

# GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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# **Important Traffic Update**

**Dear North Phoenix Families,** 

In anticipation of the disruption to our traffic pattern due to construction along 32nd Street, it is necessary for us to alter our drop off/pick up patterns for both Prep and Archway students. It is important to note that Hearn Drive will no longer be accessible from 32nd Street in either direction. We hope that this plan will alleviate some of our existing traffic concerns, in addition to allowing for an easier flow of traffic.

Beginning 9/29, Archway and Prep drop off and pick up will follow two different pathways:

Archway drop off and pickup will follow the same route, with the exception that entry to the drive line must come from the north side of school, as left turns onto 32nd Street will not be possible. Exit the parking lot by turning right and heading south on 32nd Street.

Prep drop off and pick up will go through the neighborhood along 31st Street, turning right on Hearn, and entering the Prep parking lot from the Hearn driveway. Exit the parking lot by turning right and heading south on 32nd Street.

Families with students at both Prep and Archway should follow the Archway route for drop off and the Prep route for pick up.

<u>If you have questions or would like more information, please join Headmaster Taylor and Headmaster Lentz for a community Teams meeting on Thursday, 9/18, at 4:00 PM using this link.</u>

Please see the map below for details and reach out to us directly with any questions.

Thank you,

Erin Lentz | Headmaster



# **New Traffic Map**

Archway: Must enter the school by heading south on 32<sup>nd</sup> street in order to turn right into the school. NO LEFT TURNS will be available.

Prep: Proceed south on 32<sup>nd</sup> street past the school to Thunderbird. Make a right onto Thunderbird and then a right onto 31<sup>st</sup> street. Take 31<sup>st</sup> street to Hearn Rd. Make a right and enter the school on the left. No stopping on Hearn.

All traffic must make a right when exiting the school.

# **Construction Alert:**



32nd Street, Cactus Road to Bell Road Construction is scheduled to start the week of August 25, 2025 and will last approximately 8 months.

SouthwestGas is working to upgrade infrastructure in yourarea. Work will occur Monday – Friday, 6:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- · No interruption in natural gas service is anticipated.
- Through traffic will be restricted but maintained. Lane restrictions will vary to accommodate the pipe installation as construction moves from south to north. Please look for signage and personnel guiding traffic around the construction area.
- · Weekend work may be required.
- · Left hand turns will be restricted as necessary to complete the work.
- Please drive safely through the construction zone, and thank you for your patience and cooperation!

Southwest Gas is committed to providing its customers with safe and reliable natural gas. Periodic infrastructure replacement is a key part of this commitment.

For additional information, call the Construction Hotline at 602-235-2896.



Constructionschedules are subject to change for avariety of reasons, including weather and personnel/material availability. Southwest Gasandits contractors recognize the inconvenience of construction and we thank you for your patience and support!

# **Important Dates**

09/12: Mid-Quarter Progress Reports sent home

09/13: PSO Middle School Social at Dave & Busters 😘

09/17: Senior Breakfast (9:15 AM - Archway MPR) Parents / Students / Faculty

09/17: Senior Breakfast; Blazer& Pinning Ceremony; Half day release at (12:15 PM)

09/19: Parking Space Painting (4:00 ish) - See Ms. Schripsema

09/23: Picture Day!

09/26: R&R Weekend

09/26: Volleyball Homecoming Game and Tailgate (4:30-7:00 PM)

09/27: Homecoming Dance (7:00-10:00 PM) High School (Tickets Here)

09/30: PSO Meeting (8:30 AM in the Library) There will be treats!

10/03: Cozy 4 A Cause! Dress down for \$5. Proceeds go to the Senior Trip

10/03: R & R Weekend

10/6 - 10/10: No School - Fall Break!

# Senior Shirts Are In!

This year's shirt was designed by seniors,
Abigail Peters
and Mia Georgievski

Seniors: Get your shirts from Mrs. Nelson's office



2025-2026 Calendar Now Online

**FULL NPX EVENTS CALENDAR HERE** 

# **Community Giving**



Giving Week Recap – Thank You, Gladiators!

# **Dear Gladiator Families**,

What an amazing Giving Week! 🎉

A big thank-you to all the families who gave to Community Investment and our <u>Tax Credit Drive</u> — your support makes a real difference for every student at NPX!

Because of you, we're funding:

- Small class sizes
- Great teachers & counselors
- Athletics, arts, and student life

**f** Giveaway Reminder: All donors this week are entered to win concert seating and an NPX Game Pass!

Haven't given yet? There's still time!

give.northphoenixprep.org/donate

Thank you for being part of our Gladiator family!



