

# GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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## Upcoming Events

- 4/26 - Honor Choir Performance
- 4/27 - Prom
- 4/28 - Yearbook Deadline
- 4/29 - Spirit Week Begins  
- Rising Senior Night
- 5/1 - Cabinet of Curiosities
- 5/3 - Field Day, Half Day
- 5/5 - Blood Drive
- 5/6 - Teacher Appreciation  
Week Begins  
- PSO Meeting  
- Progress Reports Emailed
- 5/9 - Rise Up Day & Parent Night

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## From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear Gladiator Families,

This past Friday and Saturday, our courtyard was transformed into an outdoor Shakespearean theater for the Juniors' performance of *Henry V*. The performance was the joyful culmination of weeks of work on the part of our students under the creative leadership of Ms. Conner. Bravo!

Great Hearts is unique in integrating fine arts not as an elective, but as a requirement of our classical liberal arts curriculum. These courses challenge students as they discover and create beauty by studying great works and participating in bringing them to life. This week, you will receive an email from Superintendent Brandon Crowe, explaining several initiatives that Great Hearts will be implementing across the network over the next three to five years to attract and retain high school students. Great Hearts has been listening carefully to families around their expressed desires for their students' high school experience, balancing the hard work with the joy of learning. I look forward to continuing this conversation with you in the weeks to come.

In partnership,  
Ms. Lentz

## Yearbook Deadline

The deadline to buy yearbooks is fast approaching; if you don't purchase your yearbook before **April 28th**, your students will not get a copy for sharing and signing during the last week of school; TreeRing, our vendor, will send it to your home on a later date. Please note, we will NOT be selling yearbooks at school like in previous years.

## Yearbook Still Accepting Pictures

The yearbook team is still accepting pictures. If you have taken photos at school events, such as games, concerts, or socials, upload them to our TreeRing account at the provided link below.

Follow the link to purchase and/or upload pictures:

<https://www.treering.com/purchase?PassCode=1016597386001337>

*Thanks for your contribution to our extracurricular and our school.*



## 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](#)

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## Message from the Deans

There has been an increase in students bringing cologne or perfume to school and spraying it in the hallways. Many students and teachers have had severe adverse reactions to the fumes. As a courtesy to teachers and students who experience headaches and other negative symptoms from such products, please encourage your child to refrain from using cologne or perfume in the morning and keep these products at home.

## Senior Thesis Defenses

Senior Thesis Defenses continue through April 26. 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

22-Apr	Estrella	208	Crowley	"Paradise Lost" "Ethics" "Iliad"
22-Apr	Case	209	Shisler	Crime & Punishment, The Scarlet Letter, The Trial
23-Apr	Pike	208	Bain	1984; Republic : The Noble Lie
24-Apr	Holguin Marquez	208	Leyva	Utopia , Thomas More; 1984 , George Orwell; Freedoms in Tightly Controlled Societies
25-Apr	Bain	208	Pagani	Homer's Iliad and The Silmarillion, Tolkien
25-Apr	Arevalo	209	Aquila	Odyssey and Paradise Lost. Topic
26-Apr	Khare	208	Coffey	George Orwell, 1984; Thomas More, Utopia
26-Apr	Thompson	209	Fleming	Elie Wiesel - Night; Plato - Phaedo

## Summer School

The North Phoenix Prep Summer Academy is offering Credit Courses, Prep for Prep, Camp Gladiator and Enrichment Courses. Find the 2024 Summer School Brochure [here](#). To register, follow this link to the [Payment Portal](#).

Some classes will be taught fully or partially online. More information will come as the classes populate.

Courses are subject to cancellation for insufficient registrations. All cancellations will be determined and communicated by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

For further questions relating to Summer Academy courses or enrollment, please contact Ms. Jensen, Academic Dean and Summer School Coordinator at [mjensen@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:mjensen@northphoenixprep.org)

**SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE**  
 SAVE UP TO 15% OFF YOUR PURCHASE  
 ORDERS OVER \$200 15% OFF CODE: SAVEBIG  
 ALL OTHER ORDERS 10% OFF CODE: SAVE10  
 OFFER VALID 4-15-24 TO 5-12-24

**SHOP NOW**

Offer ends May 12th 11:59PM.  
 Cannot be combined with additional offers. Discount based on cart subtotal.



## College Counseling

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

### Seniors

Financial aid processing has started, which means your students should be receiving Financial Aid Award Letters 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.

**College Decision Day** – Wednesday, May 1. A momentous day for college-bound students, National College Decision Day\* is the typical deadline to confirm enrollment for the fall semester. Encourage your senior to wear a t-shirt representing their college of choice and decorate a college poster for our Decision Day photo. Parents are welcome to send in snacks for the celebration!

*\*Due to FAFSA delays this year, [some colleges and universities](#) have changed their enrollment deadlines and financial aid priority dates for students planning to enroll in the fall of 2024.*

### Juniors

**Rising Senior Night** – Monday, April 29 at 6 PM, Prep MPR. Join us for an information session designed to ensure success Senior year! Learn more about senior thesis and the college application timeline, hear from current seniors, and visit Senior Commons ([flyer](#)).

