

GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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Upcoming Events

- 8/19 Headmaster Chat 6th Grade**
- 8/20 ECNA Rush**
- 8/26 Senior Info Night**
- 8/28 – 8/30 Freshman Retreat**
- 8/31 R & R Weekend**
- 9/2 No School**

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A Note from the Headmaster

Dear Gladiator Families,
 Welcome back to school! We’ve had an exciting eight days with your students, and it is a joy to see their excitement as they connect with friends, get to know their teachers, and adjust to new classes, schedules, and lockers.

I have been a part of the Great Hearts Community since 2016, when we enrolled my eldest daughter in Kindergarten at Archway North Phoenix. Since then, I’ve had the opportunity to serve the North Phoenix community as a parent, teacher, and dean. This year as Headmaster, I am happy to be back on campus supporting our students, families, and teachers.



As you may know, our Community Investment and Public School Tax Credit campaigns make it possible to provide a rich curriculum and character-building activities for all students at our academy.

I want to sincerely thank the families who have already chosen to partner with us by making a gift to Community Investment and Tax Credit this year.

If you have not yet given, please consider partnering with us this year through a monthly gift to [Community Investment and by contributing your Public School Tax Credit to our academy](#). Your generosity leaves a lasting impact on our students.

Yours in the pursuit of Truth, Goodness, and Beauty,
 Erin Lentz



Community Investment
*School Security,
 Low Student to Teacher Ratio,
 Boutique College Counseling,
 Fine Arts Program,
 Classroom Equipment*



Tax Credit
*Athletic Program,
 Field Trips,
 Extra-Curricular Non-Athletic Programs*

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



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](#)



Is Your Scholar Prepared

☑ Consumables

Consumables assist in providing materials to support your scholar's education (i.e. science labs, music, education, and workbooks).

[6th Grade](#) [7th Grade](#) [8th Grade](#)

[9th Grade](#) [10th Grade](#) [11th Grade](#) [12th Grade](#)

☑ Classics to Keep

Parents should purchase texts with the exact ISBN provided so that all students use the text aligned with the class and curriculum. [Classics to Keep](#)

☑ Supply List

Purchase supplies prior to the start of school. [Supply List](#)

☑ Textbook Deposit

A one-time \$175 textbook fee is required to cover the cost of damaged or lost books. [Textbook Deposit Link](#)

A Note from the Director of Academic Success

Greetings Gladiator Parents!

My name is Michelle Jensen and I am the Assistant Headmaster and Director of Academic Success. I wanted to update you on some important communications that you will be receiving from me over the course of the year.

HOMEWORK CHARTS

Homework charts are sent out on Monday mornings, apart from holidays. Each grade level will have a link and you will be able to see what each teacher is assigning for homework each day. Please understand that these could change, due to many factors and your child's planner should be the first source of information.

MISSING ASSIGNMENT REPORTS (MAR's)

Missing assignment reports are sent out on Fridays, starting on the third Friday of the quarter. This communication is to inform you of what your student is missing. The first report of each quarter will encompass the first three weeks. After the first report is sent, the report will capture only the current and prior week.

Please know what each teacher's late work policy is and if you have specific questions about assignments, please reach out directly to the teacher.

MIDQUARTER PROGRESS REPORTS (MQPR's)

This communication will be sent to ALL families in the third and sixth week of each quarter. This report will give you a snapshot of what your child's current grades are in each class. The first one of each quarter may not have grades in each category or very few grades. Please reach out directly to your child's teacher if you have specific questions or concerns.

**The first MAR and MQPR will be sent on the same day for each quarter. The first ones will go out on August 23rd.



College Counseling

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

Seniors

Senior Info Night – Monday, August 26 at 6 PM in the Archway MPR. Parents and Seniors, please join us to learn more about the college application process, senior thesis deadlines, and the senior trip to Washington, D.C. [Flyer](#)

All High School Grades

Last week, faculty and staff welcomed North Phoenix graduates back to campus for our **Alumni Send-off**. Check out the [media release and video](#) featuring Alumni from the Class of 2023!



College Fair – Sunday, September 15 from 11 AM – 3 PM at Phoenix Convention Center. Hundreds of colleges and universities from the US and worldwide will be ready and waiting to talk with you and your student at the upcoming NACAC College Fair for Greater Phoenix. This event is free and open to the public; register to attend at nacacattend.org/fairs.

We’d love to know what **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.

College Rep Visits 8/19 – 8/23

Meet with college admissions representatives in the Library.

Monday, August 19 at Lyceum
Thursday, August 22 at Lyceum
Friday, August 23 at Lyceum

[University of Mississippi](#) (virtual)
[Kansas State University](#) (virtual)
[University of Oregon](#)



Parent Support Opportunities

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](#)

Hearing and Vision Testing

The health office needs volunteers for hearing and vision screening the week of September 9. Please click the link below for available times and days. Thank you in advance for your much needed help.

[Hearing and Vision Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

Teachers' Wish Lists

Parents, Let's help the teachers get all the school supplies they need! The PSO has a wish list from the faculty, and they are buying the items on the list. Click on the link to see the list and help purchase supplies for our teachers.

[Teacher Wish List](#)

Save the Date

Blazer Pinning Ceremony



September 20th @ 10:30 a.m.
NPX Gym
Parking at the Baptist Church

Students may invite up to 2 family members.
Doors open at 10:00 a.m.
Enter gym via West side entrance.



Honoring the
classes of
2025 & 2026



NPX Old-School Dungeons & Dragons ECNA Searching for Parent Helpers!

Interest in Old-School D&D continues to grow at North Phoenix Prep as we enter the ECNA's third year. Nevertheless, we find ourselves without enough helpers to meet the rising student interest, and we are reaching out to parents on the chance that there may be some among you who are interested and able to run one of the games with us at school.

This requires ideally, that you have (1) experience playing Old-School D&D, as the foundation of our rules is the classic D&D of the 1970s and '80s; (2) a creative imagination & love of reading; (3) interest in running a game for 6-8 sixth-graders (with faculty support); (4) availability on Friday afternoons from around 3:00 to 6:30 pm: our sessions run on Fridays after school from 4:00 to 6:15 pm; and (5) the ability to commit to it for the 2024-2025 school year.

Please reach out for additional information if this is something you'd like to take up. We are hoping to start Friday, August 23rd.

Contact: **J. Sebastian Pagani**; Email: jspagani@northphoenixprep.org



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**.

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 **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 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 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/>

North Phoenix Prep Drop Off and Pick Up Traffic Flow



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.