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A Celebration Of Our Juniors And Seniors!

Last Wednesday, our Junior and Senior cohorts participated in two significant rites of passage marking their academic progression. The day commenced with the Senior Breakfast, a venerable tradition facilitated by the Parent Service Organization to inaugurate the students' final year. This gathering featured laudatory toasts from faculty and peers in tribute to the graduating class.

Subsequently, the Junior and Senior classes convened for the annual Blazing and Pinning Ceremony. This formal event signifies the Juniors' matriculation into their roles as upperclassmen, symbolized by the Seniors assisting them in donning their blazers—an emblem of their emergent status as campus leaders. Senate President, Sophia Herd addressed the audience with a rousing speech on the importance of having a sense of wonder. The ceremony culminates as parents affix the senior pin to their student's lapel, a gesture formally distinguishing our Seniors as paragons of Truth, Goodness, and Beauty and as the institution's preeminent scholars.



Thank you to our Parent Service Organization and our College Counselors for organizing these events!

Important Dates

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!

HOMECOMING TICKETS



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.



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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

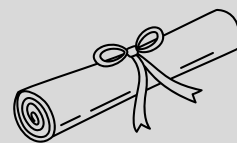
Director of Operations / Art Teacher

Haven't given yet? There's still time! 🖱️ give.northphoenixprep.org/donate



College Counseling

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LOCAL COLLEGE 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. [Register today!](#)



EMBRY-RIDDLE Aeronautical University

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!](#)

ON-CAMPUS COLLEGE REP VISITS

Monday, September 22: Oregon Institute of Technology, St. Mary's University (TX), University of California-San Diego, Reed College, Stevens Institute of Technology, University of Colorado-Boulder

Tuesday, September 23: Syracuse University, Centre College, Eckerd College, Wentworth Institute of Technology

Wednesday, September 24: Babson College, Kenyon College, Paradise Valley Community College, Northern Michigan University, Saint Louis University (OH), University of California-Santa Cruz

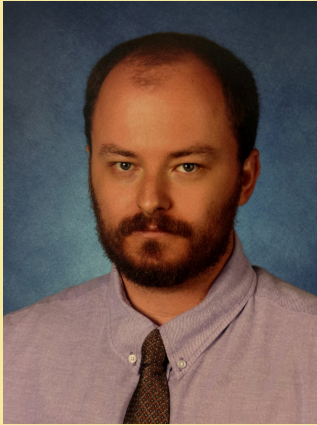
Thursday, September 25: High Point University, Hofstra University, Seton Hall University, University of Redlands, Binghamton University, University of San Diego

Friday, September 26: Colorado School of Mines

Access 20 great questions to [ask college representatives](#), like "does your institution evaluate unweighted or weighted GPA for admission and scholarship purposes?"



Our Own Dr. Nemes Publishes Two New Books!



This week we spotlight our own Dr. Steven Nemes. He has a BA in Philosophy with a minor in Religious Studies from Arizona State University and an MDiv and PhD in Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary. Dr. Nemes has recently published two new books.

These books are **PG-13**
Not appropriate for all ages

I am an habitual writer. I'm not always satisfied with what I write, nor is the process of writing always pleasant for me, but the truth is that I can't help myself. Writing for me is externalized reflection, a way of exploring ideas and experiences, a way of better coming to know myself and the world around me. Although most of my adult life has been spent doing academic writing,—I have published a number of articles and books on diverse subjects in philosophy and theology,—only in recent years have I picked up writing fiction. It's certainly a different kind of writing, not one for which I have the greatest inborn talent, but I quite like it all the same and hope to get better at it in the coming years.

I've recently published two novels, each centered around different ideas and experiences that preoccupy me.

