

# **GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE**

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Dear Gladiator Families,

Our thematic goal this year is, "Invest in Excellence," and as we conclude the semester, I find myself reflecting on the remarkable growth and dedication I have witnessed over the past six months of school.

From the youngest scholars learning their first Latin declensions, to our Seniors performing their final plays, to our cross country champion runners, I have seen the fruits of investing in excellence. Excellence demands patience, perseverance, and the courage to do difficult things. Your students have risen to meet these demands with admirable determination, and I am deeply proud of their progress.

None of this would be possible without your partnership. A Great Hearts education requires not merely a school, but a community united in purpose. Thank you for the countless ways you support our mission. Your investment of time, talent, and treasure, is an investment in what is true, good, and beautiful.

May your Winter Break be filled with joy, and we look forward to welcoming your students back to school in January.

With gratitude and best wishes, Erin Lentz Headmaster





# High School Winter Concert Gets Us in the Holiday Mood!





















Congratulations to Dr. Leyva on a amazing Winter Concert!

Special thanks to the First United Methodist Church for hosting us!

# **Important Dates**

12/22 - 01/02: Winter Break

01/05 - 01/09: ½ Day classes (12:15 Dismissal)

01/06 - 01/08: Parent/Teacher Conferences in person and on campus following

½ day of classes

#### **Upcoming Field Trips**

01/12: 8th Grade: Musical Instrument Museum \$15

(Pay Here - Details - Permission)

02/18: 10th, 11th, 12th, Grades: Henry the Fifth Play at Southwest Shakespeare \$25

<u>(Pay Here - Details - Permission)</u>



#### Headmaster chats for S2 - Open to all grades

Join Ms. Lentz in the library for an open discussion (8:30 AM)

January 12th February 9th March 2<sup>nd</sup> March 23rd

**SAVE THE DATE:** NPX Spring Carnival (Saturday, March 21st)



The PSO sponsors a faculty wishlist. Parents can use the link to purchase requested items for faculty members.

Give it a try: Just follow the link, pick a selected item, checkout, and it will be mailed to NPX.



Order your yearbooks now



#### Blue Willo

- Pre-order online or pay at the door
- 20% of all lunch sales are given back to the school
- Most Meals: \$7.00, Pizza: \$8.00 -À La Carte Items: \$2.50 \$4.50

**Blue Willo Info December Menu** 

2025-2026 Calendar Now Online

**FULL NPX EVENTS CALENDAR HERE** 



# NPX Dismissal Policy Change



Students will be required to have a signed permission slip or be escorted by a parent to leave campus at dismissal as a "Walker." Permission slips are due back to first period teachers by Friday, 12/12/25.

Beginning on 1/5/2026, students without the permission slip will not be permitted to exit the parking lot and must remain on the sidewalk outside the Academic building to be picked up in the drive line.

Archway students will not be permitted to exit the parking lot unless they are escorted by a Prep sibling with the tag. Student drivers parked in the student lot are not subject to this restriction.



This policy comes from the continued dangerous behavior of some students and parents who park on Hearn in the turn lane, leave their cars parked on Hearn, and have their students filter across Hearn during high traffic times to meet parents at other parked locations. Please help us keep all of our students safe by being good driving role models and following all the traffic laws as you drop off and pick up your students. As always, please be patient and cautious while driving on or around our campus.

# **Senior Play Huge Success!**

The reviews are in. *And Then There Were None* played four performances and all agreed it was an amazing achievement by our senior students!

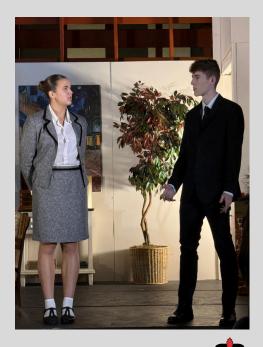
Congratulations to Mr. Mark and all his students!











Agatha Christie's *And Then There Were None* is a classic whodunnit, featuring a group of characters trapped on an island with a murderer on the loose. Each is a suspect, but which one is the killer?

#### Thank You, Gladiators!

We are so grateful for your partnership. As we close out the first semester of this school year, we want to say **THANK YOU!** It is through your time, talent, and treasure that we are able to open our doors and provide a classical education to all our students. Thank you for making NPX the very best it can be.

