



October 17, 2025

GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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Dear Gladiator Families,

Welcome back! I hope you enjoyed a wonderful Fall Break and are returning to school with renewed excitement for all that is to come this quarter. There is so much to look forward to! From Field Day to the culmination of our Fall sports season and fine arts performances, the second quarter is full of traditions and celebrations that highlight the unique spirit of North Phoenix Prep.

Thank you to all who participated in student-led conferences earlier this week. Over the course of two days, we were able to hold 420 conferences, and it was wonderful to hear your students' thoughtful reflections on their growth and goals for the rest of the year. These conversations exemplify our thematic goal to "Invest in Excellence." When students take ownership of their learning and families actively engage in their progress, we create the conditions for exceptional achievement.

Your input about conferences is incredibly valuable to us, and whether your family chose to participate in conferences or not, we would appreciate if you would answer just a few questions to help us refine and enhance our approach. [You can access the October Conference Survey here.](#)

Thank you for your continued partnership and support as we work together to foster meaningful growth in every student.

Warmly,
Erin Lentz | Headmaster



Important Dates

10/20 - 10/24: Spirit Week!

10/20: Headmaster Chat (8:30 AM for 11th and 12th grade, conference room)

10/21: PSAT Testing (10th and 11th grades)

10/22: Used Uniform Sale (After school in the MPR)

10/24: ½ Day (12:15 Dismissal) Field Day!

10/28: NPX Info Night for potential new families interested in our school
(5:30 PM, Archway MPR)

10/28: Senior Night (Volleyball / X-Country, in the gym)

11/01: Volunteer Set Building Day. Come help us build the theater set!
Contact Mr. Mark (amark@northphoenixprep.org)

11/04: Picture Re-Take Day

11/06: The Prep Pathway: A Look Into High School (6:00-8:00 PM Archway MPR)
(Middle school parents/students - come discover what high school will be like at NPX. 8th graders are guaranteed first language choice for high school)

11/07: 6th Field Trip to the Phoenix Zoo

Open Enrollment for NEW students begins Monday, October 20

Runs through Wednesday, December 31

For any questions regarding the enrollment process, please contact our Registrar, Mrs. Sokolis at bsokolis@northphoenixprep.org.

Returning Students: Re-Enrollment begins in February 2026.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!

FRIDAY, 10/24 FIELD DAY PANCAKES

The Parent Service Organization still needs volunteers for the Pancake Breakfast this coming Friday. On Field Days, we serve pancakes to the entire school, and we need your help!

Contact Jessica: PSOPresident@northphoenixprep.org

[2025-2026 Calendar Now Online](#)

[FULL NPX EVENTS CALENDAR HERE](#)

SPIRIT WEEK

Monday → Classical Painting Day

Dress as a person from a famous classical painting, e.g., Girl with a Pearl Earring
full dress

Tuesday → Tutus and Tiaras

Wear a tutu over spirit Friday uniform with a tiara
half dress

Wednesday → Wig Day

Wear a crazy wig with spirit Friday uniform
half dress

Thursday → RHYME WITHOUT REASON

You and a friend dress up as two things that rhyme but don't necessarily go together, e.g., ref & chef or waiter & skater
full dress

Friday → FIELD DAY!

SPIRIT WEEK

Permitted:

- Jeans (no holes)
- Sweatpants
- Shorts/Skirts (finger tip length)
- Jackets
- Sweatshirts/Hoodies (hoods down)
- Athletic wear
- Closed toed shoes

NOT PERMITTED:

- Midriff showing/clothes with holes/altered necklines
- Sleeveless shirts/Spaghetti straps
- Short shorts
- Slides/Sandals/Crocs/Open toed shoes
- Leggings/yoga pants/tight fitting clothes
- Hats/headwear (indoors)
- Politics/pop culture/illicit references

Questions? Ask the Deans.

USED UNIFORM Sale

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM



\$10 POLOS
\$15 SKIRTS
\$15 SWEATSHIRTS

LOCATED IN PREP MPR

SENATE Events!

