GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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Upcoming Events

7/31 – Lanista Boot Camp

8/3 – Senior Boot Camp

8/5 – Greet the Gladiator

8/7 – First Day of School, Early Release

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A Note from the Headmaster

Dear Gladiator Families,

Back-to-school preparations are in full swing at North Phoenix Prep, and we are excited to welcome you to campus for Greet the Gladiators on Monday, 8/5, and the first day of school on Wednesday, 8/7.

Ms. Lentz

From the Office Manager

Will you be attending?

If you have decided to withdraw your student, please contact Angie Nelson immediately at anelson@northphoenixprep.org.

Greet the Gladiator Day – August 5

Greet the Gladiator is a morning for scholars to meet their teachers and receive their class schedules, lock, locker and textbooks. There will also be an opportunity to receive information on Athletics, Extra Curricular Non-Athletic programs (ECNA), the Health Office, Parent Services Organization (PSO), 9th grade retreat, Community Investment, College Counselors and Student Leadership groups.

Enter through the Prep main entrance. Student Leadership will be available to help answer questions.

August 5, 2024
New Students: 8:00 – 10:00am
Returning Students: 10:15am – 12:00pm

Please note, all locker, lock and textbook assignments are final.

First Day of School – August 7

The first day of school is an early release day; school ends at 1:15pm. Lunch will **not be available** for purchase the first day of school, please send lunch with your scholar.

Textbook Returns

If you have found textbooks over the summer, please return them to the front desk as soon as possible.

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**

Important Links

Consumables

All students must have purchased their grade level consumables by the first day of school. These supplies include items such as planners, workbooks, and gladiator team supplies.

6th Grade 7th Grade 8th Grade

9th Grade 10th Grade 11th Grade 12th Grade

Classics to Keep

It is the tradition of Great Hearts and North Phoenix Prep to inspire students to develop a personal library of literary classics that they can keep, annotate, and return to throughout their academic careers. So that all students use the text aligned with the class and curriculum, parents must purchase texts with the exact ISBN provided**.** Please note, Grade 6 and 7 Latin workbooks can take 2 – 4 weeks for shipping. **Order the Latin Workbook now!**

Classics to Keep

Supply List

Supplies should be purchased prior to the start of school.

Supply List

Textbook Deposit and Information

Textbook Deposit

There is a **one-time** $175 textbook deposit due prior to the first day of school. The deposit is refunded when scholars withdraw from NPX and have returned all textbooks each year in good condition. *This is a one-time fee, please review your payment portal history to see if you have paid your deposit.*

Textbook Deposit Link

Emails from Library World

As we assign textbooks to each student, parents will receive an email from Library World listing important textbook information. Please retain the emails for your records. Student textbooks are tracked by the barcode number listed in the email, not by the book title.

Textbook Distribution

Textbooks will be placed in student lockers over the summer and available on Greet the Gladiator Day, August 5. The locker and textbooks are specifically assigned to your scholar and are not interchangeable. If a student returns a textbook at the end of the year that does not have a barcode matching that checked out to the scholar originally, the book is considered lost and the replacement is the responsibility of the scholar.

Lunch

Lunch for Purchase

Blue Willo Catering supplies lunch options daily, except Wednesdays. Lunches can include: wraps, salads, sandwiches, pizza, burgers, corndogs, and snack items. Blue Willo accepts cash, debit cards, and credit cards (Visa, MasterCard and Discover).

WELCOME TO NPX

We have several new faculty members who we are pleased to introduce to you! Please look for them when you arrive at school, they are eager to meet you!

And finally, Mr. Calahan is a returning and beloved HL teacher, having formerly taught at NPX. Mr. Calahan is a dedicated liberal artist with a strong foundation in classical education, and he is joining the 10th grade HL team this year. Welcome back, Mr. Calahan - once a Gladiator, always a Gladiator!

Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis spent the last 2 years as a member of the Lincoln Lightning with rival Great Hearts school Lincoln Prep. He is proud to be a Gladiator this year! A lifetime spent in theatre and books makes him very excited for the 2024-2025 curriculum. Mr. Davis shares his home with a wife, 2 of 3 children, an ancient cat, and Kobe-Dog.

Ms. Patton

Emilee Patton excited to teach 7th grade Lit/Comp this year! She graduated from GCU with a Bachelors in English with an Emphasis in Professional Writing. In addition to her love for reading, she also loves to travel, bake, sing, and write in her free time.

