

GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

[NPX Website](#) | [NPX Athletics](#) | [NPX Calendar](#) | [Administration](#)

North Phoenix Prep Academy 14100 N. 32nd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85032 602.996.4355

Upcoming Events

- 9/14 GH Day at Chase Field
- 9/15 National College Fair
- 9/16 Headmaster Chat 9th & 10th
- 9/16 - 9/20
Annual Giving Campaign
- 9/18 GH Constitution Day
- 9/20 Half Day
Blazer Pinning
Seniors Paint Parking Spots
- 9/21 Middle School Social
- 9/24 Picture Day
- 9/28 Homecoming Dance

Quick Links

- [School Calendar 24.25](#)
- [NPX Family Handbook](#)
- [Academy Giving](#)
- [Configio Payment Portal](#)
- [Bell Schedule](#)
- [Uniform Policy](#)
- [Headmaster Chats](#)
- [Yearbook Purchase](#)
- [Student Newspaper](#)



Blazer & 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 oxford sale* after school on Wednesday, September 18th for \$25 new or \$10 used (cash only).
- 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.

Picture Day is September 24

Mark your calendars for picture day. Envelopes were sent home or you can place your order online. [ORDER HERE](#)

Headmaster Chat 9th and 10th Grades

Parents, please join Ms. Lentz on Monday 9/16 in the library for casual conversation, Q and A, and a campus tour.

[Headmaster Chat Dates](#)

Great Hearts Day at Chase Field

[Great Hearts Day at Chase Field](#)

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 Scorpiones jersey. You'll also have the opportunity to enter to win exclusive gameday experiences and giveaways. We hope to see you there!





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](#)



Senior Class of 2025 Reminders

- Save a seat for your student to attend this year's Senior Trip (May 15-20) by paying the \$500 deposit in the [Payment Portal](#) by **Monday, September 30th**. Questions? rmarquez@northphoenixprep.org
- Senior class t-shirts, designed by Senior Ian Columbe, are available for purchase for a limited time! Order one for your Senior and yourself for \$20/t-shirt in the [Payment Portal](#) by **Tuesday, October 1st!**



- Order your Senior's [cap and gown](#) from Josten's by **Tuesday, October 1st**. Only the cap and gown unit, which includes the 2025 tassel, for \$44.95 is required for participation in our graduation ceremony.
- Parents, save the date Friday, October 25th for our **Senior Sunrise Breakfast**. Join us for this early morning tradition event that honors our Senior class and families with pancakes and special toasts by faculty.

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."



College Counseling

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

Seniors

CCC2NAU Virtual Info Hour – Thursday, September 19 from 3 – 4 PM in the Library. Seniors are invited to learn more about [CCC2NAU](#), a transfer partnership between Coconino Community College and Northern Arizona University. The CCC2NAU program offers students significant cost savings in tuition, smaller class sizes, and the option to live in NAU’s residence halls.

Juniors

Thank you for attending Tuesday’s first quarter College Night, a webinar for Junior families! Access a [recording](#) of the webinar and [presentation](#) with live links. Check your email today for an invitation to register for parent access to [Naviance Student](#), Great Hearts’ college planning portal.

Freshmen

Last week, College Counseling visited freshman classrooms to explore post-graduation pathways. We reviewed a high school transcript, shared what colleges look for in an applicant, and helped our freshmen log into Naviance Student.

All High School Grades

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 NACAC College Fair for Greater Phoenix (free and open to the public.) [Register today!](#)

Saving on the Cost of College Webinar – Tuesday, September 17 at 6 PM [Zoom](#). Understanding the college funding process early will allow families to make well-informed decisions about college saving, planning, admissions, and funding. Presented by [Monica Felton](#), a Certified Financial Planner and College Planning Expert (not endorsed by NPX.)

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Admissions Presentation – Saturday, September 21 from 1 – 2:30 PM at the Hilton Scottsdale Resort. Attend a multimedia presentation to learn about Embry-Riddle’s world-class STEM-focused degree programs, career outcomes, scholarships/financial aid and more. [Register today!](#)

Great Heats Day at Arizona Christian University – Wednesday, September 25 from 3:30 – 5 PM. Attend a guided campus tour followed by refreshments with faculty and experience all that ACU has to offer. [Register today!](#)

College Rep Visits 9/16 – 9/20

Meet with college admissions representatives in the Library or in the Courtyard.

