

July 18, 2025

# GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE



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Dear Gladiator Families,

There are many exciting updates in the newsletter this week, including information about our expanded offerings for Dual Enrollment courses. Students in grades 10 – 12 may enroll in these courses to earn concurrent college credit while completing their Great Hearts high school course work. Courses available on our campus will be:

- Humane Letters II
- Humane Letters III
- Humane Letters IV
- Algebra II / Trigonometry
- Chemistry
- Economics
- Calculus I
- Calculus II
- Spanish III
- Spanish IV
- French III
- French IV
- Greek I
- Greek II

If you have any questions about Dual Enrollment, please reach out to our College Counselors, Sheila Conner and Julie Burch ([college@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:college@northphoenixprep.org)). For more information and to register, use the links below:

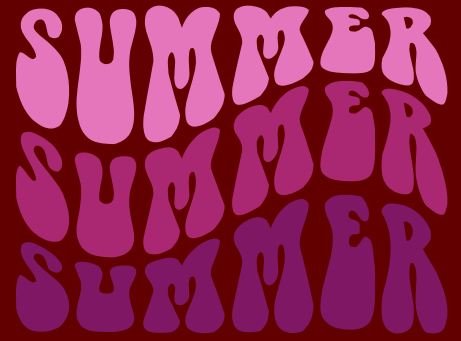
[Great Hearts College Credit Website](#)  
[Dual Enrollment Registration](#)

We've also started to see samples of our new uniforms arrive from Lands' End. You will notice that the maroon shirt color is slightly different than from years past (called "Garnet" on their website), however both options will be permitted for wear by our Middle School Students. High school students only should wear the black uniform polos or white Oxford shirts.

Last but not least, the Used Uniform Sale will be this weekend on Saturday, 7/19, from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. This sale is cash only. We recommend that students have two belts (one at home and one for their locker), and two Gladiator sweatshirts. Gladiator sweatshirts will be available to purchase for \$35 on Saturday, and payment for sweatshirts may be in cash or QR code at the sale.

With devotion,  
Erin Lentz | Headmaster

# Important Dates



- 07/01: Portal is now open for 9<sup>th</sup> grade retreat
- 07/19: Used Uniform Sale (9:00 - 12:00 AM)
- 07/19: PSO board meeting (11:00 - 2:00 PM library)
- 08/02: Senior Bootcamp (9:00-2:00 PM MPR)
- 08/04: Greet the Gladiator / Used Uniform Sale
- New Students (8:00 - 10:00 AM)
  - Returning Students (10:15 - 12:00 PM)
- 08/05: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation Day (8:00 - 10:30 AM)
- 08/05: Alumni Send Off (10:00-11:00 Sr. Commons)
- 08/06: First Day of School (8:15 - 1:15 PM Wednesday Early Release)
- 08/12: 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Rise Up Night (6:00 - 8:00 PM)
- 08/12: PSO Meeting at NPX (8:30 AM)
- 08/18: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents - Headmaster Chat (8:30 - 9:30 AM -Library)



## **ANNOUNCING THE 2025 9TH GRADE RETREAT!**



**AUGUST 27, 28, 29**

Next year's 9th grade class will be going up to CampWay in Prescott, AZ  
for a three day and two night retreat.

Get ready for an unforgettable adventure! Our 9th grade retreat to CampWay is a special three-day, two-night experience where students bond, build leadership skills, and dive into life at North Phoenix Prep—all in a stunning pine forest setting.

**Pay early to save money:**

**\$275 July 1st - July 22nd**

**\$300 July 23rd - August 12th**

**\$320 August 13th - August 20th**



# WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME OUR NEWEST TEAM MEMBERS!



**Dr. JoAnn Marquette: Assistant Headmaster**

I am excited to join Great Hearts as part of the admin team! My three decades as an educator span between PA and AZ in-person, and throughout the US as an online adjunct for multiple universities / colleges during that time. Please stop in and say hello!



