

# GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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## **Upcoming Events**

**8/3 – Senior Boot Camp**

**8/5 – Greet the Gladiator**

**8/7 – First Day of School, Early Release**

## **Quick Links**

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## **Greet the Gladiator – August 5**

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to the new school year! We are excited to invite you to our Greet the Gladiator, a special event designed to help you get acquainted with the school and ensure a smooth start to the academic year.

At your own pace, take this opportunity to setup your lockers, review your schedule and familiarize yourself with the hallways. No uniforms are required. Teachers will be available for a quick meet; if you have specific items to discuss with your teachers, please contact them via email to meet at a more appropriate time.

### **Event Details:**

**Date:** August 5, 2024

**New Students:** 8:00 – 10:00am

**Returning Students:** 10:15am – 12:00pm

**Location:** Enter through the south prep doors, pick up your information packet in the gym

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

We will be selling used uniforms, and our PSO will have Mamas Cold Brew for a quick fix drink station.

Representatives will be available from Athletics, Extra Curricular Non-Athletic programs (ECNA), the Health Office, Parent Services Organization (PSO), Community Investment, College Counseling and Student Leadership groups.

## **Will you be attending?**

If you have decided to withdraw your student, please contact Angie Nelson immediately at [anelson@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:anelson@northphoenixprep.org). Several families on the waitlist are eager for an offer.

## **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](#)



## Be Prepared With Books and Supplies

### Consumables

All students must have purchased their grade level consumables by the first day of school.

[6<sup>th</sup> Grade](#)   [7<sup>th</sup> Grade](#)   [8<sup>th</sup> Grade](#)  
[9<sup>th</sup> Grade](#)   [10<sup>th</sup> Grade](#)   [11<sup>th</sup> Grade](#)   [12<sup>th</sup> Grade](#)

### Classics to Keep

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!** Seventh grade can use workbook from 6<sup>th</sup> grade. [Classics to Keep](#)

### Supply List

Purchase supplies 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).



# 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 32<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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!

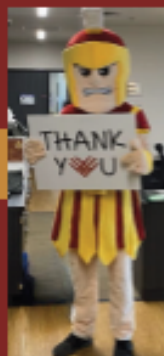
NPX  
website



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

### *Seniors*

**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.

**Virtual University Application Workshops** – 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.

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](mailto:college@northphoenixprep.org) by **Monday, August 5th**.

### *All High School Grades*

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.

Great Hearts Arizona now offers [three pathways](#) for high school students to earn college credit: dual enrollment, Advanced Placement and CLEP testing. Explore these options, review eligibility requirements and access registration information in our [two-page handout](#) or access a [video recording](#) of Wednesday's information session. Dual Enrollment classes available at North Phoenix Prep:

- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Algebra II/Precalculus
- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Calculus I
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Spanish IV
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade French IV
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Humane Letters IV

Please note students must register for dual enrollment courses by **Wednesday, August 14th**. Contact [College Counseling](#) with your questions.





# Gladiator Athletics

[greatheartsnorthphoenixathletics.org](http://greatheartsnorthphoenixathletics.org)

Welcome back Gladiators!!! We hope everyone had a fantastic summer and for our student-athletes I hope everyone is excited for what should be a fantastic year ahead for our Gladiator sports teams!

# FALL SPORTS

Please note 5<sup>th</sup> graders are now only allowed to participate in cross-country for the fall season as we no longer have the space, time or coaching staff to accommodate all of the incoming 5<sup>th</sup> graders for Volleyball and Flag Football aka a positive perk that shows how much our school is growing and that our student-athlete population is continuing to grow each year.

Student-Athletes and families please review the links below for your respective grade-level and sport! There are deadlines for all sports that need to be completed in regard to registration and payment of sports fees. As a reminder, if your student-athlete is not cleared by said deadline, then they are not eligible for tryouts for their respective sport. **We highly recommend you get the physical completed at your earliest convenience.**

**Registration is now open for the following teams:**

**Middle School** – Coed flag football, boys & girls cross country, and girls volleyball

**High School** – Boys & girls cross country, 8-man tackle football and girls volleyball

## **Middle School Fall Sports Information**

## **High School Fall Sports Information**

Coaching Staff – Practice Information - Registration Links - Brainbook and Opioid Courses - Payment Portal

## **24-25 Preparticipation Physical Evaluation**

**This is the ONLY FORM THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED as proof of a completed physical.**

## **Contacts**

For more info, or questions or issues regarding registration please email Coach Page or Coach Johnston.

Athletic Director: Joe Page, at [jpage@northphoenixpreathletics.org](mailto:jpage@northphoenixpreathletics.org)

Assistant Athletic Director: Coach Johnston at [mjohnston@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:mjohnston@northphoenixprep.org).

**ATHLETICS WEBSITE** - <https://greatheartsnorthphoenixathletics.org/>

# 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**



# 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



### Bottoms

- Khaki pants with belt
- Khaki shorts with belt
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# DID YOU KNOW?

- Foster children no longer fall under McKinney-Vento.
- Foster children should remain in their school of origin.
- Foster children may be transported to their school of origin.
- Foster children should be enrolled immediately, even without all required paperwork.
- Foster children automatically qualify for the FREE & reduced lunch program.

## MCKINNEY-VENTO CHANGE

The term 'awaiting foster care placement' has been removed from the definition of 'homeless' in McKinney-Vento.

## FOSTER CARE

24 hour substitute care for children placed away from their parents or guardians and for whom the child welfare agency has placement and care responsibility.

For More Information contact your district's foster care point of contact:

or ADE's Foster Care Ed. Coord.

602.542.3569

FosterCare@azed.gov  
www.azed.gov/FosterCare

## SCHOOL OF ORIGIN

The school in which a child is enrolled at the time of placement in foster care. If a child's foster care placement changes, then it would be considered the school in which the child is enrolled at the time of the placement change



# INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



IF YOUR FAMILY LIVES IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:

- In a shelter
  - In a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation
  - In a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station
  - Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship
- Your school-age children may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.*

Your eligible children have the right to:

- Receive a free, appropriate public education.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- Enroll in the local school; or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is your preference.
- \* If the school district believes that the school you select is not in the best interest of your children, then the district must provide you with a written explanation of its position and inform you of your right to appeal its decision.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if you request this.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your children's needs.

*If you believe your children may be eligible, contact the local liaison to find out what services and supports may be available. There also may be supports available for your preschool-age children.*



LEA Information

Arizona Department of Education  
Homeless Education Program  
Coordinator  
(602) 542-4963  
Homeless@azed.gov  
www.azed.gov/homeless



If you need further assistance with your children's educational needs, contact the National Center for Homeless Education:  
1-800-308-2145 • homeless@serve.org • http://nche.ed.gov

# KEEP CALM and STUDY LATIN

# STUDY LATIN

[Resource List](#)

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



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

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](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, 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/>