Aug 15, 2025

# GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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Dear Gladiator Families,

Yesterday you should have received an email including the link to the gradebook website and your unique login credentials, and gradebooks will open this afternoon at 5:00. When you login, click on “Grades” on the left side menu and then click on the blue letter grade to access the assignment list for each course. Linked within the newsletter are an FAQ document for parents and a visual guide to how to navigate the gradebook portal.

Teachers are asked to update their gradebooks with 3 grades each week by the end of day on Fridays. Keep in mind that “end of day” may be later for some teachers than for others.

Open gradebooks are intended as an opportunity for students to take increased ownership of their learning, however this data is only part of the story of your student’s growth. I encourage you to reach out to teachers directly with questions about your student’s progress, especially for those aspects which cannot be fully captured in the gradebook.

With devotion,

Erin Lentz | Headmaster

**Parents/Student View of Gradebooks Instructions**

**Open Gradebook FAQ’s for Parents**

# Important Dates

**08/18: 6th Grade Parents - Headmaster Chat (8:30 - 9:30 AM - Library)**
**08/18: Freshmen College Counseling Workshops - Geometry**
**08/21: Sophomore College Counseling Workshops - Music**
**08/21: Extracurricular Rush (Lyceum)**
**08/22: First Familia Friday (7th & 8th Only)**
**08/22: SKY ZONE Social (All Grades 6:00-8:00 PM 4857 E Greenway Rd)**
**08/22: Sophomore College Counseling Workshops - Economics**
**08/23: PSO Parent Mixer (4:00 - 6:00 PM Archway MPR)**
**08/24: Fall Dual Enrollment Registration Deadline (Contact College Counseling)**
**08/25: Headmaster Chat -7th parents (Library 8:30 a.m.)**
**08/25: Senior Info Night (For Parents & Seniors 6:00 - 7:00 PM)**
**08/27-08/29: CampWay 9th Grade Retreat**

**9th Grade Retreat: August 27, 28, 29**

**Register HERE Now!**

**DEADLINE 8/19!**

**2025-2026 Calendar Now Online**

**FULL NPX EVENTS CALENDAR HERE**

# College Counseling

college@northphoenixprep.org | northphoenixprep.org/college

## LOCAL COLLEGE FAIRS & EVENTS

**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**!

Attend in-person **Tri-University Events this September** geared toward providing your family in-depth information about supports, campus life, how to apply, and finding your student's fit at in-state universities. **Register today**!

## DUAL ENROLLMENT REGISTRATION

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.
- Tuition assistance is available for those who qualify.

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

## COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

**On-campus College Rep Visits**
Tuesday, August 19th — Grand Canyon University | Private, faith-based institution

**Monday, August 25th** from from 6 - 7 PM, Prep MPR.
Senior parents, please join us for an evening presentation to learn more about Senior thesis, the college application timeline, and our annual Senior trip to Washington, D.C.

SENIOR INFO NIGHT

**11th Grade Field Trip to Northern Arizona University** on Friday, September 5th. From a guided walking tour and admissions presentation to lunch in the All-You-Care-to-Eat Dining Hall, our Junior class will experience campus life in Flagstaff. Reserve your student's seat in the **Payment Portal ($25)**.

**What is Pure Data? (NOT SPAM!)**

**This year you may receive what looks like a spam email from "donotreply@mailgun.puredata.io". This is not spam and is in fact the new behavior logging system that we are using this year.**

Pure Data allows for teachers to create a log to record student behavior. This log will either have a Logtype of "Discipline" meaning that an expectation was not met, or "Praise" meaning that the student did something exceptional and worthy of praise. This system allows for easier and faster communication from teachers about behaviors they are experiencing in and out of the classroom.

In addition, the Dean's office will be using Pure Data to assign detentions to students. With this new system, parents will receive an email whenever a log is created or a detention is assigned and will no longer have to rely on a student bringing a note home.

If you ever have any questions when receiving an email for a log, please reach out to the assigning teacher, which will be listed in the email. Additionally, if you have any questions concerning this process, please reach out to the Deans, Mr. Sokolis and Mr. Poulson.

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**Win NPX Students a FREE dress down day!**

Starting on August 18th, ALL families please fill out the Elementary and Secondary Education Act **(ESEA)** form. Starting on August 18th, the 2025-26 ESEA form will be available on your enrollment parent portal to complete.

Please complete the ESEA form for each student for the 2025–2026 school year. Your participation—regardless of eligibility—helps secure funding for:

· Tutoring & academic support
· Technology upgrades
· Teacher training & facility improvements

Instructions on how to complete this form will be sent on Monday, August 18th, 2025.

**If our school reaches 98% or higher completion we will have a campus-wide free dress day, deadline date is August 25th. All information is confidential. Thank you for your support.**

# Community Giving

## First Week: DONE!

We hope everyone is settling in smoothly and finding their rhythm for a fantastic school year.

