

GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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Upcoming Events

- 10/4 Cozy for a Cause
- 10/7 - 10/11 Fall Break
- 10/14 - 10/15 Conferences
No School
- 10/16 Afternoon Conferences
- 10/19 Fall Festival
GH Day at GCU
- 10/21 Headmaster Chat 11 & 12
- 10/21 Spirit Week Begins
- 10/25 Field Day
- 10/29 PSAT 10th and 11th

Fall Conference

Conferences will be held virtually on Monday October 14th and Tuesday October 15th. A first round of invites has been sent to invited families. The second round of invites will be sent to the entire grade level on Wednesday October 2nd. These are first come, first serve. If you do not have a conference this round, you will be invited to a conference in January.

Evaluations:

Evaluations will be written using a district comment bank. Longer evaluations will be completed at the semester. The parent portal will open on Sunday October 13th to check grades. If you need help with logging in, please reach out to Ms. Nelson at anelson@northphoenixprep.org. An electronic copy of the report card will also be emailed home on October 13th. Please reach out directly to the teachers for questions or concerns regarding your student's grades.

Quick Links

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New and Improved NPX Events Calendar



What's going on at NPX?

Check out our events calendar on our website. We're adding more details, links, and events than ever before!

<https://northphoenixprep.greatheartsamerica.org>

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: Senior Pancake Breakfast

Friday, October 25 from 7:15 - 8:15am
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.



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](#)



NPX FALL 

Festival

- BOUNCE HOUSES
- FOOD TRUCKS
- DUNK TANK
- GIVE AWAYS
- GAMES
- USED UNIFORM SALE
- MORE

OCT 19 6-9 PM

Fun for the whole family

SAVE THE DATE!

NPX PARENT SERVICE ORGANIZATION
QUESTIONS:
psopresident@northphoenixprep.org

Get ready for our biggest event of the year! This year's Fall Fest will have food trucks, bounce houses, games, music, a dunk tank, giveaways, a used uniform sale, and more! Bring the whole family! You can pre-purchase wrist bands for a discount now on our [Parent Payment Portal](#). Let's celebrate fall together! Questions to: Jessica at psopresident@northphoenixprep.org.

Family Giving



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](#)



College Counseling

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

Senior Class of 2025 Reminders

Parents, save the date Friday, October 25th for our **Senior Sunrise Breakfast**. Join us for this early morning tradition event from 7:15 – 8:15 AM that honors our Senior class and families with pancakes and special toasts by faculty. (photo)

Junior Class Field Trip to Northern Arizona University

Thursday, November 7 from 7 AM – 4:30 PM

Juniors will participate in a group visit to Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff! The visit will include a campus tour, presentations about admissions and financial aid, and an opportunity to see what it's like on a college campus. Lunch will be provided. To confirm their seat, please sign the permission slip and pay the \$15/student participation fee in our [Payment Portal](#) by **Monday, Friday, November 1**. Contact [College Counseling](#) with your questions.

Seniors

Once Seniors receive their acceptance letter, we encourage them to search for **Institutional Scholarships**. All three in-state universities now use *Scholarship Universe*, a portal which connects them to internal and external scholarships based on a personalized profile. [Arizona State University](#) and the [University of Arizona](#) portals are now live for fall 2025! Expect to see opportunities post to [Northern Arizona University's](#) portal in January 2025.

Private scholarships are financial aid awards funded by companies, service groups, foundations, and more. Some of our favorite search engines include: [Arizona Community Foundation](#), [College Depot](#), and [Scholarships.com](#). Pro-tip: create a separate email address for the scholarship search and use a [Scholarship Tracker](#) (save a copy) to stay on top of deadlines and requirements.

Here's an example of a current private scholarship opportunity:

Tuesday, November 12 – Deadline for [Elks' Most Valuable Student](#) scholarship awards ranging from \$1,000 – 7,500. Applicants do **not** need to be related to a member of the Elks.

Juniors

During Calculus classes this week, our College 101 workshops focused on [post-high school pathways](#). Next month, we delve into college fit in preparation for building college lists in December. As homework, juniors have been asked to complete the Intelligences assessment in Naviance under the Self-discovery tab.