Food Drive

November 17-21

non-perishable foods
and
toiletries

looking for canned meat, fruit,
beans, soup, pasta, rice, cereal,
baking goods, sauces, peanut
butter, jelly, and more!



The first period class
with the most donations
will win a pizza party!





The Prep Pathway: A Look Into High School

An Essential Evening for Middle School Parents & Students

Please plan to join us for a comprehensive look at the high school experience at NPX. Discover how our honors-level academics and unique programs provide a powerful prep pathway to college success for your child.

Date: Thursday, November 6th

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: Archway MPR

Evening Agenda Highlights:

- **Student Voices:** Hear directly from guest high school student speakers.
- **College Success:** Key information from our College Counseling team.
- **Unique Opportunities:** A deep dive into Student Leadership and the Senior Thesis project.
- **School Events:** Get excited about high school events, including the 9th grade retreat to CampWay in Prescott.
- **Learn about our high performing high school athletic teams.**
- **Next Steps:** Review of key enrollment procedures.

Don't Miss the Courtyard Gathering!

Stay after the presentation for tours, ice cream, and a chance to have all your questions answered by staff and current students.

8th Grade Student Bonus:

**All 8th grade students who attend will be granted
their first choice for their high school language course!**

COMMUNITY GIVING

Gladiators,

First Quarter of this school year is complete, and we want to express our sincere gratitude to all the families who have made a **Community Investment** gift or continued their monthly giving on behalf of their student. Thanks to your generosity, we are currently 50% of the way toward our budgeted goal for this school year.

It is through the steadfast support of our entire community that we are able to uphold the Great Hearts model of education. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a meaningful impact.

To meet this year's operating budget, we rely on the participation of every family. If you haven't made your gift yet, please consider doing so today. Your support helps us continue providing an exceptional education for all our students. [NPX Community Investment](#)

Did you know you can double your giving? [Click here to see if your employer will make your gift to NPX](#)

AND

 Remember: The AZ Public School Tax Credit is dollar-for-dollar — your contribution directly supports our programs and reduces your state tax liability!

 Don't wait — make your [dollar-for-dollar Tax Credit contribution to NPX](#) today!

Thank you for your commitment, your generosity, and for being an essential part of our community.

Thank You NPX Families-

Arkawi Family, Augustin Family, Bedwell Family, Burch Family, Burt Family, Case Family, Charles Family, Chi Family, Christensen Family, Church Family, Colvin Family, Cullins Family, M. Curtis Family, Dains Family, Delgadillo Family, Heber De Leon Family, Abner De Leon Family, DuBoe Family, Dooley Family, Gebran Family, Henning Family, Herd Family, Horner Family, Igos Family, Ingersoll Family, Jecmen Family, Jorwekar Family, Kelton Family, Koyyalamudi Family, Lane Family, Lee Family, Lindsay Family, Lyons Family, S. Martin Family, McAleer Family, Mietzner Family, Million Family, Moizo Family, Moneypenny Family, Moore Family, Muro Family, Murphy Family, Newpher Family, Pagnone Family, Parra Family, Pearson Family, Ramirez Family, Rillo Family, Rowe Family, Salmon Family, Santini Family, Sawyer Family, Shapiro Family, Sharples Family, Smith Family, Stark Family, Sosa Family, Suppanz Family, Tedhams Family, Tinant Family, Traore Family, Uhlenkott Family, Unna Family, Valenzuela Family, Vanderput Family, Woelzlein Family, Yin Family.

25-26 Community Investment supporters as of 9/29/25

HELP US BUILD THE THEATER



LOOKING FOR
CONTRACTORS,
HANDYMANS AND
ANYONE THAT CAN PUT
TOGETHER IKEA
FURNITURE!
BRING SOME TOOLS

SATURDAY, 11/1
BUILDING STUFF

SUNDAY, 11/2
PAINTING THE SET

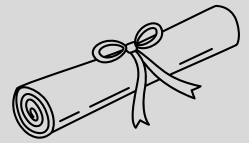
9AM TO 4PM AT THE MPR
CONTACT MR. MARK WITH QUESTIONS

amark@northphoenixprep.org



College Counseling

college@northphoenixprep.org | northphoenixprep.org/college



PSAT TESTING FOR GRADES 10 - 11

**PSAT/
NMSQT**



Tuesday, October 21st. A great primer for standardized testing, the digital PSAT can qualify juniors for the National Merit Scholarship Program and other honors. Encourage your student to be well rested, eat a filling breakfast, and bring a snack. Juniors are scheduled to test in the morning; sophomores will test after lunch.

