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GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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Dear Gladiator Families,

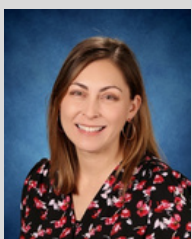
What a wonderful first week back! It's been great to reconnect with your students and to meet with so many of you during conferences.

As we move into second semester, our seniors are formalizing their post-graduation plans, middle and high school students are preparing for state testing, and our winter athletes are well into their season.

This is the perfect time to reflect on this year's thematic goal: Invest in Excellence. Your contributions through our annual campaign via Community Investment and Tax Credit make excellence possible, from stunning fine arts performances to improvements like our upgraded athletic field. Next week, we'll celebrate the success of our campaign so far. Read on for details!

As a reminder, our new dismissal process is now in effect and we are checking bag tags for students with permission to exit campus. Permission slips were due on December 12, and walker tags are no longer being distributed. If your student needs a replacement tag, they are available in the front office for \$3. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping both Prep and Archway students safe.

We're excited to continue investing in excellence alongside you.
With devotion,



Erin Lentz | Headmaster

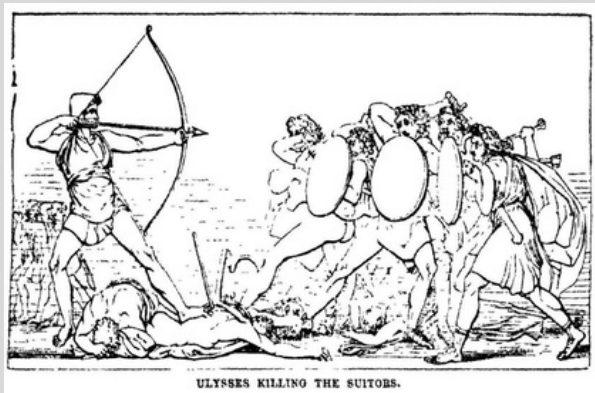
Parents, sign up for the next parent seminar!

Ever wonder what happens in a Humane Letters classroom?

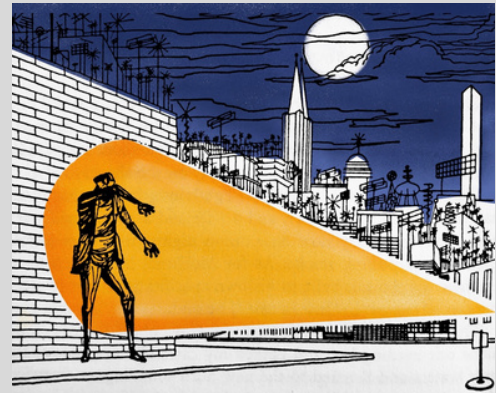
Now is your chance to find out. The Liberal Arts Council invites you to a special seminar hosted by our Humanities faculty. We will set aside the textbooks and engage in a Socratic discussion of two influential works:

- Ulysses by Lord Tennyson
- The Pedestrian by Ray Bradbury

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



2/5 Ulysses, poem by Alfred Lord Tennyson



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

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!

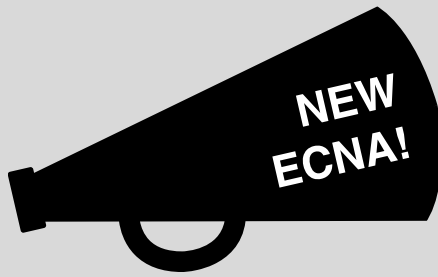


THANK YOU!

This holiday season, our Student Support Organization (SSO) spread joy through our Angel Tree Project, collecting toys and gifts for families in need. Thanks to the generosity of our school community, we gathered items such as dolls, Barbies, cars, games, and other toys for young children—positively impacting over 20 families during the holidays.

PSO

We are incredibly grateful to our families, students, and staff who participated and helped make this drive such a success. Your kindness and willingness to give truly made a difference and reminded us of the power of community during this special time of year. Thank you for helping bring smiles and holiday cheer to our families



Calling all Latin students!

