GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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Upcoming Events

5/1 - Cabinet of Curiosities

5/3 - Field Day, Half Day
-Pancake Breakfast

5/5 - Senior Dinner
- Blood Drive

5/6 - Teacher Appreciation Week Begins
-Progress Reports Emailed

5/7 - Day of Giving
-PSO Meeting (UPDATED)

5/9 - Rise Up Day & Parent Night

5/11 - Senior Play

5/14 - MS Music Concert
- HS Track Celebration

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From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear Gladiator Families,

Next week is national Teacher Appreciation week, and our ***2nd Annual Great Hearts Giving Day is on Tuesday, May 7th.*** In celebration of our amazing teachers, the great work being done on our campus, and to help us finish this school year strong and on budget, ***we are asking every family*** that has not yet made a gift to Community Investment to please do so this week!

A gift at any level is needed and very much appreciated!

Your giving makes the possibility of a premium classical education a reality. On behalf of the entire North Phoenix community, thank you for your gift.

Make your early bird gift here to Community Investment in honor of your favorite teachers!

With sincere thanks,
Ms. Lentz

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

Mid-Quarter Progress Report – May 6

The second Mid-Quarter Progress Report for quarter 4 will be sent on Monday, May 6 and not on Friday, May 3 as originally planned. Please look for an email from our Director of Academic Success, Ms. Jensen which will contain a link to your scholar's report. If you have questions, contact Ms. Jensen at mjensent@northphoenixprep.org.

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.

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 31st.

For further questions relating to Summer Academy courses or enrollment, please contact Ms. Jensen, Director of Academic Success at mjensen@northphoenixprep.org

Great Hearts Day at Chase Field

Great Hearts is thrilled to once again be partnering with the Arizona Diamondbacks to bring our families another Great Hearts Day at Chase Field. **Save the date for May 3rd, 2024 to watch the D-backs take on the San Diego Padres, and help us kick off Teacher Appreciation Week!**

Purchase tickets

ENTER TO WIN GAMEDAY GIVEAWAYS

Important Dates

HS Track and Field End of Season Celebration
Tuesday, May 14 from 6:30 – 8:30pm in the Archway MPR

High School Graduation Rehearsal
Wednesday, May 22 from 1 – 3pm at Calvary North Church

High School Graduation Ceremony
Thursday, May 23 at Calvary North Church at 4pm
Graduates check in at 3pm

Eighth Grade Promotion
Wednesday, May 22 at Calvary North Church from 4 – 5:30pm
Scholars Check in at 3pm

College Counseling

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

Senior Dinner

The Senior Dinner is Sunday, May 5 at 6:30 PM, The Churchill. Join us for an evening filled with heartfelt speeches from our esteemed faculty, highlighting the outstanding accomplishments and remarkable qualities of each and every senior. Purchase your **tickets online** today. Please send photos to honor your senior during a slideshow to **college@northphoenixprep.org** by Friday, May 3rd. Suggestions: recent senior photos, grade school photos or photos that showcase their personality.

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**).

During College 101 workshops last week, College Counseling shared a **checklist** to help juniors prep for the fall college application season. Encourage your student to bring a few questions to ask our college-bound seniors for Wednesday's student panel.

Freshmen - Sophomores

Freshmen and sophomores now have access to **Naviance Student**, an online platform designed to personalize the college and career planning process. *Parent access available on request.* During Friday's Choir classes, our Counselors hosted College Jeopardy for freshmen and shared ways to explore colleges and universities with sophomores. Here's one example: tour university campuses online or on Amazon Prime with **College Tour**! Their series touts, "From campus life, academics, housing, sports, activities, and much more… each student driven segment will give young people an inside look at what it's truly like being a student at the featured college or university."

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. 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

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.

