

GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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Partnering For Progress: NPX's New Open Gradebooks Empower Families

Dear Gladiator Families,

I am writing to share the exciting news that North Phoenix Prep will have Open Gradebooks this year! This will allow parents to log into [PowerSchool](#) anytime to monitor their scholar's progress. The list of assignments, whether any are missing, teacher comments on particular assignments, and current grades in the class will all be viewable through PowerSchool.

As we move forward, I want to set a few expectations for this initiative:

- First, Open Gradebooks are intended to be a means by which students are able to take increased ownership of their learning, and an accountability tool for parents with their students. This is not intended as an accountability tool for parents and teachers. It is primarily to be used by you, as parents, to monitor your student's progress and assignments. Our administrative team will continue to monitor gradebooks and grading practices, and to coach teachers as needed.

- Second, our philosophy around Open Gradebooks is aligned with our philosophy of grading and evaluation process (Family Handbook, page 25). Your student's learning cannot be fully captured by a number in a gradebook, and therefore it is the teacher who assigns the overall grade. We will continue to grade on effort and progress as well as the tangible elements in the gradebook. The gradebook is one measure of success, but not the only one. Our mission is the formation of both intellectual and moral virtue, and we would be deficient in its pursuit should we include the former while disregarding the latter.
- Third, while I would encourage you to check your student's grades regularly, I caution both you and your student against fixating on these metrics. Toward that end, we will partner with you to scaffold access for students according to their age and maturity, and we ask that you prepare your students in advance for your family's expectations around accessing this information.
- Last, this is a new initiative for our campus. We have designed our procedures with input from the academies that have already adopted Open Gradebooks and insight from leaders who have utilized Open Gradebooks in other educational settings. We welcome your feedback and suggestions, and also ask for grace for us and our teachers as we incorporate Open Gradebooks into our framework. If you have any questions, concerns, or great ideas, please feel free to reach out to me or to either of our Assistant Headmasters, Dr. Markette and Ms. Schripsema.

With devotion,

Erin Lentz
Headmaster



Open Gradebook FAQ's for Parents:

How do we log in to see the gradebooks?

Log in to PowerSchool using the same username and password as you have in the past to see report cards and evaluations.

When will gradebooks open?

Gradebooks will open on 8/15. They will remain open throughout the year except toward the end of each quarter during exams, when teachers are finalizing grades.

What information will be visible in the gradebooks?

You will see assignment names and grades, and the overall grade in the class.

When are gradebooks updated?

Teachers are asked to update their gradebooks by the end of day on Friday, with the understanding that “end of day” may come at different times for each teacher based on personal and professional factors.

Will we receive missing assignment reports?

No. Missing assignments will be flagged in the gradebook.

Will we still receive a Mid-Quarter Progress Report?

Yes. One mid-quarter progress report will be sent by email on the following dates:

September 12, 2025

November 14, 2025

February 6, 2026

April 10, 2026

Can my student(s) have their own log-in for PowerSchool?

Juniors and Seniors will receive their own log-in information. Parents of Freshmen and Sophomores may request that log-ins be shared for their students by sending an email to the Dean, Mr. Poulson, or to the College Counselors, Ms. Conner and Ms. Burch. Middle school students will not have their own access.

Where should we direct questions about grades?

Questions about grades or assignments are best answered by the teacher. Encourage your student(s) to speak to their teachers first, before intervening on their behalf.

Important Dates

07/01: Portal is now open for 9th grade retreat

08/02: Senior Bootcamp (9:00-2:00 PM MPR)

08/04: Lanista Bootcamp (12:00-3:00 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: 6th 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: 9th Grade Rise Up Night (6:00 - 8:00 PM)

08/12: PSO Meeting at NPX (8:30 AM)

08/18: 6th Grade Parents - Headmaster Chat (8:30 - 9:30 AM -Library)

Let's Go
Class of 2026!
And Welcome
Class of 2033!



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



[2025-2026 Calendar Now Online](#)

[FULL NPX EVENTS CALENDAR HERE](#)



Lanistae, your boot camp will be held on August 4th, from 12-3 in the Prep MPR. You are welcome to volunteer for Greet the Gladiator, as we are meeting afterwards! Keep checking GroupMe for updates. See Ms. Schripsema for more information.

Parents - Join the PSO in supporting our teachers start of year classroom needs.

It's Easy! Simply click on the Amazon wish list below, select items, and check out. The items will be sent to school for the PSO to hand them out.

Faculty Wish List



Greet The Gladiator

Monday, August 4th



We invite parents and students to Greet the Gladiator, our annual open house, to mark the beginning of the school year.

New students should arrive and participate from 8:00 - 10:00 AM
Returning students should arrive and participate from 10:15 - 12:00 PM

Receive your schedules

Pick up your textbooks

Get your locker assignments

Purchase used uniforms

Learn about athletics this year

Learn about extracurricular courses

Meet your Parent Service Organization to get involved

Meet your teachers!

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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

Gladiator Athletics



Registration is now open for the following teams

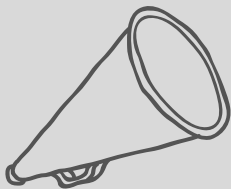
Middle School

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://greateartsnorthphoenixathletics.org/>

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

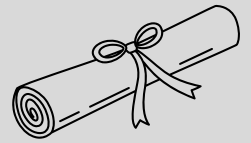
Here is a link to the only form that will be accepted as proof of a completed physical: <https://aiaonline.org/files/16936/forms-157-a-d.pdf>

For more info please email our AD, Joe Page, at jpage@northphoenixprep.org



College Counseling

college@northphoenixprep.org | northphoenixprep.org/college



Tuesday, August 12th from 7 - 9 PM at The Scottsdale Resort and Spa. Attend an information session and college fair featuring distinctly different liberal arts colleges. **RSVP today!**



Sunday, September 21st from 11 AM - 3 PM at the Phoenix Convention Center. Connect with hundreds of colleges and universities at a regional NACAC College Fair. **RSVP today!**

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.