# **College Counseling**

<u>college@northphoenixprep.org</u> | <u>northphoenixprep.org/college</u>



# **LOCAL COLLEGE EVENTS**



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!** 

Wednesday, September 17th from 6 - 6:45 PM webinar.

Understanding the college financial planning process early will allow families to make well-informed decisions about college saving, planning, admissions, and funding. Presented by financial planner **Monica Felton**. \*Not endorsed by NPX.





**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. **Register today!** 



# **ON-CAMPUS COLLEGE REP VISITS**

Tuesday, September 16: Northern Arizona University

**Thursday, September 18:** California State University-Northridge, Hamline University, Pitzer College, University of Alabama, University of Northern Colorado, Hillsdale College, UC-Riverside, University of Dallas

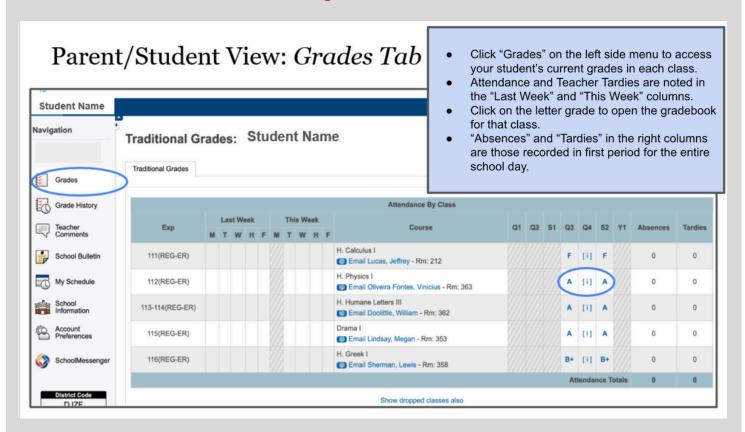
**Friday, September 19:** Loyola University Chicago, New York University, North Dakota State University

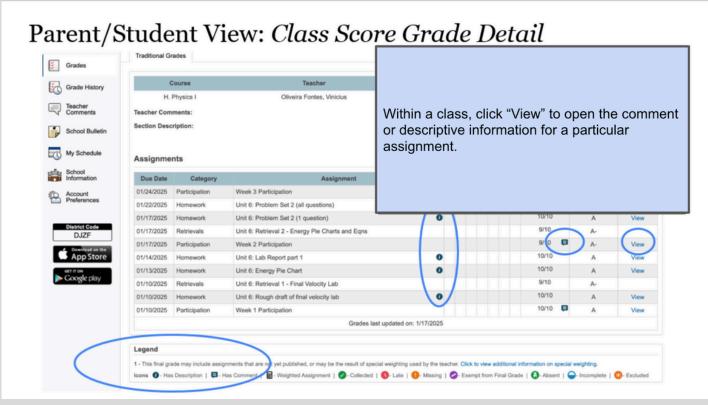
Access 20 great questions to <u>ask college representatives</u>, like "does your institution evaluate unweighted or weighted GPA for admission and scholarship purposes?"

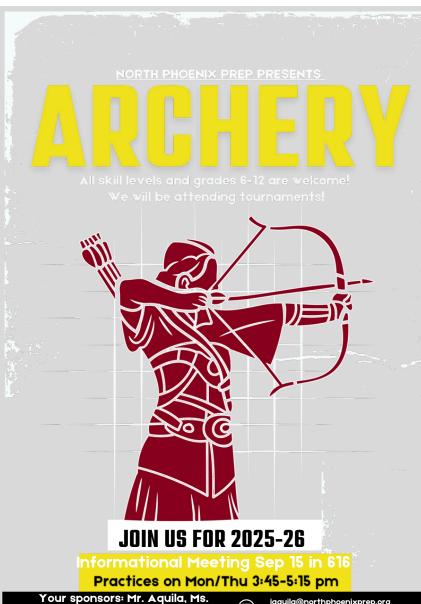
# Viewing your grades has never been easier!

With our new open gradebooks, parents and upperclassmen students can view their grades in real-time. Have your checked your grades yet?

# Sign in HERE







Archery: The Informational meeting for Archery will be after school on September 15th, in room 616, from 3:45-4:45 pm. Whether or not you are signed up, all are welcome! When we start actually practicing, you may only participate if you have completed the physical and training. Please email Sarah Schripsema (sschripsema@northphoenixprep.org) for more information!

