



GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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🍁 Fall Conference Sign-ups are Now Live! 🍁

Student-Led Conferences will be held **virtually on Microsoft Teams on Monday, October 13, and Tuesday, October 14**, following Fall Break. **All students should sign up for a Fall Conference.**

There is no school on these days in order that families can meet with two or more of their student's teachers to reflect on aspects of their academic growth and formation not easily captured in the gradebook. The conversation is led by the student to discuss their goals and growth, both inside and outside of school, and ways that their parents and teachers can support them.

A Student Growth Plan (SGP) is required preparation for Student-Led Conferences. Students will complete these in class prior to Fall Break.

If your student does not have their SGP, they may complete one using this link. Students who do not have a SGP prepared will be asked to reschedule their conference for January.

Three conferences are available per time slot for Middle School, and two conferences are available per time slot for High School. Select one conference slot per student and be sure to include your student's name. **Sign-ups must be completed by 10/6/2025.** Families who select a conference but do not attend may not be offered another opportunity.

All conferences are virtual through Microsoft Teams. A subsequent email will be shared with the link to your student's conference.

All students should sign up for a Fall Conference. Please note that January conferences will have limited spots available and priority will be given based on academic needs.

Questions? Please contact Assistant Headmaster Markette at jmarkette@northphoenixprep.org.

[6th Grade Conferences](#)[7th Grade Conferences](#)[8th Grade Conferences](#)[9th Grade Conferences](#)[10th Grade Conferences](#)[11th Grade Conferences](#)[12th Grade Conferences](#)

Important Dates

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!

It's not too late

to place your photo order with Dorian:

Place your order online at, mydorian.com, until this Saturday. Once you get to Dorian's website, enter North Phoenix Prep, and then click the teal "Order" button and you should be all set.

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November 4th

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Purchase tickets today at GreatHeartsGala.org or by clicking the link.

2025-2026 Calendar Now Online

FULL NPX EVENTS CALENDAR HERE

Help Unclog the Jam: Stick to the Traffic Plan!

To ensure a safe and smooth experience for every student during our busy drop-off and pick-up times, we ask for your partnership. When we all follow the same plan, the process is faster, less stressful, and much safer for our kids.

Please help us by keeping these key points in mind:

- **Follow the Flow:** Please stick to the designated traffic route. Cutting ahead or creating new lines can cause significant backups and safety hazards.
- **Keep Zones Clear:** To keep the line moving, please refrain from parking or stopping in no-parking zones or fire lanes, even for just a moment. Drivers may be ticketed or towed if they are parked in these areas. ***Unattended vehicles can require us to put our campus into a Lockdown.***
- **Courtesy is Key:** A little patience and a friendly wave for fellow drivers and our staff on duty make the process better for our entire community.

Your cooperation makes a huge difference in the well-being of our students. Thank you for helping our school be a safe and courteous place for everyone.



**NOT STOPPING IN FIRELANE
IN FRONT OF SCHOOL**



**NO STOPPING ON
HEARN'S TURN LANE**

Please be a good driving role model for your scholars

Follow the Route, Help Everyone Out!

32ND STREET UNDER CONSTRUCTION



New Traffic Map

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

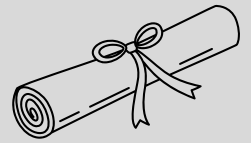
Prep: Proceed south on 32nd street past the school to Thunderbird. Make a right onto Thunderbird and then a right onto 31st street. Take 31st street to Hearn Rd. Make a right and enter the school on the left. No stopping on Hearn.

All traffic must make a right when exiting the school.



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LOCAL COLLEGE EVENTS



Saturday, September 27th from 1 - 2:30 PM at the Hilton Scottsdale Resort. Attend a multimedia presentation to learn about Embry-Riddle's world-class STEM-focused degree programs and more. [Register today!](#)



Saturday, October 4th from 10 AM - 1:15 PM at Grand Canyon University. Families are invited to attend Great Hearts Day for a special guided tour, student life panel, and lunch. [Register today!](#)

Saturday, October 25th from 10 AM - 2 PM at the University of Arizona in Tucson. Is your child thinking about majoring in Art? At **National Portfolio Day**, connect with a dozen university representatives from art schools around the country. Students are invited to bring their visual artwork for a free portfolio review. [Register today!](#)



