

# GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE



Dear Gladiator Families,

## SAFETY PROTOCOLS

At North Phoenix Prep, the safety and well-being of our students is of utmost importance. One crucial way we prepare for unexpected situations is by conducting lockdown drills. During last week's lockdown drill, we noticed that some students were not adhering to the protocols correctly. It's important that students understand the seriousness of these drills while also recognizing that they are in place to protect them.

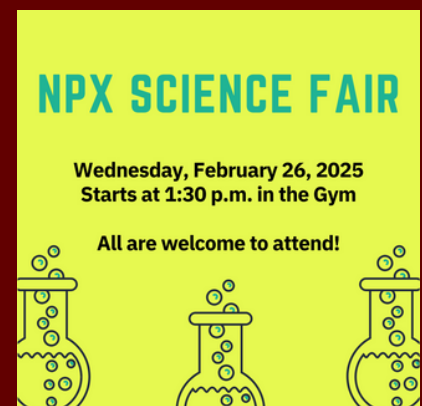
Students are instructed about the various safety protocols periodically throughout the school year, and before the next drill takes place, students will review them again so we can ensure a calm and orderly response. We'd like to ask for your partnership in talking to your students about the importance and purpose of these drills, which are designed and enforced to protect all of our students and faculty in case of an emergency. Should students choose not to adhere to these protocols or their teacher's instructions during a lockdown drill, they will be required to call home to discuss the situation with a parent or guardian.

Thank you for your support in reinforcing the importance of safety in our school community, and please reach out to me directly with any questions.

In partnership,  
Erin Lentz

- 02/22 Blood Drive (Archway MPR)
- 02/25 PSO Meeting (8:30 AM room #514)  
[PSO Newsletter: The Good Samaritan](#)
- 02/25 Costa Rica Trip Meeting (6:00 PM 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!
- 03/22 High School Social (on campus)

[FULL NPX EVENTS CALENDAR HERE](#)



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



**Did you know:** Costa Rica has 12 different ecosystems, including tropical forests, wetlands, mangroves, and a cloud forest.

**ART**



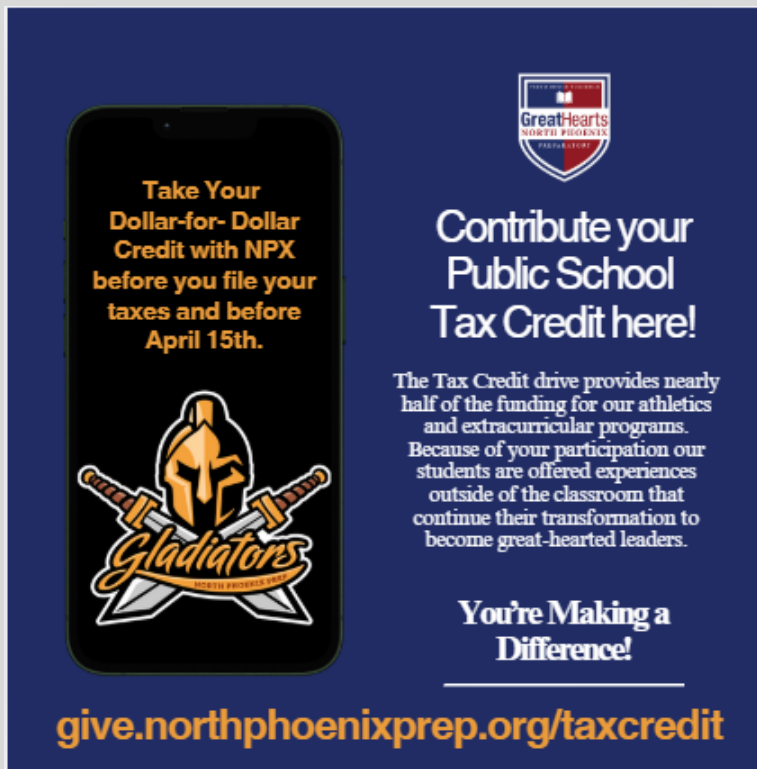
The 11th grade art students working on watercolor paintings

## Academy Giving

Gladiators, we're currently 50% 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!



A promotional graphic for a tax credit drive. It features a dark blue background. On the left, a black smartphone displays the text: "Take Your Dollar-for-Dollar Credit with NPX before you file your taxes and before April 15th." Below the text is the "Gladiators" logo, which includes a golden helmet and two crossed swords. On the right, the GreatHearts North Phoenix Prep logo is at the top. Below it, the text reads: "Contribute your Public School Tax Credit here!" followed by a paragraph: "The Tax Credit drive provides nearly half of the funding for our athletics and extracurricular programs. Because of your participation our students are offered experiences outside of the classroom that continue their transformation to become great-hearted leaders." At the bottom right, it says "You're Making a Difference!" and at the very bottom, the URL "give.northphoenixprep.org/taxcredit" is displayed in orange.



A blue rectangular advertisement for a business directory. The text reads: "New Business Directory" in yellow and white, "Great Hearts North Phoenix Business Directory" in white, and a large yellow button with the text "Click Here" in black.



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



# 10th Grade Levels Up at U of A!

Our 10th grade class enjoyed a great field trip to the University of Arizona last week!

NPX Student Ambassador Alexandra Cullins shared, “What I enjoyed most was how they incorporated activities into this presentation to make it entertaining. One activity was based on determining which career we should look into after college, which I found useful as it helped me determine which career is best suited for me based on my preferences and personality. I enjoyed this trip, and it made me excited for future college trips as well.”

Consider [scheduling a campus tour](#) the next time your family is in the Tucson area. Reference this [Campus Visit Score Card and questionnaire](#) to help your student make the most of their experience.





**Lunch & Learn Career Talks** – Encourage your student to bring their lunch to the Library for this career exploration series! Hear from local professionals who offer a unique, firsthand perspective on their educational journey and current profession.

Tuesday, February 25: Law, Healthcare, Education & Business

Thursday, February 27: Engineering, Law, Real Estate, Animal Health & Military

Friday, February 28: Engineering, Education, Architecture & Healthcare



**Enrichment Opportunities** – We strongly recommend that students engage in enrichment opportunities this summer to test out the waters related to their academic interests and college search. Check out College Essay Guy’s article on 5 ways to spend your high school summer.

Check out our Announcements page to review Tuesday’s Junior workshop on requesting letters of recommendation and learn about upcoming college fairs!

**College Counseling**  
[college@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:college@northphoenixprep.org)

# GreatHearts

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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](http://strivefair.com)

Required for participation: School uniform

## College Symposium

2025 List of Participants

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

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 School uniform is required for this event.

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



**NORTH PHOENIX PREP**

**RISEING 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](mailto:college@northphoenixprep.org)



**YOUTHFORCE** BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE VALLEY

**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](mailto:Kara.Holmes@BGCAZ.org)  
 Teen Outreach Coordinator

**Valley Wide Locations**

## Student Service Organization Reads to kids

Our amazing SSO students have been taking time out of their Lyceum to read to Archway's Kindergarten students, demonstrating the true spirit of service and mentorship. As Aristotle once said, "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all." Through their kindness and dedication, these students not only foster a love of reading but also exemplify the virtues of generosity and leadership.



Abi Peteres- 10th grade



Ashytn Goodrich- 10th grade



Keyla Guerrero- 10th grade



## 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!

Room #514

### 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](#)