



January 16, 2025

# GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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## **INVESTING IN EDUCATION, CELEBRATING TOGETHER – GIVING TUESDAY INCENTIVE REDEMPTION DAY!**

We are incredibly grateful for your investment in our students' education and thankful for the opportunity to celebrate in such a meaningful and fun way as we continue working toward our goals. Thanks to your generosity, students enjoyed a VIP pizza lunch, an all-school popsicle party, and every student received a free homework pass!

*-Jacqueline Curtis (JCurtis@northphoenixprep.org)*



# Important Dates

01/16 R & R weekend (no homework)

01/19 No School

01/30 Familia Friday

01/31 Winter Dance (High School, 7:00-10:00 PM)

02/03 PSO Meeting (8:30 AM in the library) All are welcome!

02/05 Parents HL Seminar (6:00-7:00 PM Library)

02/06 ½ Day Early Release at 12:15 PM. (Great Hearts Teacher In-Service)

02/07 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance(6:00-8:00 PM in Archway MPR)



**SAVE THE DATE:** NPX Spring Carnival (Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> )



**Headmaster chats for Sem. 2 - 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

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## 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](#)  
[January Menu](#)

[2025-2026 Calendar Now Online](#)

[FULL NPX EVENTS CALENDAR HERE](#)



## Academy Giving

### Academy Giving funding update-

Thanks to the generosity of our community, we're off to a strong start to second semester! As of **January 14th**, we've reached **76% of our budgeted Community Investment goal with 25% family participation**, and our **Tax Credit Drive** is right on track with **36%** of our budgeted goal received.

Haven't made your Community Investment gift or redirected your **AZ Public School Tax Credit yet?** There's still time! These gifts directly support our school budget and help provide incredible opportunities for our scholars.

With **six months left**, every family's contribution makes a **BIG difference**. Let's finish strong together!

[Learn more and make your gift today.](#)

Questions? Contact our Family Giving Officer, Jackie Curtis, at [jcurtis@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:jcurtis@northphoenixprep.org).

Thank you for being such an important part of our NPX family!



Because of you, our students celebrated with a VIP pizza lunch, a popsicle party for the whole school, and homework passes all around!

## Gladiator Houses Update

# Gladiator Team Winners!



Last semester saw lots of fun activity on Gladiator Teams! From the Draft, to Familia Fridays, to Team Challenges, to Field Day, we had a jam packed schedule of fun activities planned for middle schoolers. Students earned Gladiator Tickets (AKA GLADDIES) for doing virtuous, helpful, or procedural tasks on campus. Many students gave MANY tickets to their teams, and we tallied them up all semester. Teams also earned tickets for winning challenges, placing in Field Day, and winning Lanista Challenges.

## AND THE WINNERS FOR FIRST SEMESTER TICKET EARNINGS ARE....

Third Place: Provocatores!

Second Place: Bestiarii!

First Place: SAMNITE!

On Wednesday, the top three teams got an Ice Cream Social to celebrate their hard work last semester, and last Friday, Lanistae earned tickets for their team at their Leadership Training Bootcamp. There is another chance this semester for teams to accrue tickets and we will hold another celebration at the end of the year. Encourage your student to earn those tickets and spend them at the Gladiator Store or give them to their team for the chance to beat out these top three teams!





## Parents, sign up for the next parent seminar!

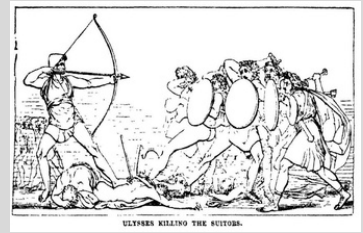
Ever wonder what happens in a Humane Letters classroom? Now is your chance to find out. The Liberal Arts Council invites you to a special seminar hosted by our Humanities faculty. We will set aside the textbooks and engage in a Socratic discussion of two influential works:

- Ulysses by Lord Tennyson
- The Pedestrian by Ray Bradbury

Come experience the same rigorous, lively conversation your students enjoy every week.

The seminars will be held in the Library from 6:00 - 7:00 PM.

[RSVP using this link](#) to let us know you plan to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!



**2/5 Ulysses, poem by Alfred Lord Tennyson**



**4/16 The Pedestrian, short story by Ray Bradbury (it's just two pages!)**



## Support NPX by shopping at Fry's!

That's right, you can give back to the school by simply shopping at Fry's – It's so easy! Through Fry's Community Rewards Program, when you link your Fry's VIP card to North Phoenix Prep, a percentage of each purchase goes back to the school.

Go to: [Fy's Food.com](https://www.frysfood.com)

To get started, visit [www.FrysCommunityRewards.com](https://www.FrysCommunityRewards.com) with your V.I.P. card:

Step by Step Instructions

- Go to [www.FrysCommunityRewards.com](https://www.FrysCommunityRewards.com)
- Select 'Enroll Now'
- Enter your email address, password, and then select 'Sign in'
- \*\* This is the email and password tied to your Fry's Account
- Select 'My Account' from the drop-down menu
- Select 'Community Rewards'
- Under 'Find an Organization' enter North Phoenix Preparatory Academy and select 'Search'
- Select 'Enroll'

\*\*If you have registered correctly, you should now see North Phoenix Preparatory Academy listed under 'Community Rewards'.