CAREER EXPLORATION

Before break, Juniors utilized Naviance's Self Discovery assessments to explore career options. If your child is unsure about their future career or major, there are great tools to help them find direction. [My Next Move](#), sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor, offers a free O*NET Career Interest Profiler to help users explore how their interests align with different careers. [ASU's me3](#) is an interactive quiz designed to match student interests with possible majors and career paths. The University of Arizona's ["What Can I Do with This Major?"](#) resource connects academic majors with real-world career options, helping students see the possibilities ahead.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS

Early bird discount!



REGISTER NOW

Students do not need to be enrolled in an AP class to take the AP exam. Great Hearts classes, however, do not align with AP curriculum. It is recommended students invest **significant time to prepare** for the exam. In order to receive credit, students typically need to score at least a 3, 4 or 5.

AP exam cost: \$100 by November 2 or \$140 by March 1 | Exam length: 120 - 180 minutes

Before taking AP exams, research each college's AP policy and course equivalency guide. Access [registration instructions and FAQs](#).

12th GRADE *or later*

- Calculus AB/BC
May 11 @ Scottsdale, Veritas Prep
- English Literature & Composition
May 6 @ Scottsdale Prep
- World History: Modern
May 7 @ Scottsdale Prep

11th GRADE *or later*

- English Language & Composition
May 13 @ Scottsdale, Veritas Prep

10th GRADE *or later*

- European History
May 12 @ Scottsdale Prep
- Latin
May 4 @ Chandler Prep

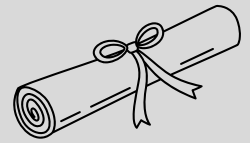
9th GRADE *or later*

- Biology
May 4 @ Scottsdale Prep
- US History
May 8 @ Scottsdale Prep



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2026-2027 FAFSA NOW OPEN

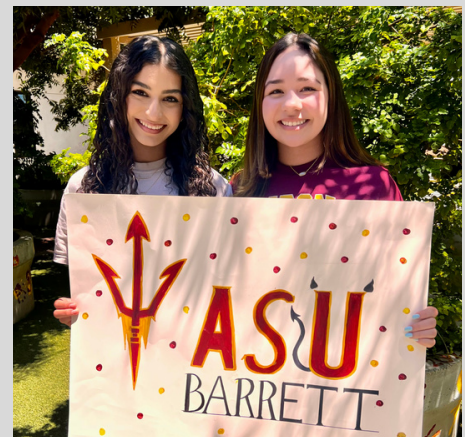
Senior families, the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA) form is now available!

Families must complete the FAFSA form to be eligible for federal student aid such as federal grants, work-study funds, and loans. **Priority deadline: January 15**

FINDING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COLLEGE

Once Seniors receive their acceptance letter, we encourage them to search for INSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS. All three in-state universities utilize Scholarship Universe, a portal which connects them to internal and external scholarships based on a personalized profile. [Arizona State University](#) and the [University of Arizona](#) portals are live for fall 2026! Expect to see opportunities post to [Northern Arizona University](#)'s portal in January 2026.

Here's an example: [ASU's Next Generation Service Corps](#) application is now open! The Corps develops character-driven leaders who are committed to becoming catalysts for social change and offers a scholarship that ensures students have base tuition coverage. Two NPX Seniors were selected last year!
Priority deadline: January 15



PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS are financial aid awards funded by companies, service groups, foundations, and more. Some of our favorite search engines include: [College Depot](#), [Scholarships.com](#), and [GoingMerry](#). Pro-tip: create a separate email address for the scholarship search and use a [Scholarship Tracker](#) (save a copy) to stay on top of deadlines and requirements.

