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GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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Dear Gladiator Families,

Happy Back-to-School season! As our students embark on a new academic year filled with fresh opportunities, this year is equally new for me as I begin my journey with Great Hearts as your Assistant Headmaster of Academics for the 2025-2026 school year. I look forward to getting to know each student, engaging in the many events planned throughout the school year, and supporting our shared mission to cultivate the hearts and minds of our students through the pursuit of Truth, Goodness, and Beauty.

My journey in education spans over three decades. Most of my classroom experience has been divided between Pennsylvania and Arizona wherein I taught 9th-12th grade English including AP Language and Composition and Dual Enrollment English. I've also taught undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students at any one of five universities/colleges.

My diverse academic background—English, theatre, theology, and educational leadership—has given me a deep appreciation for the interconnectedness of knowledge that lies at the heart of classical education. The liberal arts tradition recognizes that true learning transcends subject boundaries, and my experiences across these disciplines have reinforced my belief in the virtuous, purposeful, and timeless power of a well-rounded, classical approach to education.

I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of North Phoenix Prep and to partner with you in your child's intellectual and moral development. I am also very excited to work alongside our exceptional faculty and administrative team to ensure that every student receives the transformative classical education that defines our school.

Please know that my door is always open. I look forward to meeting each of you and working together to make this an outstanding year for our Gladiator community.

With gratitude and excitement,

Dr. Markette
Assistant Headmaster of Academics

Important Dates

08/12: 9th Grade Rise Up Night (6:00 - 8:00 PM in Archway MPR)
08/12: PSO Meeting at NPX (8:30 AM)
08/13: BARRO'S DINE OUT NIGHT (4030 E Greenway Rd)
08/14: Junior College Counseling Workshops - Fine Arts
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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 (5:30 - 9:00 PM Archway MPR)

9th Grade Retreat: August 27, 28, 29

Register HERE Now!

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

2025-2026 Calendar Now Online

FULL NPX EVENTS CALENDAR HERE

College Counseling

college@northphoenixprep.org | northphoenixprep.org/college

LOCAL COLLEGE FAIRS & EVENTS

Tuesday, August 12th from 7 - 9 PM at 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**!

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**!

COLLEGE REP VISITS: Encourage your high school student to attend.

Friday, August 7th	Wabash College (private, men's liberal arts college in Indiana)
Tuesday, August 12th	University of Arizona | Kansas State University
Thursday, August 14th	Arizona State University

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

SENIOR INFO NIGHT

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.

26 Senior Bootcamp

On Saturday, August 2nd, NPX welcomed the Class of 2026 back to campus for Senior Bootcamp! This annual event officially kicks off Senior year and the college application season

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25-26 Alumni Send-off

On Tuesday, faculty and staff welcomed North Phoenix graduates back to campus for our annual Alumni Send-off. This year's gathering included Alumni from the Class of 2019 through last year's graduating class. Grads talked about their excitement for upcoming college move-in dates and fall classes at ASU, NAU, West Point Military Academy, GCU, Occidental College, University of Dallas and more!

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

Community Giving

Welcome Back, Gladiator Families!

We're back—and it's truly wonderful to have our students back on campus! The energy, excitement, and sense of community are already in full swing, and we are grateful to begin another incredible year together.

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 helps make 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.

Questions? Contact Jackie Curtis, Family Giving Officer, at 602-404-7414 or jcurtis@northphoenixprep.org.

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.