NATIONAL LATIN EXAM PREP

- Quis?** (Who?): *All interested Latin students in Grades 6-12*
- Quid?** (What?): *Prep sessions for the NLE*
- Quando?** (When?): *Wednesdays during Lyceum, Jan. 14—March 18, 2026 (Exam given the week of March 2)*
- Ubi?** (Where?): *Room 624*
- Cur?** (Why?): *For a fun challenge with possible awards*
- Quomodo?** (How?): *Pay the ECNA fee via Configio: <https://northphoenixprep.configio.com/>*

Nota Bene:

- *If you have another obligation on Wednesdays during Lyceum, you can still join the NLE Prep ECNA!*
- *The ECNA fee (\$50) covers all prep materials and exam costs, as well as access to a Google Classroom with links to Quizlet study sets, practice exams, study schedule, and more.*
- *Multiple levels of the exam are offered, including Intro, Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced. You can register for the level that best aligns with your Latin experience.*
- *Registration deadline for the paper exam is Jan. 23, 2026.*
- *For more information, contact ECNA organizer Mrs. Hemmings: shemmings@northphoenixprep.org*

The background of the entire poster is a vibrant display of the Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis) in shades of green, blue, and purple. The lights appear as flowing, ethereal ribbons across a dark, star-speckled sky. Several bright, multi-pointed stars are scattered throughout the scene, adding to the magical, wintry atmosphere.

Arctic Night Northern Lights

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.

Important Dates

01/12 Headmaster Chat in the Library - All Grades (8:30 AM)

01/12 8th Grade Field Trip to the Musical Instrument Museum

01/14 Senior Individual photos and Senior and 8th class photos day

01/16 Familia Friday

01/16 R & R weekend (no homework)

01/19 No School

01/30 Familia Friday

01/31 Winter Dance

Wednesday 1/14
Senior individual photos
& 8th class photos



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 2nd ● March 23rd

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



**FACULTY
WISHLIST**

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.

[Wish List](#)



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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](#)

Happy New Year, NPX Families! 🎉



We're excited for all that the second semester has in store and wanted to share a quick funding update. Thanks to the generosity of our community, we're off to a strong start! As of January 1, we've reached **75%** of our budgeted Community Investment goal with 24% family participation, and our Tax Credit Drive is right on track with 35% 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.

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

Giving Tuesday Celebrations – Thank You, Families!

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our school community, we are excited to celebrate the success of our Giving Tuesday campaign with several fun incentives for our students next week! We appreciate your continued support and partnership—these celebrations are a direct result of your kindness.

Homework Pass for Every Student

Because we met our Giving Tuesday goal, every student will receive one free homework pass. Homework passes will be distributed during first period on Thursday, January 15.

All-School Popsicle Party

All students and staff will enjoy an all-school popsicle party during Lyceum on Thursday, January 15 as part of our Giving Tuesday celebration.

VIP Pizza Party Winners

One student from each grade was selected through a Giving Tuesday drawing to attend a VIP pizza party on Thursday, January 15. Each winner may bring one friend and will be excused from class 15 minutes early for lunch to enjoy pizza in the garden.

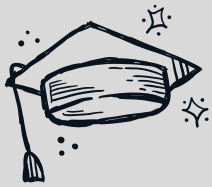
Congratulations to our winners:

- 6th Grade: Reagan Charles
- 7th Grade: Hudson Bedwell
- 8th Grade: Charis McDaniel
- 9th Grade: Dylan Sharples
- 10th Grade: Owen Rowe
- 11th Grade: Aleena Salmon
- 12th Grade: Isabel Idemudia

Families of winning students have been notified, and these celebrations will also be shared during school announcements.

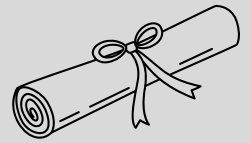
Thank you for helping us make these moments meaningful and exciting for our students. We are grateful for the generosity and support of our amazing school community!

With Gratitude, Jackie Curtis



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2026 ALUMNI PANEL

On Tuesday, fourteen NPX Alumni shared their college journey with our high school students. Representing Occidental College (CA), Georgia Institute of Technology, Delaware State University, University of Dallas, Arizona's tri-universities, and Scottsdale Community College, they talked about the impact of a Great Hearts education post-graduation.



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

High school families, 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 and check out the current [list of colleges](#) 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 FAMILY REMINDERS

Submit your 2026-2027 [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (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 [College Ready AZ FAFSA Scholarship](#).
Review our [College Bound Toolkit](#) for important college-related deadlines and next steps.

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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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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