**Stephen Albrecht: Economics / Pre Algebra**

I'm Stephen Albrecht, I'll be teaching Economics and Pre-Algebra this year. This will be my 4th year teaching in Arizona, and I am joining the Great Hearts family at the same time my youngest, Gwynn, joins in kindergarten. I love sports, statistics, and board games!



**Jonah Friend: Lit Comp I and II**

I was born in Seattle Washington and took the roundabout way through the deep south to come here to Phoenix to attend GCU. Now I'm finishing up my Masters and spent the last two years at ANP before coming here to NPX.



### **Parker Smith: Humane Letters I / Lit Comp III**

My name is Parker Smith and I graduated from St. John's college in Santa Fe, NM. This is my sixth year working for the Great Hearts network and I will be teaching 9th grade Humane Letters and 8th grade Literature and Composition.



### **Brian Tate: ESS Coordinator**

I grew up in Delaware and Pennsylvania. My wife, Patrina, and I have an eight-year old son, Dorian, a four-year-old daughter, Elise, and two dogs, Lucy and Spencer. I have taught in Colorado, New Mexico, Trinidad, Tobago, and Arizona.



### **Darius Stover: Health Assistant**

Hello, My name is Darius Stover, I will be the new Health Assistant for the 25-26 school year. I am Native American and come from the White Mountain Apache Tribe. I have about 6 years of Pediatric experience in a primary care setting. I enjoy watching and playing sports. I am excited for the school year, as well as to meet you and your children.

### **We also welcome**

**Mrs. Sonya Hemmings, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Latin & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Latin**

**Mr. Kaden Kennedy, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Medieval History & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Humane Letters**

*Their bios and photos will be coming soon!*

# Gladiator Athletics



**Registration is now open for the following teams**

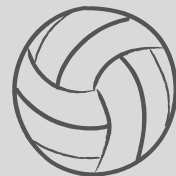
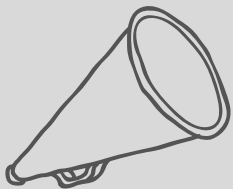
## **Middle School**

Coed Flag Football  
Boys & Girls Cross Country  
Cheer  
Girls Volleyball



## **High School**

Boys & Girls Cross Country  
8-man Tackle Football,  
Cheer  
Girls Volleyball



**For more details, go to our ATHLETICS WEBSITE –**

**<https://greatheartsnorthphoenixathletics.org/>**

**All participants must be fully registered to participate including a physical. We highly recommend you get the physical completed at your earliest convenience.**

**Here is a link to the only form that will be accepted as proof of a completed physical: <https://aiaonline.org/files/16936/forms-157-a-d.pdf>**

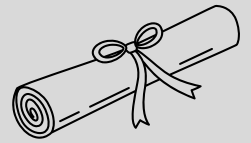
**For more info please email our AD, Joe Page, at [jpage@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:jpage@northphoenixprep.org)**





## College Counseling

[college@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:college@northphoenixprep.org)



High school parents, please help your student create a **professional email address** that they can use to access Naviance, our college planning portal, and to communicate with teachers and colleges.

Encourage your child to pursue their interests and **get involved** in ECNAs (on-campus extracurricular activities), Gladiator athletics, and **community service**.

Finally, simply “**favorite**” or “**add to VIP**” ***mailer@email.naviance.com*** to ensure that you’re receiving important communications from College Counseling.

## EARN COLLEGE CREDIT

Great Hearts Academies are expanding their college credit offerings again this coming year. This will include three **AP testing** sites, three **CLEP testing** sites, and additional **dual enrollment** courses.

### Dual Enrollment

Students entering grades 10-12 can earn college credit for select high school courses they are already taking at North Phoenix Prep. Each dual enrollment course is taught by the student’s regular Great Hearts teacher.

