

GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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Upcoming Events

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Stay in the Loop: Events at NPX

Parents, did you know that we have an events calendar on our school's website? We keep this calendar up to date with all the latest events, activities, socials, college counselling details, and more. Be sure to check it out: [EVENTS CALENDAR](#)

Great Hearts Day at Chase Field

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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 September 14, 2024 to watch the D-backs take on the Milwaukee Brewers!** Exclusive discounted ticket packages are available now, and the first 20,000

fans in attendance will receive a limited-edition teal Serpientes jersey. You'll also have the opportunity to enter to win exclusive gameday experiences and giveaways. We hope to see you there!



Classics to Keep and Classroom Equipment 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](#)

Textbook Deposit

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



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](#)



Picture Day is September 24

Mark your calendars for picture day. Envelopes will be sent home or you can place your order online starting September 3. [ORDER HERE](#)

Great Hearts Inaugural Constitution Day

When: Wednesday, 18 September, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: Lund Center at Veritas Prep

Learn More: [Great Hearts Inaugural Constitution Day](#)

Please join us on September 18th at 5:30pm inside the Lund Center of Veritas Preparatory Academy for the free Inaugural Great Hearts Constitution Day Address.

RSVP

The Great Hearts Institute has invited Andrew Porwancher, Professor, School of Civic & Economic Thought & Leadership, Arizona State University, to deliver our Constitution Day Address, "The Constitution: Hidden Truths and Enduring Myths". Professor Porwancher will discuss the history behind the Constitution, which he contends, "is not merely academic. It shapes our lives and liberties today. But popular understandings of the Constitution often neglect the historical record. What did the framers really mean by the Establishment Clause? What little-known constitutional clause did even more than the First Amendment to shape religious liberty in America? What can the peculiar origins of the Second Amendment teach us about gun rights? This lecture will explore historical evidence that can help us refine constitutional debates as old as the republic itself."

Hearing & Vision Screening

Vision and Hearing screenings will take place September 9, 10, 12, and 13 and will impact students in 7th and 9th grades, new students and ESS students. The Health Office thanks you for your cooperation and patience with this state mandated screening.





College Counseling

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

Seniors

Senior Info Night – Thank you for attending Monday’s Senior Info Night! Access the [presentation and handouts](#) from the event. We ask that each Senior family complete the [Senior Trip survey](#) by Tuesday, September 3. Login to [TreeRing](#) to upload your Senior’s baby photo (free) and consider purchasing a quarter-page in the yearbook (\$40).

This week, Seniors were invited to attend a special workshop about competitive scholarship opportunities. Reference a copy of the [presentation and handouts](#).

Juniors

Junior Parent College Night – Tuesday, September 10 at 6 PM [Zoom](#). Learn about our college preparation curriculum offered during monthly in-class workshops for Juniors. *While designed for junior parents, this presentation is open to all NPX high school parents.*

Our College 101 workshop series for Juniors kicked off this week during Drama and Studio Art classes. Juniors demoed [Naviance](#), Great Hearts’ college planning portal (parent access available by request.)

Sophomores and Juniors

The PSAT/NMSQT is digital! The test is easier to take, shorter, has more time per question, and comes with a built-in calculator. It can also qualify students for the National Merit Scholarship Program and other recognition opportunities. To prepare, full-length adaptive digital [PSAT/NMSQT practice](#) is available on the Bluebook app. Save the date **Tuesday, October 29** when NPX will proctor the test for sophomores and juniors on campus.

Sophomores

This week, College Counseling visited sophomore classes to connect with underclassmen. Each student practiced their Elevator Pitch, a great method for introducing themselves to college representatives on campus and at college fairs.

All High School Grades

Tri-University Student Events – Attend in-person events this September geared toward providing your family in-depth information about supports, campus life, how to apply, and finding your student’s fit at in-state universities. [Register today!](#)

NACAC 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. [Register today!](#)

University of Arizona’s College of Medicine – Is your student interested in pursuing medicine? Check out [opportunities](#) for them to attend a webinar or in-person event in Tucson.

College Rep Visits 9/3 – 9/6

Meet with college admissions representatives in the Library.

Friday, September 6 at Lyceum

Friday, September 6 at Lunch

[Lawrence University](#), Wisconsin

[Hofstra University](#), New York &

[Southern Utah University](#)

Save the Date

Blazer and Pinning Ceremony

Friday, September 20 at 10:30 AM in the Gym.

Our Senior Class will receive their 2025 class pins while our Junior Class will be able to don their blazer and tie for the first time.

Student dress code:

- Black blazer – any brand is acceptable; the blazer must be *all black* ([photo](#)). Many families purchase their blazer locally at Kohl's, Target, Goodwill or Savers.
- Long sleeve white oxford ([photo](#)) – school crest is **not** necessary. *Limited uniform sale* during HS Lyceum on Thursday, August 29 for \$25 new or \$10 used.
- Gladiator tie – \$25 purchase on the [Payment Portal](#) and pickup at the front office.
- Uniform skirt or khaki uniform pants with belt (no shorts allowed).
- Uniform socks and shoes.



The poster features a yellow background on the right side with a black blazer, white shirt, and black tie. A yellow flower-shaped pin is pinned to the lapel. The text is arranged in a dark blue/black shape on the left side.

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



8TH GRADE HEADMASTER CHAT

Parents, please join Ms. Lentz on Monday, 9/9, at 8:30 in the Library for this casual conversation and campus tour.



Parent Support Opportunities



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

Contact our Family Giving & Community Engagement Officer, Jackie Curtis, with your questions. jcurtis@northphoenixprep.org
602-404-7414

[Donate Here](#)



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

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](#)

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](#)

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.