Ms. Berenger

Ms. Berenger was born and adopted to a wonderful family. She loves to camp, make others laugh, and travel. Ms. Berenger comes from Archway and is excited to work in the ESS department at North Phoenix Prep.

Ms. Sokolis

Ms. Sokolis was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio, where she completed her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology at The Ohio State University. She currently lives in Phoenix, Arizona with her husband, two Great Hearts Scholars, aggressively cuddly pit bull, and her chickens. Ms. Sokolis will be our registrar and working at the front desk.

Mr. Buckworth

Rodrick “Mr. B” Buckworth is new to Arizona, originally from Delaware and has been specializing in counseling/mentoring students grades K-8. Mr. B has been an educator for the past 4 years. He will be in the ESS department. Mr. B also has years of experience with coaching track & field as well as basketball.

Mr. Gawne

Mr. Gawne (pronounced "gone") hails from Michigan but the Air Force has taken him around the world. His undergrad is in science and math from University of Detroit Mercy and my graduate in education is earned through Liberty University. I have four children and 6 grandchildren.

Ms. Pittman

Ms Pittman is Phoenix Native that enjoys the gym, the pool and hanging out with friends. She has experience coaching and teaching high school! Ms. Pittman is excited to meet her students and for this new school year.

NEW POLICY

Starting 24-25 School Year

Leaving Items/Lunches for Students at the Front Desk

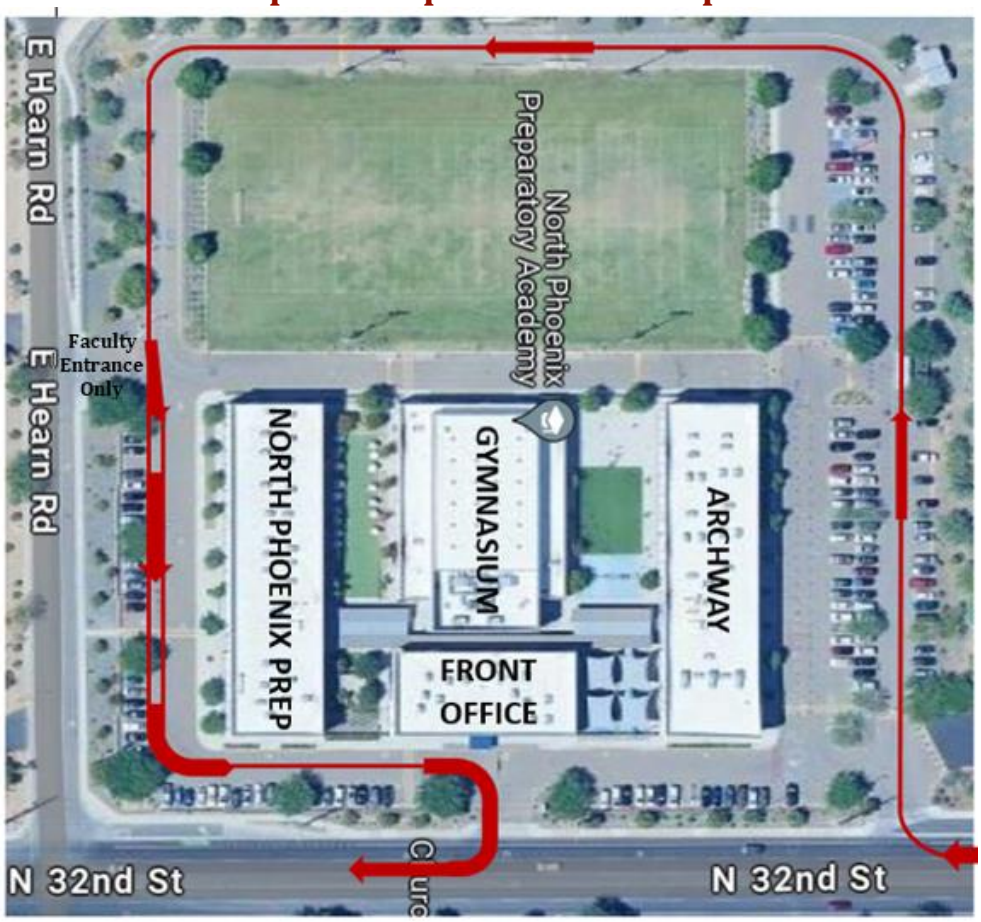
All lunches and other items such as water bottles and homework must be dropped off at the front desk **BEFORE 10am.** To avoid disruption to classroom learning and reduce classroom interruptions, **students will not be called to the office after 10am**.

