



# GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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## Gladiators,

It's hard to believe our first month of school is already coming to an end. It has been such a joy to see students back on campus, learning, growing, and spending time with their classmates. We know you have many choices for your child's education, and we are truly grateful you've chosen **North Phoenix Prep**.

Now that the year is underway, we're excited to launch our **Annual Campaigns: Community Investment and the Public-School Tax Credit Drive**.

These two campaigns are critical to our success. They help fund the daily operations of our school and allow us to offer the excellent programs that would not be possible with public funding alone.

Each year, there is a **funding deficit** between what we receive from the state and the true cost of educating our students. That gap is filled through the support of generous families like yours.

### **Your support makes a real impact.**

When you give to [Community Investment](#) you help fund the most essential parts of NPX including our amazing teachers and college counselors, small class sizes, and full-time campus security. You also make possible our robust core curriculum that includes rich fine arts and foreign language programs, along with access to dual credit courses that allow students to earn college credit while still in high school.

When you make a [Tax Credit Contribution](#), you help us provide a strong athletics program as well as fun and affordable extracurricular opportunities for all students. These offerings enrich student life and help build a thriving, well-rounded campus community.

**To the families who have already given this year, thank you. We truly appreciate your support.**

If you haven't given yet, we invite you to join us by making a one-time or monthly gift to Community Investment and by directing your Tax Credit to NPX. We ask that you give at a level that fits your family's budget. Every gift makes a difference.

### **Annual Campaign Kickoff Week: September 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>**

Watch for exciting ways to support NPX and the education you've chosen for your student. There will be fun incentives to help us reach our goals. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook for campaign highlights and celebrations throughout the week.

### **Special Spirit Day: Wednesday, September 10**

Wear your favorite NPX spirit shirt and show your Gladiator pride.

### **Incentives for Participating Families**

All families who give during Kickoff Week or who have already given will be entered into a drawing for reserved seating at this year's Winter & Spring Concerts. One family will also win an Athletic Home Games Pass for the NPX ALL sports season 25-26

Let's make it a great week and an even better school year together.

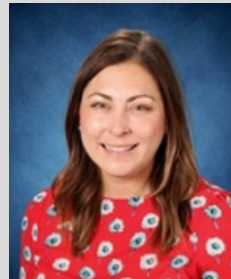
With gratitude,

**Erin Lentz**

Headmaster

**Jackie Curtis**

Family Giving and Community Engagement Officer



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

School will be closed on October 13th and 14th for Student-Led Conferences. These conferences provide a valuable opportunity for your student to reflect on their first quarter progress, set goals for the remainder of the school year, 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 [Student Growth Plan](#) 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: Watch for a Signup Genius link to schedule your conference time, which will be sent out next week.

# Important Dates

09/08: Headmaster Chat (8<sup>th</sup> Grade) 8:30 AM - in the conference room

09/08 - 09/12: Annual Giving Campaign Kickoff

09/09: JV Volleyball home game (5:30 PM) Varsity Volleyball home game (6:30 PM)

09/09: Oxford shirt sales for Blazer & Pinning Ceremony

09/10: Spirit Shirts Day for the Annual Campaign Kick-off!

09/11: Oxford shirt sales for Blazer & Pinning Ceremony

09/12: Mid-Quarter Progress Reports sent home

**09/13: PSO Middle School Social at Dave & Busters (tickets for sale on Configio)**

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

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

09/23: Picture Day!

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](#))

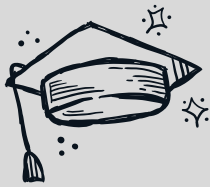
## Sky Zone Social Was Head Over Heals Fantastic!



Thank you to all our parent volunteers for organizing this event!

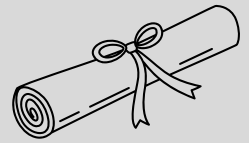
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## College Counseling

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### 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!**



**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

Thursday, September 11: Sarah Lawrence College | Student-centered, liberal arts (NY)

Friday, September 12: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University | Private institution (AZ & FL)

Congratulations to Sarah Traore who won college swag with our **Summer Enrichment Activities** contest!

*"We learned so much about the healthcare profession in the 7-day **Burton Family Foundation Summer Health at ASU!** We visited Creighton University in Downtown Phoenix every day for lab and clinical simulations. This program was so fun and special! I made connections and left with a better idea of my STEM career plans and field of study after high school." - Sarah, NPX Senior (pictured second from left)*



#### Course Competency Requirements

- 4 years English
- 4 years Mathematics
- 3 years Lab Science
- 2 years Social Sciences
- 2 years same Second Language
- 1 year Fine Arts

Contact [College Counseling](#) or our university Admission representatives for more information.

### FIRST-YEAR STUDENT COLLEGE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS UPDATE

**Arizona State University:** complete course competencies **AND** 3.0 GPA in competency courses **OR** 22 ACT **OR** 1120 SAT  
ASU Rep: Chris Cantrell [ASUChrisCantrell@asu.edu](mailto:ASUChrisCantrell@asu.edu)

**Northern Arizona University:** complete course competencies **AND** 2.5 GPA in competency courses  
NAU Rep: Kyla Timmons [Kyla.Timmons@nau.edu](mailto:Kyla.Timmons@nau.edu)

**University of Arizona:** complete course competencies; holistic application review now considers academic and extracurricular factors plus personal essays  
UA Rep: Jessica Hurtado [jessicahurtado@arizona.edu](mailto:jessicahurtado@arizona.edu)





**New Middle Schoolers (Including ALL 6<sup>th</sup> graders):** it's time to make your voice heard. Let us know what your top three choices are for teams and we will do our best to draft you on to one of them! This form is due by September 9th.