- **Register online** by August 24th for fall semester dual enrollment courses. Please have your student’s high school transcript and course offerings handy.
- Create a separate Great Hearts AZ Configio account.



**CLICK HERE FOR  
25-26 OFFERINGS**

**Non-refundable fees:**  
\$300 for 3-credit courses  
\$385 for 4-credit courses



## SUMMER ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Did your student participate in an enrichment activity this summer, such as attend a **summer camp**, **intern**, **volunteer**, or **tour a college**? Complete a **brief online form** to share the news, and your student will be entered into a drawing for college swag!

Select entries will be featured in an upcoming newsletter or social media post.

## Notes From the Front Office

1. It's time for RAPTOR volunteer signup. All parent volunteers must complete the RAPTOR information annually. Volunteer information [HERE](#).
2. We are looking for a parent who is an experienced seamstress to repair our Gladius mascot costume. Please reach out to Angie Nelson [anelson@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:anelson@northphoenixprep.org).
3. Parents looking to volunteer for Greet the Gladiator Day are encouraged to reach out to Ms. Nunez ([PSOPresident@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:PSOPresident@northphoenixprep.org)) or Mrs. Nelson in our front office.
4. Have a textbook that you have not returned? Please do so BEFORE the school year starts, office hours are Monday -Thursday, 8:00 - 1:00 PM.



Good News! our lunch program is now available **online** as well as in person. Once again, this year, we are partnering with Blue Willo Catering to offer delicious and nutritious meals. Follow this [LINK](#) to create an account to purchase meals online, or to get additional information about our lunch program.

**IMPORTANT: If you are not planning on attending NPX for the coming 2025-2026 school year, please notify us now.**

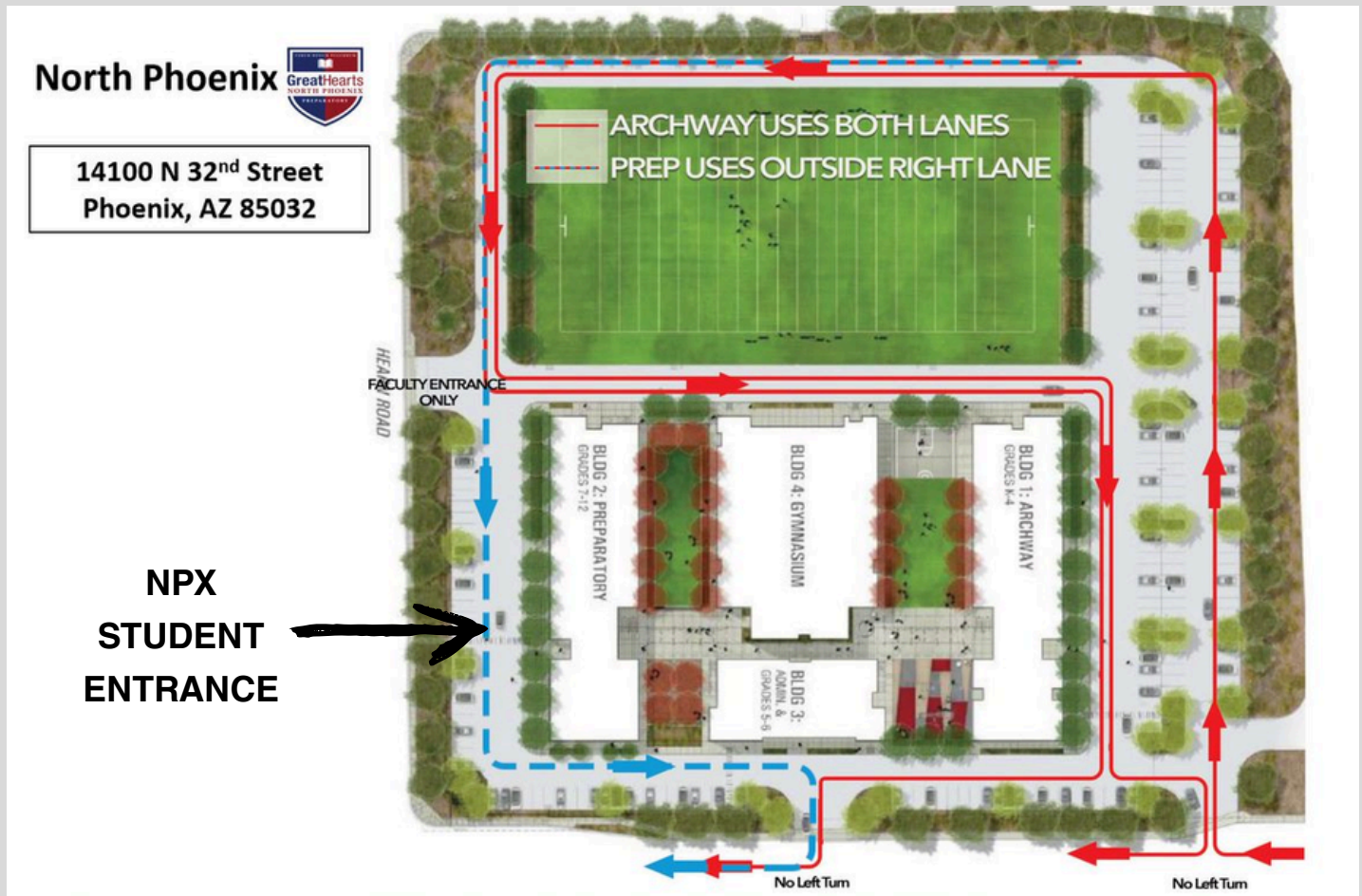
Mrs. Sokolis: [bsokolis@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:bsokolis@northphoenixprep.org)

