

GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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Upcoming Events

- 4/9 - ACT Testing Juniors
- 4/13 - Spring Celebration
- Cake Decorating Contest
- 4/15 - Tax Day
Take the Credit with NPX
- 4/19 & 4/20
- Jr. Drama Performance
- 4/26 - Honor Choir Performance
- 4/26 - Tax Credit Winners
Free Dress Day
- 4/26 - Progress Report
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From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear Gladiator Families,

Over the past few weeks, I have been reviewing the results of our most recent parent survey. Thank you to the 238 respondents who provided their feedback within this important data gathering tool. Reading and sharing your comments about teachers and staff who have positively impacted your students has been truly wonderful.

From these survey results, we are headed in the right direction with communication around assignments and student progress, and we are working on how to make this communication even more effective. Quality of instruction and discipline are areas where parents are indicating satisfaction. You shared that our students are kind to each other and feel connected to teachers and peers, and we will continue to emphasize relationship as the foundation for both learning and discipline. Families expressed a desire for more intentional infusion of joy into learning, and this will guide our decisions as we finish out this school year and head in to the next. There were also comments around the effectiveness of podding middle school students, and this conversation is ongoing within our faculty as we think through the best structure for next year.

This weekend we look forward to welcoming you to campus on Saturday, 4/13, from 5:00 – 8:00 PM for our NPX Spring Festival! The PSO has put a tremendous amount of time and energy into making this a wonderful community event, and our student leadership organizations are excited to help them in this effort. If you have questions or want to get involved, please look for more details within this newsletter and in the most recent edition of the [PSO's Samaritan newsletter](#).

Last but not least, we are looking for parent volunteers to help substitute for classes and duties. If you are interested in assisting our campus in this way, please reach out for more information!

See you on Saturday!
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

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100% IT'S THE FINAL WEEK!
75% TAX CREDIT DRIVE

FREE DRESS DAY COMPETITION CLASS STANDINGS

- 1ST -CLASS OF 2024 AND 2026 WITH 22%
- 2ND -CLASS OF 2025 WITH 20%
- 3RD -CLASS OF 2029 WITH 19%
- 4TH -CLASS OF 2028 WITH 18%
- 5TH -CLASS OF 2030 WITH 17%
- 6TH -CLASS OF 2027 WITH 13%

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APRIL 15

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

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| 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 | <i>King Lear</i> and the <i>Republic</i> : Christian versus Platonic justice |
| 9-Apr | Treat | 209 | Nemes | <i>Frankenstein</i> and <i>Genesis</i> |
| 11-Apr | Kloft | 208 | Poulson | 1984 and A Tale of Two Cities |
| 11-Apr | Miller | 209 | Jameson | The Path to Happiness in <i>The Tale of Two Cities</i> by Charles Dickens and <i>Meditations</i> by Marcus Aurelius |
| 12-Apr | Samuel | 208 | Lovely | <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> , <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , <i>Emma</i> - Socioeconomic Adversities and the Good Life |
| 15-Apr | Reno | 208 | Carlson | 1984 and The Lord of the Flies — Increased Consciousness in a Corrupt Atmosphere Elevates Social Awareness |
| 15-Apr | Logvin | 209 | Flood | <i>Master and Margarita</i> / <i>Bible</i> / <i>Faust</i> |
| 16-Apr | Gagliano | 208 | Faust | <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> and <i>Meditations</i> -- Societal Coexistence |
| 18-Apr | Etemesi | 208 | O'Sullivan | <i>The Awakening</i> ; <i>The Scarlet Letter</i> |
| 18-Apr | Christiana-Price | 209 | Gray | <i>Human Action</i> , <i>Second Treatise</i> and the Bible |
| 19-Apr | Doetsch | 208 | Conner, S. | <i>Pride & Prejudice</i> , <i>Tale of Two Cities</i> , <i>Art of Loving</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.

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

Paper-based ACT Testing – Tuesday, April 9 in the Gym. We recommend that juniors visit 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; no mechanical pencils or ink pens
- Snacks and drinks for test breaks; lunch from home
- [Approved calculator](#)
- Sweatshirt

Save the date **Monday, April 29th** for Rising Senior Night, an on-campus evening program for current Juniors and parents. Learn more about senior thesis and the college application timeline, hear from current seniors, and visit Senior Commons.

Sophomores

Sophomores now have access to [Naviance Student](#), an online platform designed to personalize the college and career planning process. Students may access tools for self-discovery, explore college fit and access their test scores and transcript. *Parent access available on request*.

All High School Grades

Now through summer is a great time to [tour college campuses](#)! Encourage your student to complete a [Campus Visit Score Card](#) (includes a list of questions) after each tour to capture your family's experience and impressions. As you make summer plans, reference a copy of the popular guide ["How to Choose a College That's Right for You"](#) from [Colleges that Change Lives](#). Consider visiting one of their member schools composed of small liberal arts colleges and universities.

Virtual College Fair – Sunday, April 21 from 10 AM – 4 PM. NACAC virtual college fairs offer a dynamic digital meeting space for students and families to connect with top universities, explore academic programs, and get expert advice. [Register to attend!](#)

Senior Spotlight

Carolyn Gagliano, Class of 2024, was admitted to the University of Arizona's Bachelor of Fine Arts program in Studio Art with a concentration in 2D studies. Applicants to this competitive program submit a portfolio containing eight examples of original studio work and is evaluated based on craftsmanship, concept and presentation. Carolyn will also spend her second summer studying art in Italy.

Congratulations Carolyn!





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 Contest –2023 Tax Filing

Free Sports Seasons up for grab. Three lucky athletes will have the opportunity to get their sport’s registration fee paid in full. Everyone that makes a tax credit will be entered to win!

ANYONE that pays Arizona state taxes can utilize The Arizona Public School Tax Credit. The credit allows taxpayers to make contributions to a public school in the state and receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit against their AZ state taxes. In other words, it costs you nothing to donate.

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 77% to our goal.

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.**

[Contribute here TODAY!](#)



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

Saturday, April 13 – Family Spring Celebration

Bounce Houses
Lemonade
Food trucks
Music
Glow sticks
Dunk Tank
Mechanical bull
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/

NPX CAKE DECORATING CONTEST!



Spring Family Celebration 4/13

USE QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR ENTRY.

Cake Decorating Contest Rules:

Cakes do not have to be from scratch, you may use a box mix. However, store baked and decorated cakes are invalid.



Decorating: You may decorate your cake as you like, and school themes are encouraged. Some examples would be a science beaker cake, a Van Gogh cake, A Great Books book jacket cake, a detention cake, a leaning tower of Pisa, and a Colosseum cake. However, your cake may just be elegant or sweet looking and need not follow any theme.

Placard: Create a fun descriptive card to go beside your cake.

Delivery: Drop cakes off at school on **Friday April 12th** to be viewed by the faculty. If you are a last minute person, you can bring your cake directly to the Family Spring Celebration no later than **3:30 pm on Saturday April 13th**.

Snacks For Sale



Wednesdays

- During Lyceum/Break -

10:30 - 11:00am

cash only

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.

Cabinet of Curiosities – Wednesday May 1

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.

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.*