

# GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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## Upcoming Events

- 4/1 - Re-Enrollment Closes
- 4/9 - ACT Testing
- 4/13 - Spring Celebration
- 4/15 - Tax Day  
Take the Credit with NPX
- 4/19 - Jr. Drama Performance
- 4/20 - Jr. Drama Performance
- 4/26 - Honor Choir  
Performance
- 4/26 - Tax Credit Winners  
Free Dress Day

## Quick Links

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## Testing Dates

It is critical students arrive on time for testing having had a healthy breakfast and a snack for break. Late arrivals interrupt other school testing and may also cause further missed class time for make-up testing.

- April 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade AASA writing testing
- April 1<sup>st</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Aspire testing
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Aspire testing
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Pre-ACT testing
- April 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade AASA ELA/Math testing
- April 5<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> - AASA Make Up testing
- April 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> Grade ACT testing

## Re-Enrollment Ends TODAY

Today is the last day to re-enroll your student for the 24-25 school year. Please be sure to update your information and include a new proof of residence. Questions, contact our registrar, Moriah Hilley at [mhilley@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:mhilley@northphoenixprep.org).

[Re-Enrollment Portal](#)

## Academic Reports

- April 5<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Missing Assignment Report for Q4
- April 5<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Mid-Quarter Progress Report
- April 26<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Mid-Quarter Progress Report
- May 17<sup>th</sup> - Final Missing Assignment Report

## 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.



## 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 Newsletter](#)

[Contact PSO](#)



## Archery Contest Winners

Congratulations to our archery tournament winners and participants. Also, a special thank you to Mr. Aquila, Ms. Schripsema and Mr. Clark for their leadership.



1<sup>st</sup> Place: Connor Laswell – 139 pts  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Sowjanya Prasad – 134 pts  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Maiteh de Jesus-Acosta – 133 pts



Lamiya G L, Isabelle Cervantes,  
 Lennox Gill, Noah Suppanz

## Senior Thesis Defenses

Senior Thesis Defenses 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 concludes 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
1-Apr	Johnson	208	Stone	Tale of Two Cities, The Judgement, Lord of the Flies
1-Apr	Munro	209	Lentz	The Count of Monte Cristo; The Republic
2-Apr	Osborne	208	Bain	1984; Fahrenheit 451
4-Apr	Waters	208	Mann	Brave New World ; Augustine's On Free Will ; the Nicomachean Ethics ; Nowell-Smith's essay on free will
4-Apr	Del Duca	209	Fulton	The Little Prince , C.S. Lewis The Four Loves , and My Antonia - Friendship
5-Apr	Parvathareddy	208	Bahbah	Man's Search for Meaning by Viktor Frankl and the Old Testament
8-Apr	Gardiner	208	Black	Kafka's The Trial/Aristotle's Ethics
8-Apr	Pinkhasova	209	Márquez	Nicomachean Ethics; The Myth of Sisyphus
9-Apr	Ulrich	208	Avery	King Lear and the Republic : Christian versus Platonic justice
9-Apr	Treat	209	Nemes	Frankenstein and Genesis
11-Apr	Kloft	208	Poulson	1984 and A Tale of Two Cities
11-Apr	Miller	209	Jameson	The Path to Happiness in The Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens and Meditations by Marcus Aurelius
12-Apr	Samuel	208	Lovely	Pride and Prejudice, Nicomachean Ethics, Emma- Socioeconomic Adversities and the Good Life

## Employment Opportunity

Casas Bonitas is looking for a full-time day porter for a Laboratory Tech office. Candidate must be able to work from 6am – 2:30pm Monday through Friday, speak English, procure a Level 1 fingerprint card, and pass a drug test. If interested contact Natalie by phone at 602-320-3895 or email [natalie@casasbonitas-az.com](mailto:natalie@casasbonitas-az.com).



## College Counseling

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

Financial aid processing has started, which means your students should be receiving financial aid offers from colleges and universities soon. Check out Sallie Mae's [financial aid offers comparison worksheet](#) to help your family determine the total cost of attendance.

### 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.

Paper-based ACT Testing – Tuesday, April 9 in the Gym. We recommend that juniors visit [myact.org](http://myact.org) to create an account. They'll receive an email notification from ACT once scores are available. *It's important that students arrive to campus on time.* Those who are tardy will not be allowed to enter the testing room. Please encourage students to be well rested, eat a filling breakfast and bring the following:

- Sharpened No. 2 pencils with good erasers; no mechanical pencils or ink pens
- Snacks and drinks for test breaks
- [Approved calculator](#)
- Sweatshirt

### All High School Grades

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 [Semiconductor Experience](#) at ASU's West Valley campus exposes high school students to the exciting world of semiconductor design, fabrication, and applications. A week-long commuter program hosted in early June, the priority application deadline is Tuesday, April 16.



## Academic Giving

Family Giving Officer: Jackie Curtis 602-404-7414 | [jcurtis@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:jcurtis@northphoenixprep.org)

### Community Investment at Work



Mr. Black and the Senior Class of 2024, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 will earn a 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. We are 70% to our goal.

[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

**Snacks For Sale**



**Wednesdays**

- During Lyceum/Break -  
10:30 - 11:00am

cash only

**RE-ENROLLMENT**  
2024-2025



Re-enrollment closes  
**Monday, APRIL 1**

[Re-Enrollment Portal](#)



### Save the Date

Bounce Houses  
Lemonade  
Food trucks  
Raffle at Door  
Glow sticks  
Dunk Tank  
Mechanical bull  
Lip sync battle  
Cake Walk  
Nerf battle  
Vendors  
Family fun  
Picnic

**FAMILY SPRING CELEBRATION**

**NPX**

**SATURDAY  
APRIL 13TH**

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



**Tickets on sale NOW!**

\$10 in advance    \$15 at the door

[PURCHASE TICKETS](http://northphoenixprep.configio.com/) at northphoenixprep.configio.com/

**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.*