATOR TO THROW OUT THE CEREMONIAL FIRST PITCH TO THE MARCH 13 - DODGERS VS MARINERS GAME AT WWW.MLB.COM/CAMELBACK-RANCH/TICKETS/PROMOTIONS-AND-SPECIALS/SPRING-BREAK-PROMOTION

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ACROSS ALL PARTICIPATING SCHOOL DISTRICTS, ONE (1) STUDENT AND ONE (1) TEACHER/ADMINISTRATOR DURING YOUR SPRING BREAK WEEK WILL BE CHOSEN

CONTEST: NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN. STARTS AT 10:00 A.M. MOUNTAIN TIME ("MT") ON DECEMBER 27, 2023 AND ENDS AT 10:00 A.M. MT ON FEBRUARY 23, 2024. OPEN TO LEGAL RESIDENTS OF ARIZONA WHO ARE 18+ AND WHO ARE PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIANS OR TEACHERS/ADMINISTRATORS OF A STUDENT AT SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN THE SPRING BREAK PROMOTION. NOMINATIONS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ANY STUDENT BETWEEN THE AGES OF FIVE (5) AND SEVENTEEN (17) YEARS OLD OR ANY TEACHER/ADMINISTRATOR OF AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT WHO IS EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AT THE TIME OF ENTRY. STUDENTS CAN ONLY BE NOMINATED BY A TEACHER OR ADMINISTRATOR WITH PRIOR APPROVAL FROM PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIANS. TRAVEL NOT INCLUDED. FOUR (4) PRIZES TO BE AWARDED. ONLINE ENTRY ONLY. LIMIT ONE (1) ENTRY PER PERSON/E-MAIL ADDRESS. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED. RESTRICTIONS APPLY; SEE OFFICIAL RULES AT CAMELBACKRANCHBASEBALL.COM/SPRINGBREAKPROMOCONTESTRULES. SPONSOR: CAMELBACK RANCH-GLENDALE.

UNIQUE PROMO CODE: 24GREAT

ENJOY YOUR SCHOOL'S UNIQUE PROMO CODE TO REDEEM UP TO FOUR (4) TICKETS PER PURCHASE

QUESTIONS?

623.302.5099

TICKETS@CAMELBACKRANCHBASEBALL.COM



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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 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](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.*