Mrs. Nelson: [anelson@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:anelson@northphoenixprep.org)

**NPX**  
**PARENT PAYMENT PORTAL**



## Student Drop Off and Pick Up Directions



Heading south on 32<sup>nd</sup> St, enter the North Entrance to the parking lot. Stay in the RIGHT lane. Drive around the field. Follow the signs designated 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.





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# NORTH PHOENIX PREPARATORY ACADEMY

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## STUDENT AND PARENT ACTION ITEMS

- ✓ **Classics to Keep:** Build your student's personal library of annotated classics. Buy exact ISBNs listed on our website to ensure alignment with the curriculum. If purchasing books or supplies is a hardship for your family, please reach out to Mrs. Nelson.
- ✓ **Grade Level Supply List:** Supply lists for each grade are on our website. Families can buy supplies from any vendor and should bring them to Greet the Gladiator Day or the first day of class.
- ✓ **Consumable Materials:** Students will use many consumable materials throughout the year. You may purchase through the online Parent Payment Portal.
- ✓ **Academy Giving Community Investment & Tax Credit Drive:** Annual contributions that support our school's operating budget. [www.northphoenixprep.org/support](http://www.northphoenixprep.org/support)

*Visit our website for all of the complete lists and details for each grade level:*

<https://northphoenixprep.greatheartsamerica.org/>

## SCHOOL HOURS

**8:20am-3:20pm**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

**8:20am-1:15pm**

Wednesday

**8:20am-12:15pm**

Half Days

## OFFICE HOURS

**7:30am- 3:50pm**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

**7:30am-1:35pm**

Wednesday



## IMPORTANT DATES

### First Semester

**August 4th:** Greet the Gladiator (all grade levels)

**August 5th:** Rise of The Tiro (6th grade orientation)

**August 6th:** First day of school - Wednesday sched

**August 27th - 29th:** 9th Grade Retreat Friendly Pines

**September 1st :** No school- Labor Day

**September 17th :** Half Day- GH in-service

**October 6th-10th:** No School-Fall break

**October 13th - 14th :** No school / Conferences

**October 24th:** ½ Day - Field Day

**November 11th:** No School - Veterans Day

**November 26th - 28th:** No School / Thanksgiving

**December 17th - 19th:** Half Days

**December 22nd - January 2nd :** No School - Winter Break

### Second Semester

**January 5th - 9th:** ½ Day and Conferences

**January 19th :** No School - Civil Rights Day

**February 6th:** Half Day - GH In-Service

**February 16h:** No School - Presidents Day

**March 9th - 13th:** No School - Spring Break

**April 3rd:** No School

**May 1st:** ½ Day - Field Day

**May 18th - 21st:** Half Days

**May 20th:** 8th Grade Promotion

**May 20th:** Last Day of School - High Sch Graduation

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# 6TH GRADE ORIENTATION



**Tuesday, August 5, 2025 | 8:00AM-10:30 AM**

*Student drop-off and pick-up at the Prepdoors.  
Dressed in full school uniform is required.*

**What to Bring?**

- Water Bottle
- School Uniform
- Folder with:
  - Class schedule
  - Locker combination

## **Event Schedule:**

### **8:00 – 8:15 AM**

Check-In at the Gym Welcome message from Headmaster + Orientation instructions