#### **Community Investment Update**

As of 12/18, we have reached 63% of our Community Investment Goal, with 22% of our community participating. Since the end of Quarter 1, we have welcomed 74 new donors. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to NPX!

#### There's Still Time to Give

If your family has not yet had the opportunity to make your <u>Community Investment gift</u> or redirect your <u>Public-School Tax Credit</u> to NPX, there is still time to support this school year's budget. We invite you to check this off your holiday to do list and then enjoy a well-deserved winter break.

Thank you again for being such an important part of the NPX community. ~ Mrs. Curtis, Family Giving Officer ♥

# Thank You NPX Families-

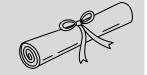
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25-26 Community Investment supporters as of 12/18/25



#### **College Counseling**

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### ALUMNI PANEL: Tuesday, January 6th Lyceum, MPR

Encourage your 8th–12th grade student to attend our annual Alumni Panel! Hear firsthand about NPX graduates' college journeys.

#### ASVAB CAREER EXPLORATION PROGRAM

**10th Grade ASVAB** Wednesday, January 7

**11th Grade ASVAB** Friday, January 9

The computer-based **ASVAB CEP** helps students explore the important question, "What job is right for me?" It builds career literacy by helping them understand their strengths and the world of work, allowing them to make informed decisions about their future. Through its planning tools, students can explore career options, gauge their readiness, and map out possible paths. Great Hearts has **opted out** of releasing scores and student information to the military.







#### SPRING CAREER TALKS

Parents—we need you! Volunteer for our 3rd Annual Career Talks and help our students gain real-world insights from your personal career and educational journey. **Learn more** and join the tradition happening this February.

#### **DUAL ENROLLMENT REGISTRATION**

Students in grades 10-12 can earn college credit for the high school courses they are already taking at North Phoenix Prep. Each dual enrollment course is taught by the student's regular Great Hearts teacher.

- Register online by January 4th for spring semester courses. Please have your student's high school transcript and course offerings handy.
- Create a separate Great Hearts AZ Configio account.
- Tuition assistance is available for those who qualify.

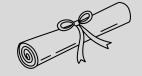


**Non-refundable** fees: \$300 for 3-credit courses \$385 for 4-credit courses



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#### SENIOR FAMILY REMINDERS

Submit your 2026-2027 <u>Free Application for Federal Student Aid</u> (FAFSA) in about 30 minutes! 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* After submitting the FAFSA, apply for the \$2,000 <u>College Ready AZ FAFSA Scholarship</u>.

Review our **College Bound Toolkit** for important college-related deadlines and next steps.

#### FINANCING COLLEGE WEBINAR: Tuesday, January 29th at 6:30 PM



Learn more about the **Higher Education Financial Aid Resources** (**HEFAR**) **Group**, which helps families make college affordable. Their Certified College Planning Specialists increase financial aid eligibility, reduce out-of-pocket costs, and create smart strategies to cover the remainder without financial strain. **Register today**!

#### GREAT HEARTS' COLLEGE SYMPOSIUM: Saturday, February 28th

Connect with 60+ colleges nationwide at Great Hearts' College Symposium, hosted by Scottsdale Prep. Watch a **short video** for a sneak peak of the event. **RSVP today**!

#### MIDWESTERN HEALTH SCIENCE CAREER DAY: Tuesday, March 3rd



Encourage your 9th–11th grade student to participate in a special field trip to Midwestern University in Glendale! Limited to just 40 students, this hands-on experience will explore healthcare careers. Transportation and lunch is included in the \$15 field trip fee. **Applications accepted** through **Monday, February 2nd.** 

#### **ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Even though it feels like winter, summer will be here before you know it. Now is the time to <u>research</u> <u>enrichment opportunities</u> that help your teen explore academic interests and support their college search as many programs have January and February deadlines!

Access College Essay Guy's <u>epic list</u> of summer and extracurricular activities for more ideas.



Senior Sarah Traore at ASU's Burton Family Foundation Summer Health Institute

## 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.





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

- Student's First and Last Name
- Grade
- Date of Absence(s)
- Reason (illness, appointment, family emergency,

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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