### Freshmen

Freshmen now have access to [Naviance Student](#), an online platform designed to personalize the college and career planning process. Ask your student about the career exploration workshop we hosted this week using self-discovery tools in Naviance. *Parent access available on request.*

### All High School Grades

Listen to the College Essay Guy's Podcast on [Rethinking the College Search](#). Episode #411 features a conversation about finding your why, what a liberal arts education really is and how to support your student's college search.

[CampusReel](#) brings colleges and universities to life with student-led video content. Spend a day in the life with current students while exploring the culture and community on a whole new level.

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: Northern Arizona University is hosting Engineering Exploration Day in mid-July, a free one-day program for juniors and seniors. [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 online learning modules through [Modern States](#), students receive a voucher for a free CLEP test.



# Academic Giving

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

## Community Investment Contest

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

### Contest Details

Help us reach our Community Investment goal and 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](#)



## 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.

## Tax Credit

Together we reached 100% of our budgeted goal and then some!! Thank you to our entire school community for supporting our Tax Credit Drive. Your Tax Credits allow us to have an Athletic program & Extracurricular programs for all to enjoy.

**Here are the final numbers for the grade level contest for a Free Dress Day.** It was a tight race all the way to the finish line.

In **3<sup>rd</sup> place** with 29% participation is Class of 2030 & Class of 2026

In **2<sup>nd</sup> place** with 30% participation is Class of 2029 & 2028



The grade with the highest level of participation and the **WINNER** for the Free Dress Day is . . . the Class of 2024 with 37% participation!!

**Congratulations to our seniors!** Information about your Free Dress Day will be sent out today.

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

# Save the Date - Cabinet of Curiosities

**WEDNESDAY  
MAY 1ST  
2:30-4:00 pm**

**ART SHOW  
DRAMA  
POETRY  
READINGS  
MUSIC  
CRAFTS  
FOOD  
& MORE!**



**CABINET OF  
CURIOSITIES**

**FREE open house for students and families. Help us celebrate the fine arts and the beautiful crafts, projects, and experiments that our students are engaged in.**

**It is a bit of everything!**

**Sell Your Art or Craft Pieces**

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. There are only ten tables available, so don't wait! Use your imagination and happy crafting!

**What:** An amazing school open house that showcases our students' artwork, craft projects, drama, music, experiments and more!

**When:** Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup> (2:30 - 4:00)

**Where:** The NPX courtyard, gym, and multi-purpose room.

**Cost:** Entry is free, cash for the student art/craft sale

**DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE THE NORTH PHOENIX PREPARATORY ACADEMY YEARBOOK! BEFORE THE DEADLINE!**

To purchase your yearbook go to:

Treering.com

Regular Price: \*Does not include sales tax, if applicable  
**\$50.00**

To Purchase Your Yearbook, Use The QR Code Below, or: Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

- Go to: [www.treering.com/validate](http://www.treering.com/validate)
- Enter your school's passcode: **1016597386001337**

Deadline: **April 29**




**Blood Drive May 5, 2024**

**DONATE BLOOD BE A HERO**

**GIVE BLOOD**  
 Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.  
 American Red Cross

**BLOOD DRIVE**

Great Hearts **North Phoenix**

Where: MPR  
 14100 N. 32nd St.  
 Phoenix, AZ. 85032

When: Sunday, May 5th, 2024  
 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment or for more information, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2467) or log on to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code: northphoenixprep




*16 and 17 year olds can donate with parental consent*

MOUNTAIN PARK HEALTH CENTER  
[mountainparkhealth.org](http://mountainparkhealth.org)

**NO & LOW COST**  
\* up to \$3

**BACK SCHOOL**

**& SPORTS PHYSICALS**

**MAY 28 - AUGUST 31**

ALL PHYSICALS COME WITH A FREE BACKPACK!

CALL 24/7  
**(602) 243-7277**  
 OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO SCHEDULE ONLINE




**Snacks For Sale**



**Wednesdays**

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

cash only

## 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 [attendance@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:attendance@northphoenixprep.org) before 8:00am. A notification reminder will be sent mid-morning to those who have not indicated, via email, that the student is missing school. Absences will be marked unexcused if an email is not received or if the reason for absence is anything other than illness, doctor appointment, bereavement, family emergency or suspension.

## Tardies

Students arriving late to campus must check in through the front office. For auditing purposes, we ask for a note when a tardy is due to an appointment (e.g., medical, dental, etc.) and also ask parents to sign in at the front desk. If a student is tardy more than 3 times, a detention will be issued.

## 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 teachers directly. Items will be left with the front desk if applicable.

## 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 student's locker 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 applied for your Raptor authorization. This is a yearly background check and \$5.00 fee that must be verified before any volunteering with students. Please follow this link to complete your Raptor authorization: <https://www.greatheartsamerica.org/volunteer/>