

GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE



Dear Gladiator Families,

The school and family partnership is a vital relationship for student success and for the health of our community. Next week you will be receiving an invitation to participate in our annual **parent satisfaction survey**. Please keep an eye out for it and take a few moments to tell us about your experiences at North Phoenix Prep. Your feedback is highly valued by NPX, and by Great Hearts at large, as we use this data to recognize our outstanding teachers and make informed decisions about this year and the years to come.

As an incentive, the grade level with the highest percentage of participation will receive a no homework day and popsicle party, and those students will be entered into a drawing for a gift certificate to a local restaurant.

We appreciate your participation, and please reach out with any questions.

In partnership,
Erin Lentz

- 02/17 No school
- 02/22 Blood Drive (Archway MPR)
- 02/25 PSO Meeting (8:30 AM room #514)
- 02/26 NPX Science Fair (1:30 - 3:30 PM)
- 03/03 Headmaster Chat (8:30 AM)
- 03/07 Cozy for a Cause - Dress down for \$5
- 03/10 - 03/14 Spring Break!

[FULL NPX EVENTS CALENDAR HERE](#)

BLOOD DRIVE
Donate your blood to save a life!
Saturday, February 22
 Located in the Archway MPR
 Must be at least **16** to donate!
9am - 2pm

Archery Competes!

North Phoenix Prep sent our Archery team to their first tournament this past weekend! Out of 33 schools and 225 archers, our team had a respectable first showing. Matthew Million took 4th in 8th grade boys and 10th in middle school. Tei Lee and Sowjanya Prasad took 36 and 41 out of 88 high schoolers. All our archers did a great job representing our school and we are so proud of them!



Debate Goes to the AZ Capitol!



Last Friday, the Debate Team, lead by Ms. O'Sullivan, took a fun trip to the State Capitol.





8th Grade Dance Was So Much Fun!

Last Saturday, our 8th grade students enjoyed a dance created just for them! With a rockin' DJ, a fun photo booth, and plenty of snacks, they danced the night away and made lasting memories. It was a fantastic preview of the exciting high school dances they'll get to experience in the years ahead!



A special thanks to our High School Senators for their dedication in helping our Middle School Pantheon leaders organize, promote, and host this fantastic dance!



Summer 2026

Conservation in Costa Rica

Parent Informational Meeting

FEBRUARY 25, 6PM, ROOM 514

Scan the QR code & send the link to your parents to register for the info meeting.



Open to 8th - 11th Graders
Questions: See Ms. Burch
or Ms. Schripsema



Second semester Gladiator Teams are off to a great start! Last Familia Friday, Murmillones won their challenge against Cestus, and this coming Friday will be a standoff between Dimachaerus and Provocatores. Everyone wear your team shirt!

Here are the current Team Standings. Remember, turn in tickets to your team, win challenges, and earn points on Field Day to add to these scores! The top three teams win an end of year celebration!

1. Murm-474
2. Thraeces- 369
3. Dimachaerus-324
4. Provocatores-250
5. Retiarii- 242
6. Equites- 226
7. Sag-219
8. Samnite- 213
9. Bestiarii- 158
10. Velites- 151
11. Laquaerius- 66
12. Cestus- 16

GLADIATOR TEAMS

Academy Giving

Gladiators, we're currently 48% to our goal for this school year—thank you to everyone who has already taken the Credit with NPX! 🙌

This is a **WIN-WIN** for all AZ tax-paying residents! Don't forget to take advantage of this amazing opportunity and be sure to share it with your family and friends.

Before you file, take the dollar-for-dollar credit with NPX [here](#). Let's keep the momentum going!
Thank you for your support!



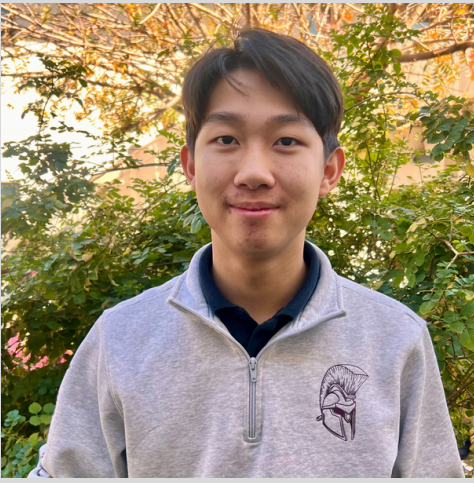
The flyer features the GreatHearts North Phoenix Preparatory logo at the top left. The main title is "North Phoenix Prep Tax Credit". Below this, it says "It's TAX CREDIT SEASON!" and "Dear Gladiators Family, Thank you for your continued support in North Phoenix Prep's athletics and enrichment courses. We are asking families to partner with us by contributing your annual Public School Tax Credit." A section titled "WHAT IS TAX CREDIT" explains the program through the Arizona Department of Revenue. A dark blue box contains three steps: "Step 1: Contribute by April 15th and save receipt", "Step 2: File your state income taxes and claim your contribution using Arizona Form 322.", and "Step 3: Receive your Tax Credit back dollar-for-dollar on your state income taxes". Below this, "HOW MUCH CAN I GIVE?" is detailed for "Married Filing Jointly" (up to \$400) and "Single Filers" (up to \$200). A QR code is provided with the URL "give.northphoenixprep.org/taxcredit". At the bottom, it asks for questions to contact Jackie Curtis at "jcurtis@northphoenixprep.org" and encourages sharing the information.