[Gladiator Team Survey Here](#)

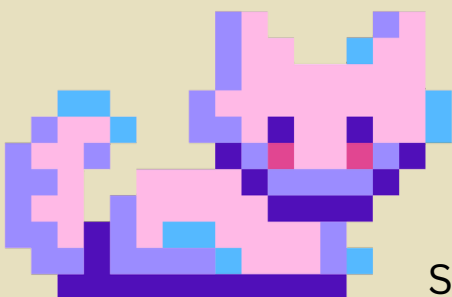
## NPX Middle School **GAME NIGHT**

09.13.2025 | 4-6pm | Dave & Buster's D.Ridge

Unlimited video game play until midnight

Unlimited soda + food in the party room

\$20 game play card



\$38 (Prepay by 9/11)

*NO day of sales!*

Siblings & parents welcome!



# Summer 2026, NPX Student Trip

## Conservation in Costa Rica

When students travel, they expand their knowledge of the world around them, discover more about themselves, and grow more confident. These skills are critical for creating the global citizens of tomorrow, and we would love to have your student join us on this adventure.



In this info session, we'll talk about:

- How this opportunity will benefit your student
- What we'll see and do on our trip
- Everything that's included in this experience
- How your child can earn academic credit
- How we're keeping this safe and affordable
- How to enroll on this trip (before it fills up!) & qualify for registration discounts

### Student Info Meeting

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, LYCEUM**

Scan the QR code to  
register for the meeting  
or follow this link:  
<https://bit.ly/45otqzVW>



**Open to 8th - 11th Graders**

**Questions: See Ms. Burch or Ms. Schripsema**

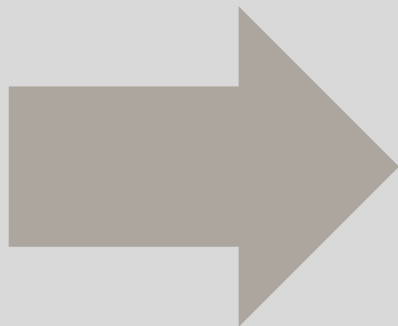
We are heading to Costa Rica in June 2026! This is an incredible opportunity for students to explore new places, experience different cultures, and gain lifelong skills like independence and confidence. Students can learn more at our informational meeting September 9.

Please contact Ms. Burch or Ms. Schripsema with questions.

## 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 [photo](#)). Vendor suggestions: Kohl's, Target, Goodwill, Savers and more.
- Long (preferable) or short sleeve **white oxford** (see [photo](#)) – school crest is not necessary. *Limited cash only oxford sale Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> for \$25 new or \$15 used.*
- **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.



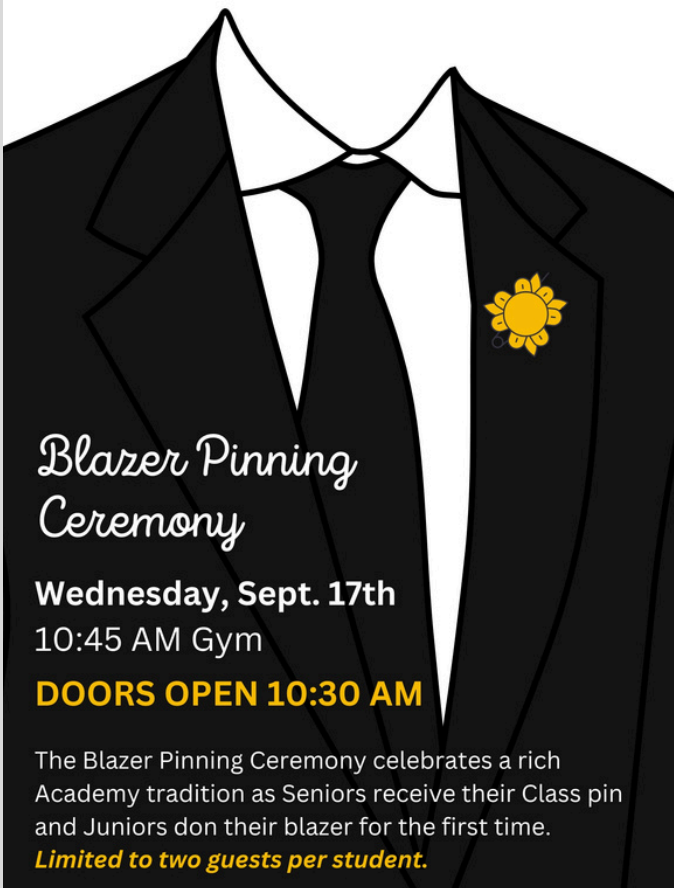
## SENIOR *sunrise* BREAKFAST

**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:**



### Blazer Pinning Ceremony

**Wednesday, Sept. 17th**  
10:45 AM Gym

**DOORS OPEN 10:30 AM**

The Blazer Pinning Ceremony celebrates a rich Academy tradition as Seniors receive their Class pin and Juniors don their blazer for the first time.  
**Limited to two guests per student.**



Join us in making a difference!

Contact PSO President

Jessica Nunez at

[psopresident@northphoenixprep.org](mailto: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

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### 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](mailto: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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