Questions? [PSOPresident@NorthPhoenixPrep.org](mailto:PSOPresident@NorthPhoenixPrep.org)

## New Extracurricular courses starting this semester!

### Acting Troupe

Come join Drama Teachers Mr. Davis and Mr. Mark as we create North Phoenix's Acting Troupe! This theater organization will help you prepare scenes and monologues for state competition, where you'll compete against other schools in the region for the prestigious state championship. The fee covers your student's entry into the "Arizona Thespians Organization" <https://arizonathespians.com/> We welcome students in grades 6th through 12th. (Meeting Tuesdays after school)

Contact: [amark@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:amark@northphoenixprep.org)

### Short Film Group

Come join drama teacher Mr. Mark as we dive into the world of short films! Mr. Mark, **an Emmy Award-winning filmmaker**, will share the secrets to creating polished and professional short films. This after-school group will cover everything from story development to filming and post-production. We're open to students in grades 6th through 12th. Meeting Mondays after school. Contact:

[amark@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:amark@northphoenixprep.org)

### National Latin Exam Prep

Join Ms. Hemmings to prepare for the National Latin Exam - open to grades 6-12. The ECNA fee (\$50) covers all prep materials and exam costs, as well as access to a Google Classroom. Multiple levels of the exams are offered, including Intro, Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced.

- Registration deadline for the paper exam is Jan. 23, 2026.

For more information, contact ECNA organizer Mrs. Hemmings: [shemmings@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:shemmings@northphoenixprep.org)

**To register for an ECNA (extracurricular course) and get all the information, go to the [North Phoenix Prep website - Parent Payment Portal - 25/26 Extracurriculars.](#)**

### Semester 2 Offerings

Acting Troupe

Chess (Semester 2)

National Latin Exam Prep

NPX Short Film Group

Academic Magazine -Gladiator Journal

ACTA Gladiator (school newspaper)

Archery

Concert Choir

Old School Dungeons & Dragons

Open Art Studio

Speech & Debate

SSO (Yearlong)

STEM

Victorian Boardgaming Society



# *Arctic Night* Northern Lights

High School Only

January 31, 2026  
7:00pm - 10:00pm  
\$25 at the door

Join us for our Winter Formal – an unforgettable night of music, dancing, and winter magic. Enjoy a live DJ, tasty snacks, and a dance floor full of fun! Dress to impress, and dance the night away under the northern lights.

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# Gladiator Athletics

**Registration is now open for the following spring sports teams:**

**Middle School** – boys and girls track & field; boys and girls basketball; cheer

**High School** – boys and girls track & field



For more details, go to our [ATHLETICS WEBSITE](#)

**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:

[Physical Form](#).

For more info please email our AD, **Joe Page**, at [jpage@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:jpage@northphoenixprep.org)

**Get all the details about the Spring  
Athletics Teams Below.**

**[2026 North Phoenix Prep Spring High School Sports Teams](#)**

**[2026 North Phoenix Prep Spring Middle School Sports Teams](#)**

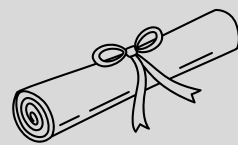
**THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A BETTER TIME TO TRY A  
NEW SPORT AND LEARN THE EXCITEMENT OF BEING  
A GLADIATOR ATHLETE!**





## College Counseling

[college@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:college@northphoenixprep.org) | [northphoenixprep.org/college](http://northphoenixprep.org/college)



Senior families, explore our [College Bound Toolkit](#) for college contacts and helpful info on what comes next. Admissions counselors will be on campus to help Seniors navigate their next steps for fall enrollment—especially helpful for those still deciding where to attend.

- **University of Arizona:** Thursday, January 22, Lyceum
- **Northern Arizona University:** Tuesday, January 27, Lyceum
- **Arizona State University:** Thursday, January 29, Lyceum

### On-campus College Rep Visits

U.S. Air Force Academy: Thursday, January 27, Lunch

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

Learn about the Higher Education Financial Aid Resources (HEFAR) Group, which helps families make college affordable. [Register today](#) or contact [slarson@hefar.org](mailto:slarson@hefar.org) for info.

### GREAT HEARTS' COLLEGE SYMPOSIUM:

**Saturday, February 28th**

High school families, connect with 60+ colleges nationwide at Great Hearts' College Symposium, hosted by Scottsdale Prep. Check out the current list of [out-of-state institutions](#) attending. [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.**

### SENIOR CELEBRATION

Congratulations to **Zarina Laleka** on her offer of direct admission to medical school at New York Institute of Technology, enabling her to earn her Life Sciences, BS and Osteopathic Medicine, DO degrees. Zarina has volunteered with international clinics, a local hospice, and Banner Health, shadowed physicians, and worked as a summer research assistant. At NPX, she's a dedicated student leader - serving as a Lanista, Senator and Student Mentor.



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.

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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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