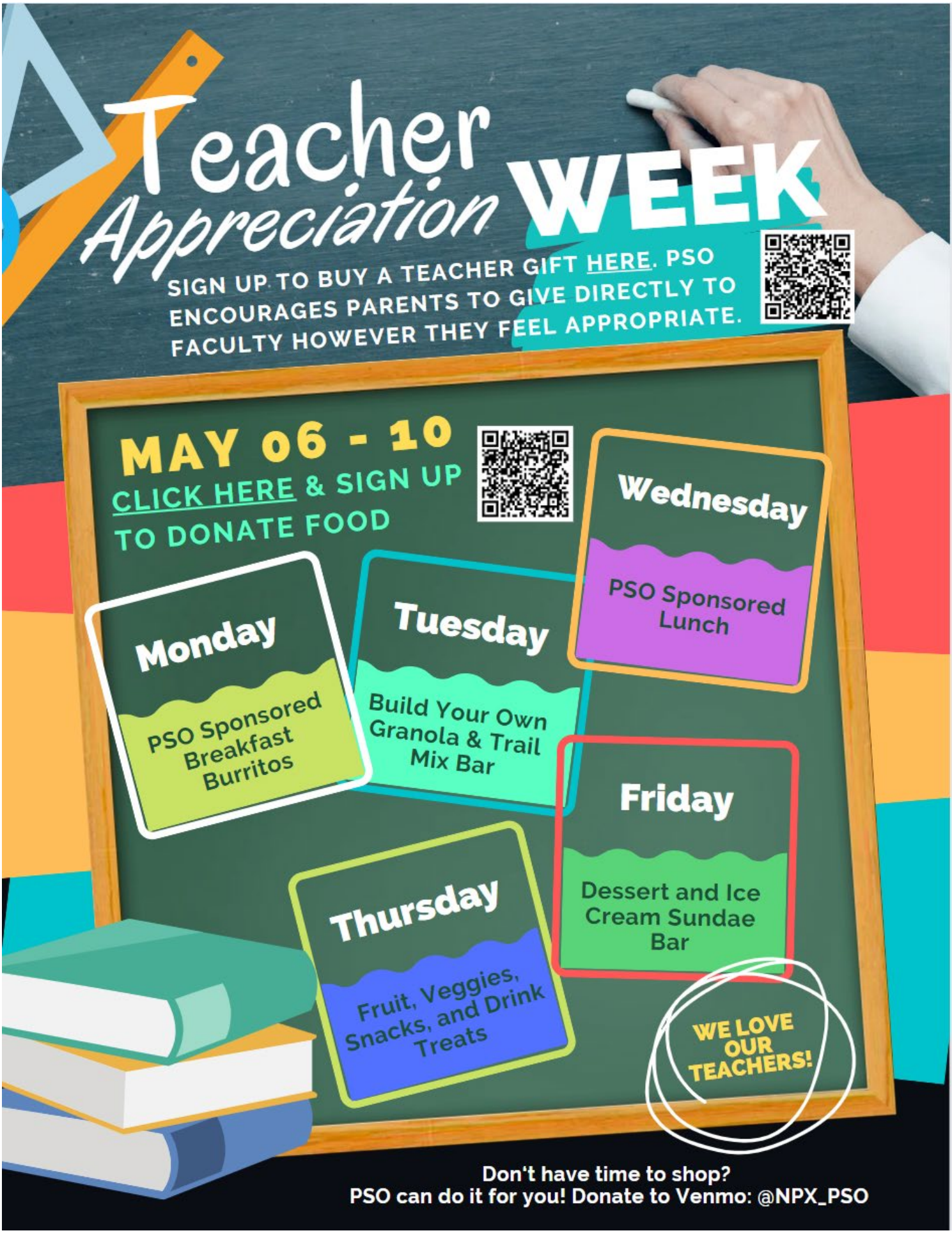
Here are the final numbers for the grade level contest for a Free Dress Day. It was a tight race all the way to the finish line.