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

★ 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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Notes From the Front Office



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

Mrs. Nelson: anelson@northphoenixprep.org

It's time for RAPTOR volunteer signup. All parent volunteers must complete the RAPTOR information annually. Volunteer information [HERE](#).

- 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.
- Parents looking to volunteer for Greet the Gladiator Day are encouraged to reach out to Ms. Nunez (PSOPresident@northphoenixprep.org) or Mrs. Nelson in our front office.
- 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.

NPX
PARENT PAYMENT PORTAL

Enjoy those last days of summer break!



BACK TO SCHOOL IS HERE | 2025-2026

NORTH PHOENIX PREPARATORY ACADEMY

14100NORTH 32ndSTREETPHOENIX,AZ85032

602.996.4355 | www.NorthPhoenixPrep.org

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

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

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

SCHOOL HOURS

8:20am-3:30pm 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 16th: No School - Presidents Day

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

April 3rd: No School

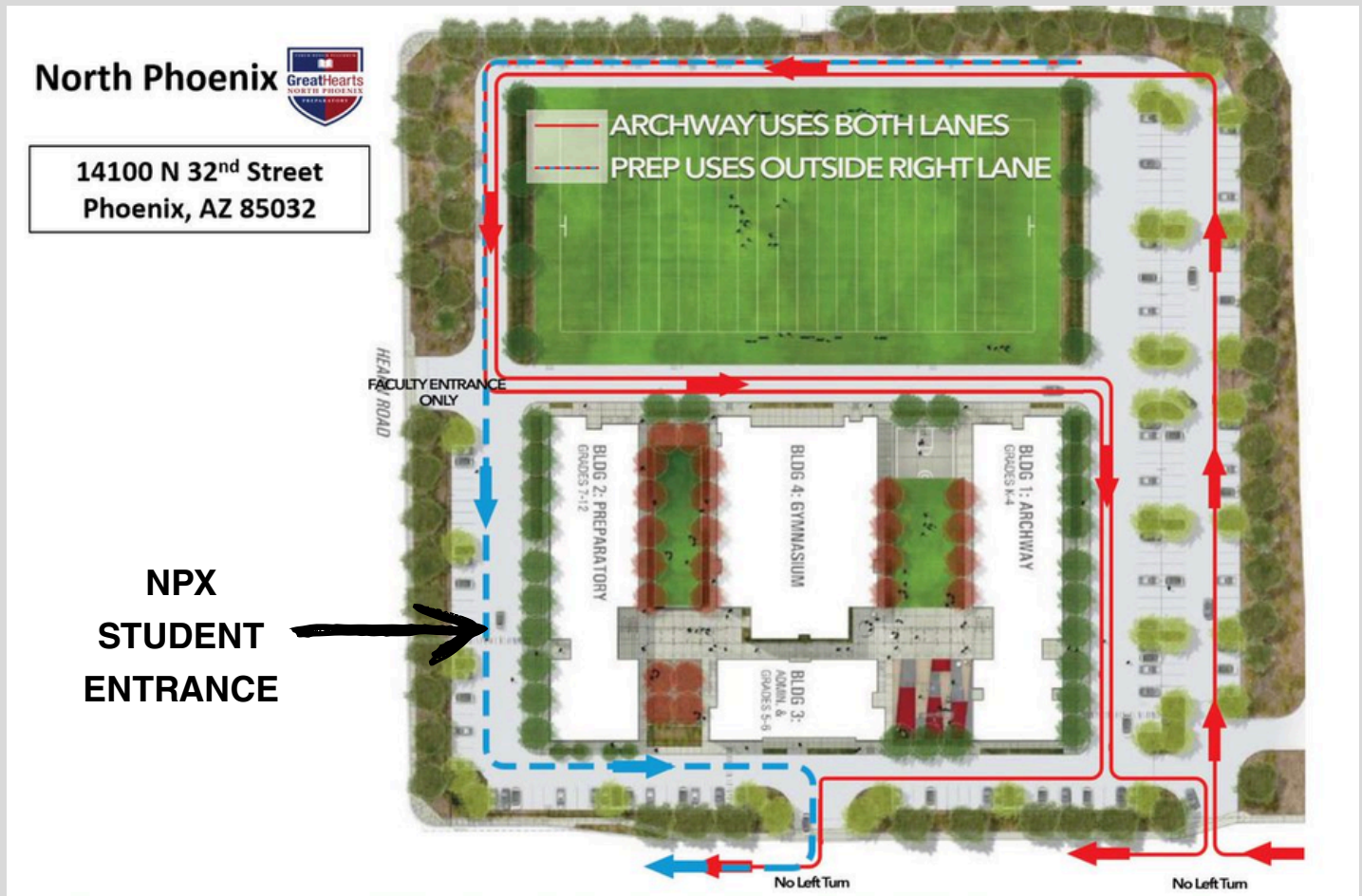
May 1st: ½ Day - Field Day

May 18th - 21st: Half Days

May 20th: 8th Grade Promotion

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

Student Drop Off and Pick Up Directions



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 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.



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

PSO 
INFORMATION
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Parents Supporting NPX

[PSO LINK TREE](#)

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 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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