The banner has a dark blue background with the text "New Business Directory" in yellow and white. Below that, it says "Great Hearts North Phoenix Business Directory" and a large yellow button with "Click Here" in black text.



You can also find this directory on our PSO webpage [HERE](#)



College Counseling
college@northphoenixprep.org

[Check out our Announcements page to learn about upcoming college fairs and opportunities to tour our in-state universities!](#)

Congratulations to senior Zander Luo for being recognized as a 2025 National Merit Finalist! Zander scored in the top 1% of PSAT test takers in Arizona junior year and advanced in the competition based on his academic achievements and application materials. [National Merit Finalists](#) qualify for merit scholarships that cover partial tuition up to full cost of attendance at select institutions across the country.



Lunch & Learn Career Talks
Thursday, February 20 at lunch, Library.

Students will have the opportunity to meet and talk with professionals about their career path and current job. This week's program features representatives from the fields of counseling, accountancy, criminal justice, and marketing.



Naval Academy Summer Programs
Friday, February 21 at Lyceum, Library.

The United States Naval Academy will visit campus to promote their [Summer Seminar](#) (for grade 11) and [Summer STEM](#) (for grades 8-10) programs.

Participants get a taste of life at the academy and build lifelong friendships. If you're interested in enrichment activities closer to home, check out our list of [summer programs](#) where students can test out the waters related to their academic interests.

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Students & Parents
 Please join us for the 17th Annual
College Symposium

Hosted by Scottsdale Preparatory Academy
 Saturday, March 1
 3:15 pm–6:00 pm

Schedule of Events:

- 3:15-3:45 Optional Student Essay Workshop
- 4:00-4:30 Parent Presentation #1 in the Theater
- 4:30-5:00 Parent Presentation #2 in the Theater
- 4:10-4:30 Session #1– College Presentations in classrooms
- 4:40-5:00 Session #2– College Presentations in classrooms
- 5:00-6:00 Open college fair format

RSVP Required: strivefair.com

Required for participation: School uniform

College Symposium

2025 List of Participants

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| Babson College | Occidental College |
| Barrett, the Honors College at ASU | Paradise Valley Community College |
| Baylor University | University of Pennsylvania |
| Benedictine University | University of Prescott |
| California Lutheran University | Rutgers University |
| Colorado Mesa University | Lawrence College |
| Colorado School of Mines | Community College Seton Hall |
| Colorado State University of Pueblo | University of Simmons |
| Creighton University | John's College |
| Denison University | St. Olaf College |
| Drake University | Thomas Aquinas College |
| Elon University | University of U.S. Military Academy - West Point |
| Embry-Riddle Aeronautical (AZ) | University of Advancing Technology |
| Franklin & Marshall College | University of Connecticut |
| Franke Honors College, (U of AZ) | University of Dallas |
| Gonzaga University | University of Delaware |
| Grand Canyon University | University of Massachusetts |
| Hampden-Sydney College | Northern Colorado University |
| Hildegard College | Oregon University of Tennessee |
| Hillsdale College | Knoxville University of Wyoming |
| Jessup University | Wabash College |
| Justice College | Washington State University |
| Kansas State University | Whittier College |
| Lewis & Clark College (OR) | Whitworth University |
| Loyola Marymount University | University of William Jessup |
| Macalester College | |
| Marquette University | |
| Minot State University | |
| Mississippi State University | |
| New Mexico State University | |
| Northern Michigan University | |

RSVP Required: strivefair.com
 School uniform is required for this event.

We look forward to seeing you at the
 Great Hearts College Symposium!



NORTH PHOENIX PREP

RIISING SENIOR NIGHT

11th Grade Students & Parents
TUESDAY, APRIL 22
6 - 7 PM Prep MPR

Ensure your success Senior year and connect with other families on this milestone journey!

TOPICS: College Application Timeline
 Senior Thesis & Senior Trip
 Class of 2025 Student Panel
 Senior Commons Tour
college@northphoenixprep.org




Opportunities for ages 14-21

Paid Internships

What is AZYouthforce?
 AZYouthforce is a workforce development program that offers students paid internships in various career pathways.

What type of internships?
 AZYouthforce provides opportunities in trades, banking, business, automotive, youth development, youth athletics/coaching, healthcare, guest services, communications and more!

- No Experience Required
- Soft Skills Training
- Case Manager Support

Year-Round Opportunities



Questions?
Kara.Holmes@BGCAZ.org
 Teen Outreach Coordinator

Valley Wide Locations



ALL GRADES HEADMASTER CHAT

Parents, please join Ms. Lentz on
Monday, 3/3, at 8:30 AM in the Library
for this casual conversation and campus tour

PSO MEETING

February 25th

8:30 AM

All Parents Welcome!

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](#)

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Register Now for SPRING SOCCER!



Starting on Thursday,
March 13



Located at North Phoenix
Prep off of 32nd St and
Thunderbird



Rec Soccer League - Ages 7-14

6 week league

Thursday Night Practices
Saturday Morning games

Fee: \$210 inc. Blue + Yellow
Jerseys, Black shorts and socks

Little T-Birds - Ages 4-6

6 week league

Thursday Night Practices
Saturday Morning games

Fee: \$165 inc. Program T-
shirt



Great Hearts North Phoenix Prep Students use discount code "GHA10"
to save 10% at checkout!

Register Online at www.thunderbirdfc.org
or call 602-829-6861