In **3rd place** with 29% participation is Class of 2030 & Class of 2026

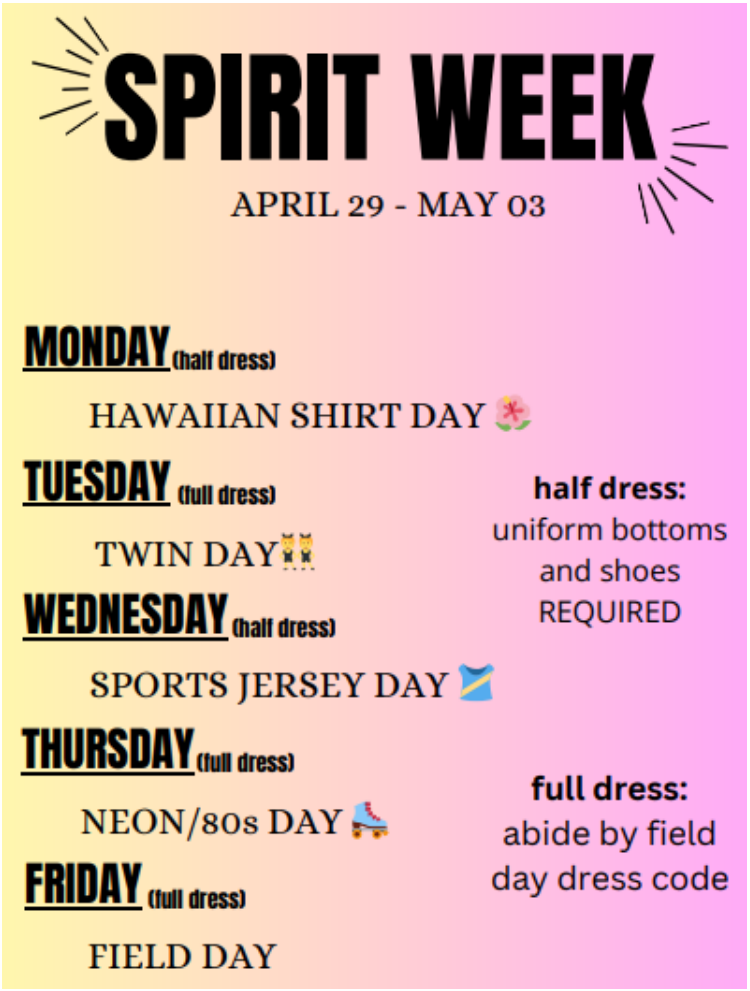
In **2nd place** with 30% participation is Class of 2029 & 2028

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

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


Teacher Appreciation WEEK
SIGN UP TO BUY A TEACHER GIFT HERE. PSO ENCOURAGES PARENTS TO GIVE DIRECTLY TO FACULTY HOWEVER THEY FEEL APPROPRIATE.
MAY 06 - 10
CLICK HERE & SIGN UP TO DONATE FOOD
Monday
PSO Sponsored Breakfast Burritos
Tuesday
Build Your Own Granola & Trail Mix Bar
Wednesday
PSO Sponsored Lunch
Thursday
Fruit, Veggies, Snacks, and Drink Treats
Friday
Dessert and Ice Cream Sundae Bar
WE LOVE OUR TEACHERS!
Don't have time to shop?
PSO can do it for you! Donate to Venmo: @NPX_PSO

It's Spirit Week! Field Day is FRIDAY, May 3!



Field Day Dress Competition and Guidelines

All middle school students are encouraged to dress out in their team shirts and colors to win the Spirit Sword for their team room. All high school students are encouraged to dress in their theme (see the Rosters posted up around school to see what your theme is) to win the Gladiator Helmet for their team leader!

Field Day Dress Code

Just as the Academy provides guidelines for dress code in the classroom, it is important to project the image of professionalism in our athletic attire as well. All shirts worn for athletic practices and field day should be modest, loose fitting, in good repair (no holes, torn sleeves, etc.), and should be worn either tucked in or well over the waist of the pants/shorts if not tucked in. No midriffs may be shown. T-shirts are preferred—no tank tops, camisoles, or sports bras may be worn as outer-garments. Sleeveless shirts may be worn if modest. Pants/shorts should be modest and in good repair (no holes, torn sleeves, etc.). Pants should be worn at the waist and should be no shorter than mid-thigh and no-longer than just below the knee. No short-shorts or long baggy shorts may be worn. No boxers or undergarments may be visible. Attire should be free of inappropriate messages. Sports team logos (e.g., Diamondbacks, Notre Dame) and apparel brand names (e.g., Adidas, Nike) are acceptable provided they do not make inappropriate allusions. These guidelines also apply to sweatshirts and jackets that students may wear. Footwear should be athletic in nature: no sandals, open-toed, or platform shoes. Hats and sunscreen may be appropriate if the students will be in the sun. Hat styles should follow the same guidelines as above.

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

ART SHOW
DRAMA
POETRY
READINGS
MUSIC
CRAFTS
FOOD
& MORE!

CURIOSITIES
CABINET OF

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!

DONATE BLOOD
BE A HERO
SUNDAY, MAY 5TH 9AM-2PM

BLOOD DRIVE
Great Hearts North Phoenix
Archway MPR
14100 N. 32nd St.
Phoenix, AZ. 85032

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

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

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** 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 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/