Parking Spots Painting Party: If your student has a parking spot on campus, they are eligible to paint their APPROVED parking spot design on September 19<sup>th</sup> after school (and as late as we would like to go). You may NOT paint your spot unless your design is approved by Ms. Schripsema. Please see these guidelines for information.

Schripsema, and Mr. Clark + Special Guests! jaquila@northphoenixprep.org sschripsema@northphoenixprep.org

### Student-Led Conferences: October 13th & 14th

School will be closed on October 13th and 14th for Student-Led Conferences. Conferences provide a valuable opportunity for your student to reflect on their first quarter progress and for you to connect with two members of their teaching team. Teachers attending each conference will be determined based on your student's class schedule.

### **Conference Details:**

- Format: All conferences will be conducted virtually via Microsoft Teams.
- Student Preparation: Students must complete a <u>Student Growth Plan</u> prior to their conference and are expected to bring this document with them.
- Important Note: Students without a completed Student Growth Plan will be asked to reschedule their conference for January.

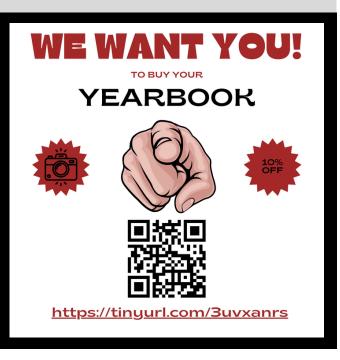
Next Steps: Sign Up Genius Link coming next week

# **Gladiator Teams**



**Gladiator Teams will start NEXT FRIDAY!** The Draft will be occurring in a top secret meeting next week, and you will find out your team on Thursday by checking out the posters in the courtyard. They will have a list of all the names on the teams, in addition to the team room where you will be. Once the draft is done, we will also put a t-shirt order in for EVERY middle school student! If you are NOT new, please fill out this form to update your t-shirt size (we already have sizes for new students).

# PLAN AHEAD ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!





# DANCING IN THE DEEP Homecoming 2025

Saturday, September 27

OUTSIDE GUESTS ARE WELCOME (PERMISSION SLIPS IN FRONT OFFICE) PAY ONLINE OR CASH AT THE DOOR.

# **HOCO DRESS CODE**

# LADIES:

- All attire must appropriately cover the wearers midriffs and legs above the mid-thigh (where your fingertips fall with your hands at your side) must be covered.
- Strapless and spaghetti strap dresses are permited so long as they do not expose the back below the naval line
  - No low-cut or revealing styles in the front
- See-through garments that do not appropriately cover the body in the aforementioned areas are not permitted

# <u>GENTLEMAN</u>

- Dress slacks, dress shirt, and a tie
- A jacket or sports coat is recommended
- Jeans are not permitted.

For this event, our school observes a semi-formal dress code to reflect the occasion. Questions? Ask the deans!

Eric Robinson (7th grade) wins his first game of Obsession, receives his pin and is inducted into The Order of the Green Valet, this past Monday, September 8th. His brother Andrew proudly looks on.

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NPX Middle School

# **GAME MIGHT**

09.13.2025 | 4-6pm | Dave & Buster's D.Ridge
Unlimited video game play untilmidnight
Unlimited soda + food in the party room
\$20 game play card



\$38 (Prepay by 9/11)

NO day of sales!
Siblings & parents welcome!



# **Seniors and Senior Parents:**

We can't wait to see you at our Senior Sunrise Breakfast!

RSVP HERE



# **Juniors and Senior Students and Parents**:

Join us in this NPX tradition as we honor our upperclassmen.

### Student dress code:

- Black blazer any brand is acceptable; the blazer must be all black (see <u>photo</u>).
   Vendor suggestions: Kohl's, Target,
   Goodwill, Savers and more.
- Long (preferable) or short sleeve white oxford (see photo) – school crest is not necessary.
- **Gladiator tie** \$25 purchase on the Payment Portal.
- Uniform skirt or khaki uniform pants with belt no shorts allowed.
- Uniform socks and shoes tights acceptable.





# **SENIOR**

BREAKFAST

# Wednesday, September 17th

9:15 - 10:30 AM Archway MPR

**Senior families:** before the Blazer Pinning Ceremony, join us for a pancake breakfast and special toasts to honor our Senior class.

Suggested \$5 cash at the door per guest to support this event. **Limited to two guests per student**. **RSVP required**:





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 <a href="here">here</a>.



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.)

New

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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