### **8:15 – 8:20 AM**

Student Line-Up Students line up by their 1st Period Teacher

**8:20 – 10:30 AM** Schedule Walkthrough Begins  
Students will rotate through their daily class schedule to:

- Meet their teachers
- Find their seats in each classroom
- Learn important information about Lyceum, Gladiator Teams, Lunch, Homework, and more

\*Includes a break and provided snack\*

## **Parent Session (While Students Are in Class)**

### **8:15 – 9:15 AM**

Meet with the Deans in the gym  
Q&A session with staff  
Student Leader Panel  
Topics include:

- School policies
- Academic overview
- Communication

### **9:15 – 10:15 AM**

Coffee Bar & Meet the PSO in the MPR Optional — parents may stay or leave after coffee

### **10:30 AM**

Pick up students outside the Prep doors in the drive line



## Community Giving



### Welcome To A New School Year, Gladiator Families!

We are just under a month away from starting a brand-new school year, and we hope you're enjoying a restful and fun summer break!

Thank you for investing in your student's education and for being a vital part of our Great Hearts community. Our fiscal year—and the important work of our dedicated admin team to prepare for the year—has already begun.

Now is the perfect time to make your one-time gift or set up your monthly Community Investment gift to support the 2025–2026 school year. Your support, along with your Tax Credit contribution, provides the financial fuel we need to deliver the Great Hearts education—both in and outside the classroom.

We're grateful for your partnership and can't wait to welcome our Gladiators back soon! Should you have any questions or need any assistance with setting up your giving, please contact our Family Giving Officer, Jackie Curtis 602-404-7414 or at [jcurtis@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:jcurtis@northphoenixprep.org)

★ Thank You For Investing In Your Students Education ★

**GIVING**  
*is at the heart of*  
**NORTH PHOENIX**

#### Community Investment =

Socratic Instruction, School Security,  
Fine Arts, Classroom Supplies,  
College Counseling,  
...and so much more!

#### Tax Credit =

Athletic Program, Field Trips,  
ECNA's



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Join us in making a difference!  
Contact PSO President  
Jessica Nunez at  
[psopresident@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:psopresident@northphoenixprep.org) to  
learn how you can get involved today.  
**Raptor authorization with a \$6 fee [here](#).**

PSO   
**INFORMATION**  
**HERE!**

Parents Supporting NPX

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### 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. Items dropped off at the front desk after 10:00 AM - The student will not be called down until the next day of school for pickup (lunches included). This is to avoid classroom interruptions.

#### Reporting Absences:

Email [Attendance@NorthPhoenixPrep.org](mailto: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 only must check in at the front office. Parents are no longer needed to check in student. Tardies for appointments will be unexcused until a note is provided. After 3 tardies, a detention is issued.

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