A heartfelt thank you to the many families who have already renewed their monthly gift or made a one-time Community Investment contribution for the 2025–2026 school year. Your continued support truly makes everything we do possible.

If you haven't had a chance yet, now is the perfect time to make your Community Investment gift. Your generosity—along with your Tax Credit contribution—directly supports the exceptional education and enriching student experience that set Great Hearts apart.

Have questions? Please reach out to Jackie Curtis, Family Giving Officer, at 602-404-7414 or jcurtis@northphoenixprep.org.

**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

# Extracurricular Courses Coming Soon!

**We are working hard to get our ECNAs up and running. The ECNA Rush will be next Thursday and your students will have a chance talk to the teachers running the courses and make selections. To officially enroll in the course, parents will need to go the NPX website Parent Payment Portal and sign up.**

**Chess:** Checkmate! Join our chess group after school to learn chess strategy, basic rules, and compete with your friends! This course is open to all middle and high school grades.

- Teacher: Mr. Smith
- Location: Room #620
- Cost: $75 (per semester)

**Old School Dungeons & Dragons:** Embark on an epic quest with Old-School Dungeons & Dragons! Dive into a thrilling fairy-tale campaign using classic D&D rules, where creativity and strategy collide. Open to all skill levels in grades 6 through 12.

- Teacher: Mr. Pagani
- Location: TBD
- Cost: $200 (per semester)

**Victorian Boardgaming Society**: Step into the elegance and intrigue of the Victorian Boardgaming Society! Join us weekly to immerse yourself in Victorian-themed strategic boardgames. Open to high school students in grades 9 through 12.

- Teacher: Mr. Pagani
- Location: TBD
- Cost: $100 (per semester)

**Yearbook:** Students work together to gather photos and design the yearbook. Meets every other Tuesday after school.

- Teacher: Mr. Marquez
- Location: Room #605
- Cost: $100

**Concert Choir:** No experience required! This course is open to all high school students. 8th grade students may request an audition for entrance.

- Teacher: Dr. Leyva
- Location: Room #515 (during Lyceum)
- Cost: $50 (per semester)

**Senate:** Senate meets on Tuesdays before school. Senate elections take place each spring.

- Teacher: Mr. Marquez
- Location: Mr. Marquez's room
- Cost: $35 **This course is currently full.**

**Vocal Studio:** A solo voice training class in which students learn classical vocal technique for both classical and popular music.

- Teacher: Mr. Crowley
- Location: Not specified
- Cost: $40

**Student Service Organization (SSO):** Open to all NPX students, SSO is a great opportunity to build community service hours, develop leadership skills, and meet new people. Meets Wednesdays before school.

- Teacher: Mrs. Nelson
- Location: MPR
- Cost: $40

**S.T.E.M.:** This is a spring semester course. Engage with hands-on activities and projects that integrate Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

- Teacher: Dr. Bahbah
- Location: TBD
- Cost: $50 (per semester)

**Open Art Studio:** Join us on Tuesdays after school to work on projects. Supplies are provided for most projects and no experience is required.

- Teacher: Ms. Gonzales
- Location: Room #516
- Cost: TBD

**Film Studies Appreciation**: If you love movies or are interested in making them, this club is for you! We will watch and discuss culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant films.

- Teacher: Mr. Saccocio and Mr. Mark
- Location: Room #601
- Cost: TBD

**A.M Physical Conditioning:** Start your day with a fun and effective workout before school! Our sessions focus on full-body fitness to build your strength, increase flexibility, and boost your cardio.

- Teacher: Coach Fierro tfierro@northphoenixprep.org
- Location: Meets in the courtyard
- Cost: $75 per semester

**Next Gen Real Estate:** How to become a real estate entrepreneur as a teenager

- Teacher: Mr Shisler, rshisler@northphoenixprep.org
- Location: Room 524, Thursdays 3:45-4:30
- Cost: $60 First Semester Only, High School Only

**Archery**: Second quarter course – Information coming soon.
**ACTA Gladiator (School Newspaper)** – Information coming soon.

**Our lunch program is in full swing!**
**For pre-ordering, take a look at our webpage for more information. Walkups are always welcome as well!**
**https://northphoenixprep.greatheartsamerica.org/academy-life/lunch-program/**

# YOUR SENATORS ARE HARD AT WORK!

NEW SWEATSHIRTS

Senate is selling new sweatshirts every Tuesday morning during August from 7:30-8:00!

FOR ONLY $35!

# NEW SWEATSHIRTS ON SALE TUESDAYS!

## HOMECOMING 2025

*High School Dance*

Outside guests welcome (permission slips are located in the front office).
Pay with cash at the door or using the online payment portal.

$25

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
7-10 PM

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 HERE!**

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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