KING OF ITHACA (Subheading) is a story about fatherhood, ethics, and destiny. It's an alternative history of Odysseus, the hero of Greek myth, that asks, What if Odysseus had never gone to Troy? In my retelling, the Achaean expedition to Troy fails without his help, so Agamemnon and Menelaus return to the Ithaca in a rage, taking over the island. Odysseus and an infant Telemachus barely make it out a live, living as pirates on the Mediterranean. Some twenty years later, Odysseus finally wants his revenge. He's armed with a magical ring and guided by prophetic dreams. But now Telemachus has abandoned piracy and committed himself to Eleos, the god of mercy. How can Odysseus manage to gain his revenge and put Telemachus on the throne of Ithaca when his own son rejects his way of life?

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE DEAD (Subheading) is about Dr. Peter Gabriel, a burnt-out former academic who, on the day decides to leave academia forever, is presented with the opportunity of a lifetime: a dying, aged billionaire, Mr. Elias Monroe, offers to fund his travels across the United States as he visits with mediums and psychics in the hope of discovering the truth about the afterlife. His research goes nowhere for the most part until he arrives in the small town of Ilion in northern Arizona. On the one hand, he sees spirits take material shape before his very eyes at the home of Mrs. Laura Begay, the local medium. On the other hand, a fiery romance sparks up with Ms. Rosey Bennett, the owner of the town's only proper coffee shop. Everything is going great, and Peter's life seems to have taken an unexpected upward turn—that is, until a new spirit appears at Mrs. Begay's home, accusing Rosey's father of a grave crime.

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.

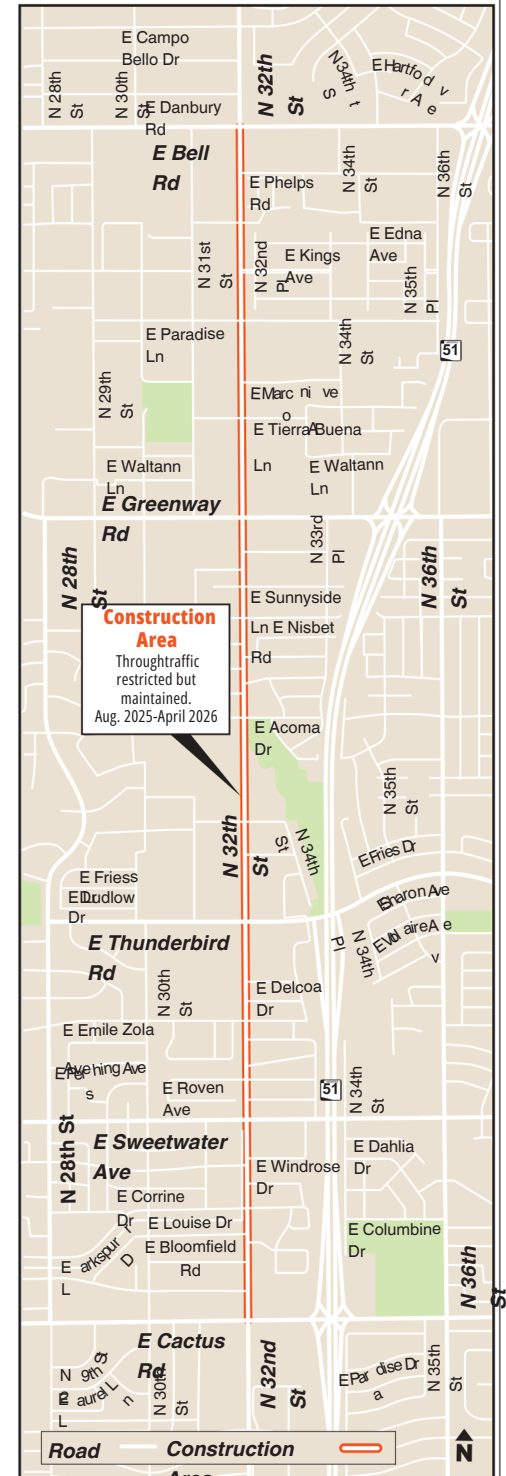
SOUTHWEST GAS

Construction is scheduled to start the week of August 25, 2025 and will last approximately 8 months.

- 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!