Here's an example: [Elks' Most Valuable Student](#) scholarship offers awards ranging from \$1,000 – 7,500. Applicants do not need to be related to a member of the Elks.
Deadline: November 12



Shop at **Fry's?** Support NPX PSO while you do it – for **FREE!**

Link your Fry's account to North Phoenix Preparatory Academy through the Community Rewards Program and a portion of what you spend comes back to us.

- ✓ Sign in or create a Fry's digital account
- ✓ Search for North Phoenix Preparatory Academy or our NPO number
- ✓ Link your card
- ✓ Shop as usual!

It's easy, free, and makes a BIG impact.

Field Day is coming up on Friday, October 24th!

Since we don't have the field due to reseeding, we have made this a very CREATIVE Field Day, and it still proves to be the BEST FIELD DAY AROUND! New games this season include Human Bowling, Great Hearts Got Talent, Kitchen Mania, and Trivia Night!

We need your help! One of our games is the Renaissance Fashion Show, where students will put together three period costumes in 20 minutes to be modeled and judged. We are looking for donations for this event: Fabric, hats, props, and even articles of clothing/costumes pieces are all welcome! If you have something to donate, please have your student bring it to the box in the entryway of the academic building.

Gladiator Team shirts should be coming by sometime next week. If your student is in MIDDLE SCHOOL, please remind them to come dressed out in their team colors to earn points for spirit!

High Schoolers will also have themes for their team, so check the Rosters in the courtyard to see which theme your team will be in. Students who come dressed in their theme will have even more fun on field day, and will win the opportunity to win the Gladiator Helmet for their team leader!

FIELD DAY DRESS CODE REMINDER

Field Day is next Friday! Students will be outdoors and active.

To ensure everyone is dressed appropriately for safety and modesty, please read these guidelines. Field Day & Athletic Practice Dress Code: Our athletic attire guidelines ensure professionalism and modesty, just like the classroom dress code.

- **High School Students:** Check the rosters posted in the courtyard to see your team and theme. You are encouraged to dress in your team theme, but you must follow the dress code below.
- **Middle School Students:** You will be competing with your Gladiator teams.
 - We expect your team shirts to arrive on time.
 - If the shirts are delayed, please dress in your team color!

Shirts and Tops

- Preferred: T-shirts.
- Must be: Modest, loose-fitting, and in good repair (no holes or tears).
- Length: Worn well over the waist of the pants/shorts if untucked. No midriffs may be shown.
- Outerwear: No tank tops, camisoles, or sports bras worn as outer garments. Sleeveless shirts are permitted only if they are modest.
- Jackets/Sweatshirts: Must also follow all shirt guidelines.

Pants and Shorts

- Must be: Modest and in good repair (no holes).
- Fit: Worn at the waist.
- Length: No shorter than mid-thigh and no longer than just below the knee.
- Not allowed: Short-shorts or long, baggy shorts.
- Undergarments: Boxers or other undergarments may not be visible.

General Guidelines

- Footwear: Must be athletic in nature (e.g., sneakers/tennis shoes). No sandals, open-toed, or platform shoes.
- Logos/Messaging: Attire must be free of inappropriate messages. Sports team logos (e.g., Diamondbacks) and apparel brand names (e.g., Nike) are acceptable, provided they do not make inappropriate allusions.
- Hats & Sun Protection: Hats and sunscreen are appropriate for sun exposure. Hat styles must follow the same general guidelines (i.e., appropriate messaging).

Gladiator WINTER Athletics

[MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS INFO](#)

[HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS INFO](#)

Registration is now open for the following winter sports teams:

- Middle School – boys & girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls tennis
- High School – boys & girls basketball, boys & girls soccer, and cheer
- For more details, go to our ATHLETICS WEBSITE –
<https://greatheartsnorthphoenixathletics.org/>

All participants must be fully registered to participate including a physical. We highly recommend you get the physical completed at your earliest convenience. Here is a link to the only form that will be accepted as proof of a completed physical : <https://aiaonline.org/files/16936/forms-157-a-d.pdf>

**For more info please email our AD, Joe Page, at
jpage@northphoenixprep.org**



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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INFORMATION

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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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