Volunteer Clearance for 24-25

Volunteer applications remain valid for the current school year only, a new application is required each school year. We have partnered with Raptor Technologies to screen our campus volunteers. If you are interested in chaperoning field trips, supporting the Parent Services Organization on campus, or helping with one of a wide variety of activities, you'll need to apply for volunteer clearance. The cost is a one-time fee of $6.00. Please use the link to complete the very short application online.

Volunteer Clearance – Raptor Technologies

Traffic Flow Map for Drop-Off and Pick-Up



Heading South on 32nd St, enter the North Entrance to the parking lot. Stay in the RIGHT lane. Drive around the field. Follow the signs designating NPX drop off and pick up.

Please note:

- **It is illegal and dangerous to park, wait, drop off, or pick up on Hearn Rd.**
- **Archway uses the left lane for drop off and pick up; NPX uses the right lane until signs specify otherwise.**

NORTH PHOENIX PREPARATORY ACADEMY

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BACK TO SCHOOL CHECK LIST

Classics to Keep and Supply list
These are annual purchases; cost varies by grade level.

Classics To Keep
Great Hearts/NPX encourage students to develop a personal library of literary classics by purchasing "Classics to Keep" for annotation and lifelong reference. Parents should buy texts with the exact ISBN provided to align with the class curriculum. Families not wishing to purchase these texts will be given access to academy copies, which must be returned unmarked after use.

Grade Level Supply List
Supply lists for each grade are on our website. Families can buy supplies from any vendor and should bring them to Great the Gladiator Day or the first day of class

For more information scan the QR code:

Consumable Materials
Students will use many consumable materials throughout the year. You may purchase through the online Parent Payment Portal.

For more information scan the QR code:

Academy Giving-
Community Investment & Tax Credit Drive
Annual contributions that support our schools priority funding needs.
www.northphoenixprep.org/support

Important Dates

Greet the Gladiator (GTG) - August 5 - 8am-12pm

8:00am - 10:00am for New Students
10:15am - 12:00pm for Returning Students

At GTG, students will meet their teachers, receive their class schedule, lock, and assigned locker.

There will also be an opportunity to receive information on Athletics, ECNA, PSO, SSO, 9th grade retreat, Student Leadership groups, and much more!

August 7
First Day of school
(Wednesday, Early Release, 1:15pm)

October 7-11
Fall Break (no classes)

October 14 - 15
Parent/Teacher Conferences (no classes)

November 27-29
Thanksgiving break (no classes)

December 23-January 3
Winter Break (no classes)

January 6-10
Parent/Teacher Conferences (half days, 12:15pm)

March 10-14
Spring Break (no classes)

May 22
Last day of school (half day, 12:15pm)

Office Hours / School Schedule

Office Hours

7:50am–3:50pm:
Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays
7:50am - 1:35pm Wednesdays

School Hours

7:50am - Prep doors open
8:20am - Classes begin
3:30pm - Dismissal

Every Wednesday - Early Release - 1:15pm dismissal
Half days - 12:15pm dismissal

Absent / Tardy / Early Check Out

Please Email Attendance:
Attendance@NorthPhoenixPrep.Org
Include: student's name, grade & reason

Uniforms

School Uniforms - Used & New
During the school year, Prep's Senate offers gently used uniforms at reduced prices. Sale dates will be posted in the Prep newsletters.

Just need a new Prep shirt with a school patch or just need a patch placed on a shirt?
R&L Embroidery: (602) 241-1044
www.RLuniforms.com

New uniforms may be purchased from these vendors:
Anton Uniforms: (480) 968-6636
www.AntonUniforms.com

Dennis Uniform: (800) 854-6951
www.DennisUniform.com

Raptor

Raptor Yearly Volunteer Application & Renewal
Great Hearts has partnered with Raptor Technologies to screen campus volunteers and field trip chaperones.

Raptor must be completed annually. Application for the new school year starts July 1st, $6 fee, per volunteer. You must be Raptor cleared to volunteer at NPX. Scan QR code to apply:

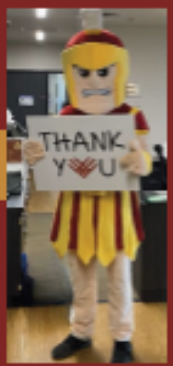
NPX Parent Service Organization (PSO)

The Parent Service Organization (PSO) is a community of parent volunteers that provides a support system to enrich students' academic experience. You can volunteer your time, sponsor, help promote social activities, and assist in programs that support the faculty and administration.