Sophomores – 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 Juniors for the National Merit Scholarship Program and other recognition opportunities with College Board. To prepare, full-length adaptive digital [PSAT/NMSQT free practice exams](#) are available on the Bluebook app. Mark the date **Tuesday, October 29th** when NPX will proctor the test for sophomores and juniors on campus.

Wednesday, October 16th from 1:30 – 4 PM in the MPR. Sophomores and Juniors are invited to take a **FREE practice PSAT/NMSQT exam** on campus. Think of practice exams as a diagnostic tool to help your student focus their study time and gain familiarity with the test's digital format. Optional items to bring: calculator, sharpened pencils and a snack.

All High School Graded

Encourage your students to get involved in a couple of clubs, sports or other extracurricular activities either at school or in the local community. Keep track of their engagement on this [simple spreadsheet](#) (save a copy).

Over the course of the last three years, [College Tour](#) has interviewed over 75 College and University Presidents across the nation. Check out [Coffee with the President](#) videos and get an authentic look at how these Presidents are preparing the next generation of leaders for the ever-changing world we live in.

College Rep Visit 10/18

Friday, October 18th at Lunch in the Library [University of Portland](#), an inclusive, Catholic, Northwest institution

NPX QUARTER 1

Student Growth Plans, Evaluations, and Conferences

STUDENT GROWTH PLANS

This year NPX has made some changes to our Student Growth Plans (SGPs). These plans have been scaffolded and modified to reflect the needs of middle and high school students. Students will complete SGPs prior to Fall Break during class or lyceum. The SGPs will be reviewed and referred to during your student's conference. If you are receiving a conference invitation in October, the SGP for middle or high school will be linked to the invitation.



Q1 EVALUATIONS

Your child's evaluations will include a summary of what they learned and comments that are generated from a district comment bank. While these comments are selected from a list of possible comments, please know that the teachers select comments that are representative of your student's accomplishments and/or needs. Some teachers may choose to include anecdotes as well. Narrative evaluations will be written for your child at the end of the semester.



FALL CONFERENCES

Fall conferences will be held on October 14th and 15th via Teams (virtual). In-person conferences will be available the afternoon of October 16th and are by invitation only. Fall conferences are filled on a first-come basis. A waitlist will be established for families who do not solidify a spot and who need a conference. In-person conferences will be offered by a separate email invitation, which will be sent on Friday, September 27th.



JANUARY CONFERENCES

The administration team is committed to providing all students with a conference experience this year. If you do not receive an invitation for an October conference, you will receive an invitation for a January conference. If at any time between October and January conferences you feel there is a need for a meeting with your child's teachers, please do not hesitate to contact the Deans or Assistant Headmaster Jensen for help.



QUESTIONS?

CONTACT: MICHELLE JENSEN, AHM OF ACADEMICS

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Gladiator Athletics

greatheartsnorthphoenixathletics.org

High School

Girls Varsity Volleyball continues to dominate! They are undefeated in conference play sitting in first place in 1A West. The state rankings were released this week and with a huge win against Ash Fork on 10/2 they are now ranked 4th in state!

JV Volleyball continues to get better and better! They are currently 7-3 and will look to continue their winning ways over these next few weeks!

Gladiator fans please continue to attend and be loud at our home games for Volleyball as the season is rapidly coming to a close with only two more home games on 10/22 and 10/28. Then Conference Playoffs and hopefully State after that!

Cross-Country had a phenomenal performance at Desert Twilight this past Friday, 9/27/24. Multiple runners had personal records set with Jaiden Ploederl placing 4th in his race and 8th overall in the Small School Varsity race (taking home a medal). The boys have placed themselves in the top 5 of Division 4 this point through the season! The girls Varsity team ran in their first ever Championship race (this is huge) and did well despite the big stage they were competing in. Aslyn Lindsay has shown that she is a top D4 competitor week in and week out alongside Leah Morozowich. The girls team was the second best D4 team in the meet!

They are off this weekend and will be supporting the middle schoolers at their meet with their next meet on 10/11, with Division 4 Sectionals on 10/24!

FALL SPORTS

Middle School

The **cross-country** team is continuing to get better with each training and meet! This past Friday they competed in Desert Twilight Invite, which was the first time many runners participated in a meet of this magnitude. Huge Congratulations to our two medal winners Anna M (2nd place) and Zander (20th place)!