Monday, September 16 at Lyceum	California Lutheran · Cal State-Northridge · Miami University-Oxford · Simmons · University of Glasgow
Monday, September 16 at Lunch	Hillsdale College · Stevens Institute of Technology
Tuesday, September 17 at Lyceum	Chapman · Columbia College-Chicago · Mitchell College · Northeastern · Pepperdine · Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute · Santa Clara · Wentworth Institute of Technology
Tuesday, September 17 at Lunch	Hamline · Paradise Valley Community College
Wednesday, September 18 at Lyceum	New York University · Sarah Lawrence College · Willamette
Thursday, September 19 at Lyceum	University of Dallas · Seton Hall · Soka University of America
Thursday, September 19 at Lunch	University of Northern Colorado



Academic Giving

Family Giving Officer: Jackie Curtis 602-404-7414 | jcurtis@northphoenixprep.org

Hello, fellow Gladiator families!

Welcome to a new school year. For those of you that I have not had the opportunity to meet, my name is Jackie Curtis. My family and I have been part of the Great Hearts North Phoenix community since we opened our doors in 2012. Our daughter graduated with the class of 2020 at North Phoenix Prep, recently graduated from Central College, and now she is heading into grad school for her doctorate in Physical Therapy. Our son is a fourth grader here at Archway North Phoenix living his best life, and my husband (some of you may know him as “Coach Brad Curtis”), is the Head Coach of the NPX High School Cross Country and Track & Field teams. He also oversees all the Great Hearts Middle School Cross Country and Track and Field programs.

We love being a part of the Great Hearts community as parents and as staff members. Being involved in our school community is one our favorite pastimes.

For the last six years I have had the privilege of serving our school community in the Academy Giving office. My title has changed over the years, but my role on campus has not. As the Family Giving and Community Engagement Officer, my number one priority is raising the necessary funds we need to provide our children with the Great Hearts model of education through our Annual Campaigns, Community Investment and Tax Credit Drive.

Getting to do my job in partnership with the entire Great Hearts North Phoenix staff and community is one of my greatest joys. It is through the time, talent, and treasure of all of us that makes everything we love about our school possible.

Next week, September 16th, through the 20th, we are celebrating and officially launching our Annual Campaigns for the 24-25 school year. With a fun week planned, we are excited to share with you the truth, goodness and beauty that is happening both inside and outside of the classroom.

**More information and details are being sent home with your student on how your family can participate in celebrating our great school. Be sure to follow us on social media (we are on Instagram and Facebook) for some fun highlights.*

I look forward to partnering with our entire community throughout the school year in support of our academy. In the meantime, please reach out to me with any questions you may have, fundraising related or not, I am happy to be a resource for you.

With gratitude,

Jackie Curtis

Proud donor towards Community Investment & Tax Credit Drive

Family Giving and Community Engagement Officer

P: 602-404-7414

E: jcurtis@archwaynorthphoenix.org

jcurtis@northphoenixprep.org





9TH & 10TH GRADE HEADMASTER CHAT

Parents, please join Ms. Lentz on Monday, 9/16, at 8:30 in the Library for this casual conversation and campus tour.

SENIOR SUNRISE BREAKFAST



Friday 10/25
7:15 - 8:15

Seniors and parents are invited to our annual sunrise pancake breakfast ceremony in the garden. As the sun rises, we honor our rising seniors for this momentous year!

Reminder



we want your feedback!