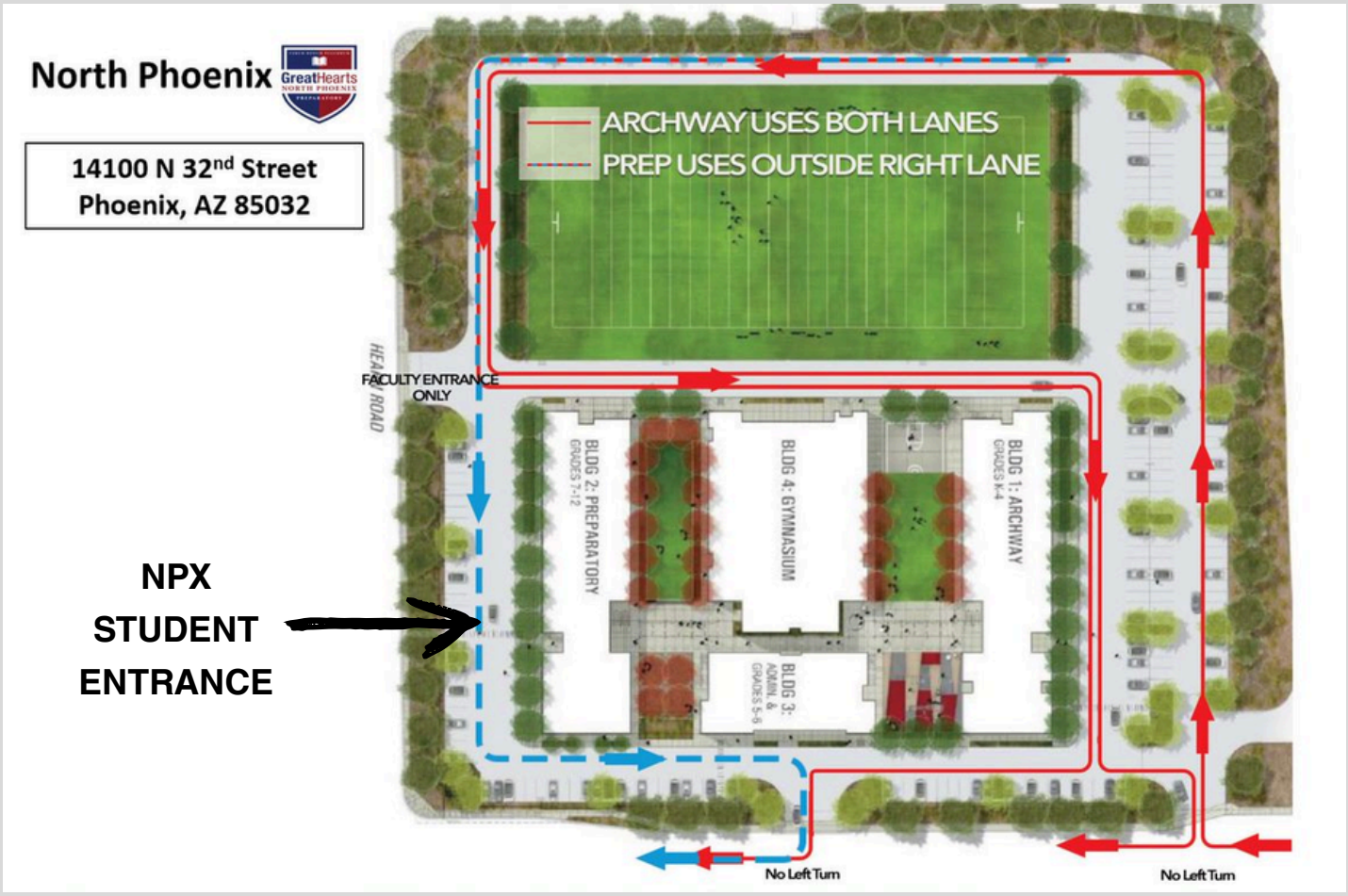
- **We are looking for a parent who is an experienced seamstress to repair our Gladius mascot costume. Please reach out to Angie Nelson anelson@northphoenixprep.org.**
- **Have a textbook that you have not returned? Please do so BEFORE the school year starts, office hours are Monday -Thursday, 8:00 - 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.

Student Drop Off and Pick Up Directions

North Phoenix GreatHearts NORTH PHOENIX

14100 N 32nd Street
Phoenix, AZ 85032



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 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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