The team held their annual Gladiator Mile Race this week on 10/2, and Mason Del Duca is the Champion! His name will be added to the famous Gladiator Mile Sign!

Their next meet is this Saturday, 10/5, located at Freestone Park in Gilbert, AZ with a race start time of 7am. They will have a huge meet over Fall Break at Crossroads Park on 10/11 followed by the Great Hearts Middle School Championships on 10/26!

Volleyball A team split with Veritas Prep on 9/21, winning the first game 2-0 and losing the second game 1-2. On 9/28 the team dominated Roosevelt Prep and won both games. On 10/2 they lost to Anthem Prep, both games with two games this weekend versus Trivium Prep.

Volleyball B team dominated Veritas Prep on 9/21 winning both games easily! On 9/28 they continued their winning ways and beat Roosevelt with ease in both games. B team lost to the Eagles of Anthem last night and will face the mighty Trivium this Saturday, 10/5 in their last games of the season.

Volleyball C1, C2, C3 and C4 teams continue to get better and slew of wins as well as several losses over the past few weeks. They have games this coming Saturday with their last round of games being on 10/19.

Flag Football A team won their first game of the season on 9/21 beating Heritage Academy 6-0 while protecting our house! Flag Football had a bye last week and will face Arete this Saturday, 10/5 at Arete.

Flag Football C team dominated Roosevelt here at home on 9/21, winning 20-6, then lost to Lincoln in a close match on 9/28. They face Maryvale this weekend and the game is being hosted by Chandler Prep.

NEW SPIRIT SHIRTS AVAILABLE

Designed by Mr. Black

[LINK: PSO SWAG SITE](#)

PROCEEDS SUPPORT NPX ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

AVAILABLE IN: MAROON - BLACK - GRAY



A CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS !

WEDNESDAY NOV 6TH 2:30-4:00 pm

**ART SHOW
DRAMA
POETRY
READINGS
MUSIC
CRAFTS
FOOD
& MORE!**

CURIOUSITIES FOR CABINETTERS

FREE open house for students and families. Help us celebrate the fine arts and the beautiful crafts, projects, and experiments that our students are engaged in.

It is a bit of everything!

GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY

GREAT HEARTS ACADEMIES DAY

Visit Grand Canyon University's vibrant campus to learn about some of our most exciting programs and opportunities!

YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

- Tour GCU's campus, including our engineering labs
- Learn more about the college admissions process
- Explore opportunities within the Honors College, STEM, pre-health and more
- Hear from Great Hearts alumni and families about their GCU experience

JOIN US!
AT NEXT ADVENTURE: COLLEGE
Saturday, Oct. 19
9 am - 12:30 pm
Grand Canyon University

Scan the QR code below to RSVP!

QUESTIONS?
Contact RSVP@gcu.edu for more information. We look forward to seeing you!

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OCTOBER 4TH-13TH AT THE MESA ARTS CENTER

The Wind in the Willows is part of the required reading for 6th grade at Great Hearts Academies. 6th graders and their families will receive \$6 off per ticket to the musical, using code **GREATHEARTS6**

<https://www.mesaartscenter.com/index.php/shows/other-presenters/cyt—the-wind-in-the-willows>



11TH & 12TH GRADE HEADMASTER CHAT

Parents, please join Ms. Lentz on Monday, 10/21, at 8:30 in the Library for this casual conversation and campus tour.

BARÇA Academy WINTER SOCCER CAMPS 2024 - 2025

WINTER CAMPS

EXCLUSIVE SPECIAL OFFER ONLY FOR GREAT HEART STUDENTS UNTIL 15th OF OCTOBER

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PHOENIX December 27-30 TUCSON January 2-5

From GH Head Office

We're excited to offer an amazing opportunity to join the FC Barcelona Soccer Camp this winter in Phoenix from December 27-30! **All Great Heart families can enjoy an exclusive \$200 discount by using the GH24SOCCER code. This special offer is available until 15th of October. Spots are limited.**

This camp is open to boys and girls ages 6 to 14, at any skill level. FC Barcelona coaches coming from Spain will lead fun and competitive games and drills, teaching the official FC Barcelona methodology. Past attendees from Great Heart schools have provided excellent feedback!

To register, click here: <https://barcaresidencyacademyusa.com/winter-camp-phoenix/>



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.