Contact PSO President, Jessica, for more information:
PSOPresident@NorthPhoenixPrep.org

PSO Spirit Wear:
$2 from every item purchased goes to the PSO.
Scan QR code:

Blue Willo Lunch Program
During the week *except* Wednesdays, students may purchase lunch from Blue Willo Catering, $5-$10 (cash or card):
Info@bluewillocatering.com



Go Gladiators!

NPX website

NPX Instagram

NPX Facebook

If the cost of supplies or books presents a hardship for your family, please contact our Office Manager, Ms. Angie Nelson: anelson@northphoenixprep.org

ACADEMY GIVING

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT
Provides our faculty and staff with the resources they need to deliver the Great Hearts model of education.

Every family's participation, at any level, is vital to supporting our teachers and the educational priorities of our academy.

- Covers the gap between what we need to deliver the top-tier education that our children deserve and what we receive from public funding
- Providing funds for School Security
- Keeps our class sizes smaller for more individualized attention
- Boutique College Counseling support
- Enables us to offer programs like art, music and foreign language on a daily basis

TAX CREDIT
All Arizona taxpayers are eligible to contribute to the Public School of their choice and receive a dollar-for-dollar credit on their state taxes.

- Tax Credits allow us to have an Athletic Program. As a Charter School, we rely on both Tax Credits and a small Athletic Fee to run our programs.
- Additionally, Tax Credits allow us to offer Field Trips and Extracurricular/Student Leadership programs.
- Married couples may contribute up to $400; single filers may contribute up to $200

We ask every family to participate in both of our Annual Campaigns.

100% of all gifts/contributions stays at our school!

Thank you for investing in your scholar with us.

Family Giving & Community Engagement Officer,
Jackie Curtis jcurtis@northphoenixprep.org
www.northphoenixprep.org/support

GIVING
is at the heart of
NORTH PHOENIX

College Counseling

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

Review our **College Road Map** to learn how College Counseling helps students at each grade level successfully navigate their college transition.

Seniors

Virtual University Application Workshops – Wednesday, July 31 & Monday, August 5 | Zoom links. Seniors, an admissions representative from each in-state school will walk you through their application from start to finish (above 3.0 core ABOR GPA only). By correctly self-reporting grades, students can maximize their core ABOR GPA and scholarship opportunities, so we invite them to ask us for guidance. *Please note that College Counseling will offer additional application workshops on campus once classes begin.*

Senior Bootcamp – Saturday, August 3 from 9 AM – 2 PM, Senior Commons. At this **MUST-ATTEND** event, we'll kick-off the college application season, choose lockers in the Commons and more! Seniors should bring a laptop plus drafts of their personal statement and college resume. Review our Fall Prep Checklist with your senior as they refine their college list.

Please write a **short note of encouragement** for your senior, and we'll print the message and attach it to their locker on the first day of classes. Additionally, help us write a better letter of recommendation by completing a Family Brag Sheet. Email your locker note and Brag Sheet to college@northphoenixprep.org by **Saturday, August 3rd.**

All High School Grades

Great Hearts Arizona now offers **three pathways** for students to earn college credit: dual enrollment, Advanced Placement and CLEP testing. Join us for a **virtual information session** on **Wednesday, July 31st at 9 AM** to learn more about college credit opportunities and options.

Zoom: **https://greathearts.zoom.us/j/98477247053**
Meeting ID: 984 7724 7053

The **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 FREE online learning modules through **Modern States**, students receive a voucher for a FREE CLEP test. Scottsdale Prep will proctor CLEP testing on Friday, August 2nd, and students may **register** for up to two exams.

We'd love to know what **summer enrichment activities** NPX students have been up to this summer! Complete a **brief online form** with your student, and we'll feature select activities in an upcoming family newsletter or social media post.

North Phoenix Preparatory

MIDDLE SCHOOL - SCHOOL UNIFORM

Shirts
- Long/short sleeved Maroon polo

Sweaters and Outerwear
- Black cardigan with crest
- Black pullover with crest
- Gladiator sweatshirt sold by student Senate

Bottoms
- Khaki pants with belt
- Khaki shorts with belt
- Girls - plaid skirt knee length
- Black or brown belt

Footwear
- All black athletic shoes (see example below)
- Black leather or simulated leather dress shoes
- All black socks crew length
- Girls may also wear all black knee high socks or tights