ON-CAMPUS COLLEGE REP VISITS

Monday, September 29: Grand Canyon University



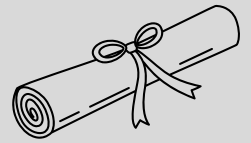
On **Tuesday, October 21st**, NPX will proctor the PSAT/NMSQT for 10th and 11th grade students. In recent College Counseling workshops, students previewed the digital testing platform and received a Test Day Ticket. Simply download the [Bluebook app](#) and use the Test Day Ticket to access full-length adaptive [PSAT/NMSQT practice exams](#).

A student's PSAT score will help highlight their test-taking strengths and areas for improvement and will inform their test-prep plan moving forward. In addition to College Board Awards, this is a National Merit Scholarship qualifying test for Juniors.



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College Board recognizes 10th and 11th grade students who performed well on last year's PSAT and demonstrate academic success. Congratulations to this year's recipients of the **School Recognition** and **First-Generation Awards**! We're proud to announce Alexander Christensen was recognized as a **Commended Student** by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) for his outstanding performance on the PSAT/NMSQT last fall.



Class of 2027: Khoa Le | Ashlyn Lindsay
Charlotte Kusnell | Annalee Cervantes (left to right)



Class of 2028: Alexander Christensen (Commended Student) | Sarah Traore | Emily Stuckenberg | Ari Duryea



Class of 2028: Sabrina Daniel | Lleyton Houtz | Jackson Clark
Abigail Peters | Sophie Ulrich | Ellia Rodriguez

2025 NATIONAL RECOGNITION AWARDEES



Class of 2028: Emanuel Pinkhasov
Daria Dehelean



NPX COSTA RICA TRIP

Parent Informational Meeting
Wednesday, October 1, 2025

Dear Gladiator Families,

We're thrilled to share that we're heading to Costa Rica in June of 2026, and we'd love for your student to join us!

This is an incredible opportunity for students to explore new places, experience different cultures, and gain lifelong skills like independence and confidence. We'll be sharing all the details, including what we'll see and do, hands-on learning activities, academic opportunities, trip costs, and how to secure a spot at our informational meeting.

Meeting details:

 **Date: October 1, 2025**

 **Time: 6:00 PM**

 **Location: North Phoenix Prep Room 514**

 **RSVP here to join us: [Subheading](#)**

Enrollment is open and spots are limited; we would love to help you secure this experience for your child. In the meantime, please visit EF's website to get answers to common parent questions or watch a preview of the [Costa Rica Experience](#). EF Tours is our trusted travel partner, and they have years of experience helping students explore the world safely and affordably.

We hope to see you there and look forward to sharing how this trip can be a powerful and unforgettable chapter in your student's life!

Best,
Julie Burch & Sarah Schripsema

COMMUNITY GIVING



Dear North Phoenix Prep Families,

I want to take a moment to personally thank those of you who have already donated to this year's Community Investment Campaign. As the school's Director of Operations, I see firsthand how essential these contributions are to keeping our school running smoothly each and every day.

Community Investment directly supports the gap in funding we do not receive from the state. It covers our operational costs and basic needs. This includes everything from having enough copy paper to supporting academic programs like science, literature, and the arts, as well as helping to pay our teachers' salaries. These funds are not extras. They are the foundation that allows us to deliver the excellent education NPX is known for.

Currently, only about 28 percent of families participate in Community Investment. Imagine the impact if every family did their part, even just a couple hundred dollars or whatever they could reasonably give. We could fully support our teachers, improve classroom resources, and build a strong and stable foundation for every student.

In addition to Community Investment, we also rely on the Arizona Public School Tax Credit, which funds our Athletic Department and all extracurricular activities, including field trips. These programs are a vital part of the full NPX experience and are primarily supported through Tax Credit contributions. If every family gave what they could to both Community Investment and Tax Credit, we could all benefit from the complete experience that makes NPX so special.

So today, I'm personally asking: Please give what you can. Your support at any level helps make North Phoenix Prep the incredible place it is for our students and our entire community.

With gratitude,
Mr. Black
Director of Operations / Art Teacher

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](#).

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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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