

GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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- 9/10 Jr. College Info Night
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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](#)

All 6th Graders and New Middle School Students

Now is the time to make your requests for your gladiator teams! Follow this [link](#) to a form where you will notify us of your top three choices. When we know your preferences, we can better know how to draft you onto a team. Please fill out the form by Wednesday, September 11th at midnight! If you have questions, please contact Ms. Schripsema in person or by email sschripsema@northphoenixprep.org

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.

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!

Join us for **GREAT HEARTS DAY** at Chase Field!

Saturday, Sept 14
SCAN FOR TICKETS



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](mailto:Jackie.Curtis@npa.edu), Family Giving & Community Engagement Officer, with any questions or click [here](#) for more information.

PSO Corner

[PSO Newsletter](#) [Contact PSO](#)



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 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.

Volunteers are needed for the hearing and vision screening next week. 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](#)

Senior Sunset Painting Party

All students who park on campus are welcome to come to an informational meeting about our Senior Sunset Painting Party! The informational meeting will take place on Thursday, September 12th during HS Lyceum in room 606. The Senior Sunset Painting Party will take place on the evening of September 20th, but if you can't make that date and still want to paint, please come to the info meeting anyway!



College Counseling

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

Juniors

Junior Parent College Night – Tuesday, September 10 at 6 PM on [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.

All High School Grades

Tri-University Student Events – Sunday, September 8 from 2 – 4 PM at ASU's West campus. Attend an in-person event featuring Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona to learn more about our 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 NACAC College Fair for Greater Phoenix (free and open to the public). [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.

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

Summer Enrichment Activities – In addition to attending [Arizona Boys State](#) this summer, senior Kai Black interned at Airpark Motorsports. He found this amazing opportunity by simply inquiring at the shop about local apprenticeship offerings. Kai anticipates studying Automotive Technology in fall 2025 with the Maricopa Colleges.



Advanced Placement - Registration fees for AP exams will increase from \$98/exam to \$138/exam after November 1st. [Register your student](#) for the following AP exams proctored at Scottsdale Prep this May:

- AP English Language and Composition (end of junior year or later)
- AP English Literature and Composition (end of senior year or later)
- AP European History (end of sophomore year or later)
- AP Latin (end of sophomore year or later)
- AP Physics (end of junior year or later)
- AP Psychology (based on student's test preparation)
- AP United States History (end of freshman year or later)
- AP World History: Modern (end of senior year or later)

Great Hearts courses do not precisely align with AP curriculum, and it is recommended students invest time to *prepare for any AP exam*. There are three ways to earn college credit while enrolled at Great Hearts: [CLEP, AP, and Concurrent Enrollment](#). Please connect with College Counseling to determine the best method for your student.

College Rep Visits 9/9 – 9/13

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

Monday, September 9 at Lyceum

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Tuesday, September 10 at Lyceum

Thursday, September 12 at Lunch

[Arizona State University](#)

[University of Colorado-Boulder](#)

[Wabash College](#)

[Grand Canyon University](#)

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.

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



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](#)

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](#)



Gladiator Athletics

greatheartsnorthphoenixathletics.org

Girls HS Varsity Volleyball beat Anthem Prep on Friday, 8/30, and Glendale Prep on 9/3. The next home game is this Friday vs Desert Heights at 6pm! Then, on 9/10 we have a home game vs Arizona Lutheran. Come out and get loud to support our Gladiators!

Girls JV Volleyball lost to Anthem Prep but beat Glendale and looking sharp! It should be a good battle vs Desert Heights on Friday at 5pm followed by Arizona Lutheran on 9/10 at 5pm!

High School Cross Country did phenomenal in their meet, NoPho Invitational, this past Saturday, 8/31! We won 6 individual medals and the girls team placed 3rd overall!! Things are looking good for our XC team this year! The next meet will be the 4 Corners Invite on 9/14 in Flagstaff.

Middle School Cross Country has their first meet this coming Saturday, 9/7, at Paloma Park!

All Middle School Volleyball teams start this coming Saturday, 9/7, with A and B playing vs Maryvale here at home! B plays at 9:30 and 10:30 while A team starts at 11:30 then again at 12:30! Come out and support our middle school teams! C2 Jamboree is here at NPX starting at 8am this Saturday, 9/7, while C1, C3 and C4 are all away games.

Our **Flag Football A and Flag Football C** teams are playing at Maryvale at 9am (A) and 11am(C). Both teams have been looking sharp in training and can't wait to play in their first game!

Mobile Spirit Night

Tuesday, September 10, 2024
4:00pm-8:00pm

Come support Great Hearts North Phoenix Prep. 20% of sales from all Mobile Orders will be donated back to the school.

Use the Chick-fil-A® App to place a Mobile Order for drive-thru, carry-out, or dine-in. At checkout, click "Community Care Event".



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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.

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.