TAKE THE PSO SURVEY

Blazer Pinning Ceremony



Honoring the classes of 2025 & 2026

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

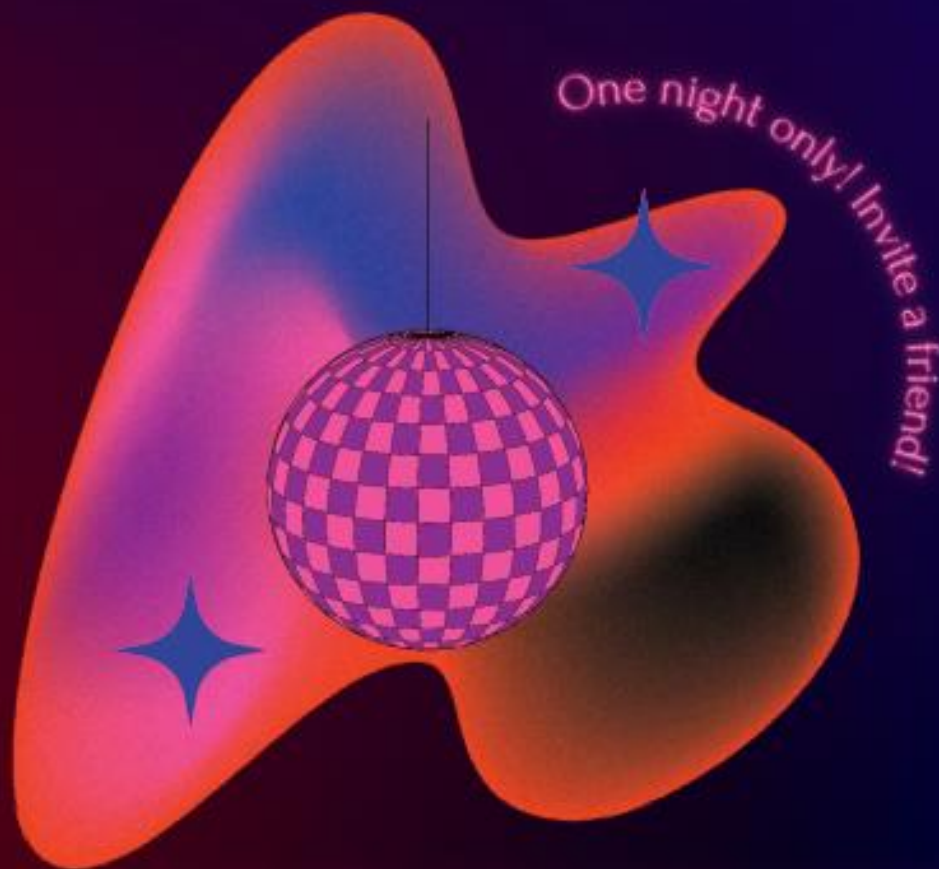
Students may invite up to 2 family members.
Doors open at 10:00 a.m.
Enter gym via West side entrance.

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](#)

HOMECOMING



UNDERGROUND DISCO

Saturday, September 28th from 7-10pm
Archway MPR Price: \$25



Gladiator Athletics

greatheartsnorthphoenixathletics.org

High School

Cross-Country has their next meet this Saturday, 9/14, at the 4 Corners Invite in the cool weather of Flagstaff! They are looking to continue to build off of their success in their previous meet!

JV Volleyball beat Desert Heights last Friday, 9/6, 2-1 and beat AZ Lutheran 2-1 on 9/10! The team plays Maryvale Prep at Maryvale tomorrow, 9/12, where they look to continue their winning streak!

Varsity Volleyball disposed of Desert Heights in 3 sets last Friday, 9/6, followed by a tough loss to a very good opponent in AZ Lutheran last night, 1-3. The Gladiators will look to beat the Matadors of Maryvale Prep, tomorrow, at 6pm at Maryvale.

The Volleyball games can be viewed via NPX's NFHS Network page for free if they can't make the game in person!

FALL SPORTS

Middle School

Cross-Country had a phenomenal first meet this past Saturday to which Our lady Gladiators ran a very gutsy race coming in 2nd place overall while the boys finished with a 5th place finish with one runner, Zander Rich, finishing first overall! Both teams did great despite the heat with many runners this being their first meet! Next meet is this Saturday, 9/14, at Mountain View 2 Park located at 9901 N 7th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85021 with the race start time of 7am.

MS Flag Football A lost this past Saturday vs Chandler Prep in a well-fought game. Their next game is this Saturday, 9/14, vs Lincoln at Arete Prep at 9am.

MS Flag Football C won by default as the other team did not show up on time this past Saturday. Their next game is this Saturday, 9/14, vs Arete at Arete Prep at 12pm.

MS Volleyball A team won both games this past Saturday vs Maryvale, 2-0. Their next game is this coming Saturday, vs Glendale Prep at Glendale Prep at 9:30 and 1030am.

MS Volleyball B team won their first game vs Maryvale this past Saturday then lost the second. Their next game is also this coming Saturday vs Glendale Prep at Glendale at 930 and 1030am.

MS Volleyball C teams all have Jamborees this weekend and all look to continue to show what they have been learning and working on in practice. C1 is at Chandler at 8am, C2 is at Roosevelt at 8am, C3 is at Glendale at 8am while C4 is at Veritas at 8am.

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.