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

Subheading



Construction schedules are subject to change for a variety of reasons, including weather and personnel/material availability. Southwest Gas and its contractors recognize the inconvenience of construction and we thank you for your patience and support!

NPX OPEN GRADEBOOKS

Parent/Student View: *Grades Tab*

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District Code
D.JZF

Traditional Grades: Student Name

Traditional Grades

Exp	Last Week					This Week					Course	Q1	Q2	S1	Q3	Q4	S2	Y1	Absences	Tardies
	M	T	W	H	F	M	T	W	H	F										
111(REG-ER)											H. Calculus I Email Lucas, Jeffrey - Rm: 212				F	[1]	F		0	0
112(REG-ER)											H. Physics I Email Oliveira Fontes, Vinicius - Rm: 363				A	[1]	A		0	0
113-114(REG-ER)											H. Humane Letters III Email Doolittle, William - Rm: 362				A	[1]	A		0	0
115(REG-ER)											Drama I Email Lindsay, Megan - Rm: 353				A	[1]	A		0	0
116(REG-ER)											H. Greek I Email Sherman, Lewis - Rm: 358				B+	[1]	B+		0	0
Attendance Totals																			0	0

Show dropped classes also

- Click "Grades" on the left side menu to access your student's current grades in each class.
- Attendance and Teacher Tardies are noted in the "Last Week" and "This Week" columns.
- Click on the letter grade to open the gradebook for that class.
- "Absences" and "Tardies" in the right columns are those recorded in first period for the entire school day.

NPX Open Gradebooks

Need help accessing your child's grades?
email Dr. Markette at:
jmarkette@northphoenixprep.org

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Traditional Grades

Course	Teacher
H. Physics I	Oliveira Fontes, Vinicius

Teacher Comments:

Section Description:

Assignments

Due Date	Category	Assignment
01/24/2025	Participation	Week 3 Participation
01/22/2025	Homework	Unit 6: Problem Set 2 (all questions)
01/17/2025	Homework	Unit 6: Problem Set 2 (1 question)
01/17/2025	Retrievals	Unit 6: Retrieval 2 - Energy Pie Charts and Eqns
01/17/2025	Participation	Week 2 Participation
01/14/2025	Homework	Unit 6: Lab Report part 1
01/13/2025	Homework	Unit 6: Energy Pie Chart
01/10/2025	Retrievals	Unit 6: Retrieval 1 - Final Velocity Lab
01/10/2025	Homework	Unit 6: Rough draft of final velocity lab
01/10/2025	Participation	Week 1 Participation

Grades last updated on: 1/17/2025

Legend

1 - This final grade may include assignments that are not yet published, or may be the result of special weighting used by the teacher. Click to view additional information on special weighting.

Icons: [1] - Has Description | [2] - Has Comment | [3] - Weighted Assignment | [4] - Collected | [5] - Late | [6] - Missing | [7] - Exempt from Final Grade | [8] - Absent | [9] - Incomplete | [10] - Excluded

Within a class, click "View" to open the comment or descriptive information for a particular assignment.

AM Physical Conditioning

Get Stronger This Year!
Sign Up for Morning
Workouts.



Are you ready to boost your strength, improve your fitness, and start your day with more energy?

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Join Mr. Fiero for AM Physical Conditioning, a new extracurricular course designed for all high school students and 8th graders! You'll learn proper strength training techniques and work on your overall fitness goals in a supportive environment.

Schedule: Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays (7:00 AM – 7:50 AM)

Space is limited, so secure your spot today!

questions: contact Mr. Fiero at tfiero@northphoenixprep.org.



JOIN THE COSTA RICA TRIP!

NPX students and staff are traveling to Costa Rica June 2026! This is an incredible opportunity for students to explore new places, experience different cultures, and gain lifelong skills like independence and confidence. Parents can learn more at an informational meeting Wednesday, October 1 at 6pm. Please [RSVP](#) to the event.

YOUR PASSPORT TO FUN!

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 
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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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