GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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Dear North Phoenix Prep Families,



As the winter holidays approach, I want to take a moment to reflect on our growth and achievements in this the first semester. From the classroom to the concert hall, the stage to the athletic field, our students have practiced virtue and pursued excellence in every discipline. I am truly inspired by the incredible spirit of our Gladiator community and the strength of our connections to each other.

This holiday season offers a well-deserved break to spend time with loved ones and enjoy the season's joy. I hope each of you finds time to relax, celebrate, and make lasting memories with your families.

Thank you for your support, kindness, and partnership in making NPX a place where Truth, Goodness, and Beauty are the heartbeat of our school. On behalf of the entire NPX staff, I wish you and your loved ones a wonderful holiday season filled with joy and peace. May the new year bring health and happiness for all.

Warmest regards,

Erin Lentz



Upcoming Events

12/23 - 01/03 NO SCHOOL

01/05 Report Cards emailed home / Parent Portal opens

01/06 - 01/10 Half Days (12:15 Dismissal)

01/07 - 01/09 Conferences

01/07 Galileo ELA testing for 6th and 7th

01/08 Galileo ELA testing for 8th, Galileo Math for 6th

01/8, 01/10, 01/11 Used Uniform Sale - See ad below

01/09 Galileo testing Math for 7th and 8th

01/12 Parent Portal closes

01/20 No School (Civil Rights Day)

01/25 High School Winter Formal

(Archway MPR 7:00 - 10:00 PM)



Gladiator Teams Update

First semester of Gladiator Teams is in the books, and we have some winners to announce! All semester Middle School students collected Gladiator Tickets for virtuous acts in their classes and around campus. They also earned points at Field Day based on their standings and for winning challenges on Familia Friday. When we return in January, we will have a celebration for the top three teams, and we will start the standings over for the Spring Semester. Any team has a chance to win! After all that hard work, these are the standings for the Fall 2024 Season:

- 1. Murmillones- 2697
- 2. Samnite- 2330
- 3. Thraeces- 2250
- 4. Retiarii- 1781
- 5. Equites- 1371
- 6. Cestus-1255
- 7. Velites- 1158
- 8. Sagittarius- 1067
- 9. Bestiarii- 1046
- 10. Dimachaerus-836
- 11. Provocatores 687
- 12. Laquearius- 650



Thank you for supporting this important part of our culture here at NPX, and GO GLADIATORS!



Community Giving

Congratulations Gladiators, you did it! 🎉

Thanks to your incredible generosity, Giving Tuesday was a huge success! Together, we raised just over \$35,000, and we couldn't be more thankful! These funds are bringing us even closer to reaching our budgeted goals for this school year.

Your contributions to <u>Community Investment</u> and the <u>Arizona Public School Tax Credit</u> stay right here at NPX, directly benefiting our scholars by providing them with the resources they need to receive the best education possible.

We are so grateful for your unwavering support—it truly makes a difference!



Hello Great Hearts North Phoenix Families,

We are excited to share that a parent volunteer, the Burt family, has been working on creating a business directory platform for our Great Hearts North Phoenix community. This directory will be available to all families through our school website, and we plan to launch it in January 2025. If you have a business and would like to be included in the directory, please follow the link below to opt-in. Data will be collected through December.

For any questions about this new resource, feel free to contact our Family Giving & Community Engagement Officer, Jackie Curtis. Thank you for your participation and support!

Great Hearts Community Business Directory









Senior Celebrations

Congratulations to our Seniors who were offered direct admission to medical school!



New York Institute of Technology's program enables Mahum Laleka to achieve her Life Sciences, BS and Osteopathic Medicine, DO degrees. Mahum diligently pursued opportunities to volunteer with international clinics, <u>Banner Health</u>, and Hospice plus observe physicians in clinical settings. She served as a summer Research Assistant and collaborated on three medical publications for the 2024 International Stroke Conference.



Lucy Stuckenberg was accepted to Seton Hall University's (New Jersey) joint-degree program in Biology, BS and Allopathic Medicine, MD. A volunteer with Banner Health, Lucy interned with a local medical office and observed surgical procedures at Mayo Clinic. During the summer, she participated in ASU's <u>Summer Health Institute</u> and Midwestern University's <u>Health Careers Institute</u>.



HEFAR Group Financing College Presentation – Thursday, January 30 from 6 – 7 PM Zoom. Learn more about the <u>Higher Education</u> <u>Financial Aid Resources</u> (HEFAR) organization that offers services to assist families and students in planning for the high cost of college. Unlike commercial for-profit advising services that charge hefty fees, the HEFAR Group's services are free.



Great Hearts College Symposium – Saturday, March 1 from 3 – 6 PM at Scottsdale Preparatory Academy. A MUST-ATTEND event for our Juniors, all 9th – 11th grade students and their parents are invited to this network-wide college fair. School uniform is mandatory for participation. Register today!

Check out our <u>Announcements</u> page for frequently asked questions from Senior families, an opportunity for Juniors to take a practice ACT exam, and more!



Thank you to our Parent Service Elves for providing an amazing faculty luncheon this week and for all the wonderful gifts. We truly appreciate you and all you do for our community!







Contact Jessica for PSO info: psopresident@northphoenixprep.org

From the Front Office: Procedures and Policies Overview

Leaving Items/Lunches at the Front Desk: All lunches, water bottles, and other items must be dropped off at the front desk before 10:00 AM to avoid classroom interruptions. Students will not be called to the office after this time.

Reporting Absences: email Attendance@NorthPhoenixPrep.org before 8:00 AM with:

- Student's First and Last Name
- Grade
- Date of Absence(s)
- Reason (illness, appointment, family emergency, etc.)

Unexcused absences will be marked if no email is received.

Tardies: Late students must check in at the front office. Tardies for appointments will be unexcused until a note is provided. After 3 tardies, a detention is issued.

Gladiator Gear: Support school spirit on Fridays with Gladiator attire from the Spirit Store. NPX-approved sweatshirts are available throughout the year.

Outerwear Policy: Approved outerwear includes NPX Gladiator sweatshirts, Academy sweaters, and Senate sweatshirts. All other outerwear should be stored in lockers.

Parent Engagement Opportunities

- Headmaster Chats & PSO Meetings: Upcoming Meetings
- Campus Visitors & Volunteers: Complete your annual Raptor authorization with a \$6 fee here.
- Volunteer with Parent Service Organization: Email Jessica at PSOPresident@northphoenixprep.org

QUICK LINKS







Headmaster Chats
Yearbook Purchase
Student Newspaper

NPX Family Handbook

Academy Giving

Configio Payment Portal

Bell Schedule
Uniform Policy
School Calendar 24.25