Accessories
- Small hair accessories that coordinate with the uniform
- Hair must be naturally colored and styled out of the face
- Boys facial hair must be neatly groomed
- Girls may wear tastefully applied makeup
- One pair of matching earrings, a watch (no smart watches), a ring, necklace and a bracelet

★All uniform tops must have the Great Hearts North Phoenix Prep patch★

Our uniform partners : Anton Uniform and Dennis Uniform
Patches are only available at R&L Embroidery

SharePoint: Administration: New Front Desk: GTG

North Phoenix Preparatory

HIGH SCHOOL - SCHOOL UNIFORM

Shirts
- Long/short sleeved Black polo
- White Oxford shirt

Sweaters and Outerwear
- Black cardigan with crest
- Black pullover with crest
- Gladiator sweatshirt sold by student Senate

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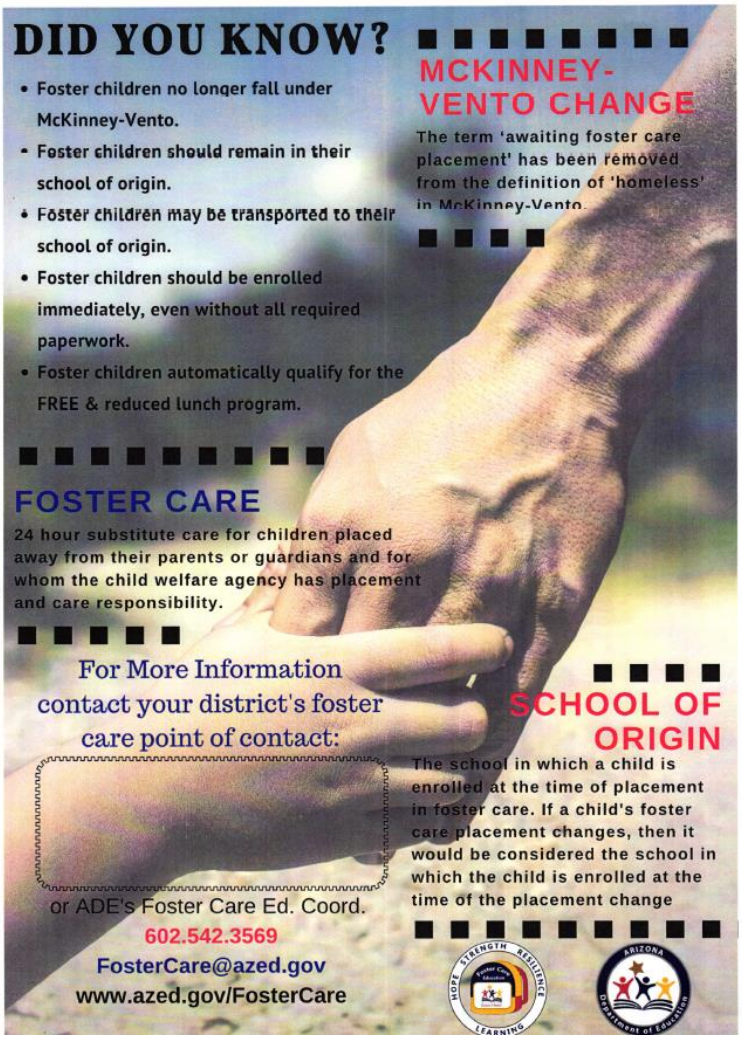
SharePoint: Administration: Front Desk: New Student Packet



KEEP CALM and STUDY LATIN

[Resource List]

LATIN IS HARD, BUT NOT IMPOSSIBLE! USE MS. COFFEY'S RESOURCE LIST TO GET STARTED STUDYING FOR FINALS.

fair
Financial Aid Independent Review, Inc.

FAIR is a nationally recognized leader in financial aid assessments for private and parochial schools. Our service provides your school with a reasonable assessment of each family's financial situation.

There are no income limits when applying for assistance. Each family's unique financial situation is considered when assessing need. It is the responsibility of each school to decide how to best meet the needs of its students and families.

2024 FAIR Application

Leaving Items/Lunches for Students at the Front Desk

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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, all tardies due to an appointment (e.g., medical, dental, etc.) will be marked unexcused until a note is received; and we ask that parents sign in their scholar 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.

Gladiator Gear

Show your school spirit on Fridays! Visit the Gladiator Spirit Store to purchase clothing that may be worn on Fridays. Throughout the year, 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 $6.00 fee that must be verified before any volunteering with students. Please follow this link to complete your Raptor authorization: https://www.greatheartsamerica.org/volunteer/