



February 13, 2026

# GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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## Re-Enrollment for 2026-2027 Opens February 17!

Be the future of your school - RE-ENROLL! This is the time to re-enroll ALL returning North Phoenix Prep students and secure your student's seat for next year. Don't wait — complete your re-enrollment promptly to ensure a smooth transition into another incredible year at NPX!

Questions? Contact Registrar, Brittany Sokolis, at [bsokolis@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:bsokolis@northphoenixprep.org) or 602-996-4435.

We can't wait to continue partnering with your family for another exceptional year at North Phoenix Prep!  
-Brittany Sokolis | Registrar and Front Office



# RE-Enroll Starts

## Feb. 17

Reminder: All families are required to upload new Arizona proof of residency documentation during re-enrollment

# Important Dates

02/16 NO SCHOOL (Presidents Day)

02/18 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> Field Trip to see Henry The Fifth ([Register HERE](#))

02/20 Middle School Social On Campus

(6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 PM, 8<sup>th</sup> grade can stay until 9:00 PM)

02/25 Science Fair! (1:30-3:30 PM)

02/28 NPX Blood Drive (In Archway MPR 7:30-2:30)



February 28th

## Blood Drive

Archway MPR

7:30 - 2:30



10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> FIELD TRIP!

**SIGN UP NOW**

FEB 18TH

[NPX PARENT PAYMENT PORTAL](#)



★ NOTE: STUDENTS NOT ATTENDING THIS TRIP WILL BE REQUIRED TO DO A MAKEUP ASSIGNMENT.



**Headmaster chats for Sem. 2 - Open to all grades**

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

March 2<sup>nd</sup>

March 23<sup>rd</sup>

YEARBOOK

Order your yearbooks now

**ORDER YEARBOOKS HERE**

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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](#)

[February Menu](#)

[2025-2026 Calendar Now Online](#)

[FULL NPX EVENTS CALENDAR HERE](#)

# Great Hearts Family Survey



Dear Families,

I hope everyone is doing well. Every year we ask parents for feedback on their academy and Great Hearts as a whole. We hope you will take the time to fill out this year's survey. It should only take a few minutes and we very much want to hear your perspective.

You can access the survey by clicking [here](#) or via the QR code below.

The survey will remain open until Tuesday February 24

All my best to each of you,

Brandon Crowe,

Superintendent



Queridas Familias,

Espero que se encuentren bien a medida que terminamos el tercer trimestre. Cada año alrededor de esta época, pedimos a los padres de familia comentarios sobre su academia y Great Hearts en general.

Esperamos que se tomen el tiempo para completar la encuesta de este año. Sólo debe tomar unos minutos, y queremos escuchar su perspectiva.

Pueden acceder a la encuesta haciendo clic [aquí](#) o a través del código QR. Esta permanecerá disponible hasta el martes 24 de febrero.

Mis mejores deseos para cada uno de ustedes,

Brandon Crowe

Superintendente

**FILL OUT THE SURVEY AND HELP NPX WIN A SCHOOL-WIDE DRESS DOWN DAY.**

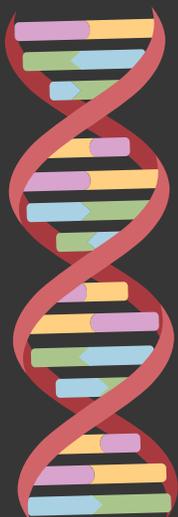
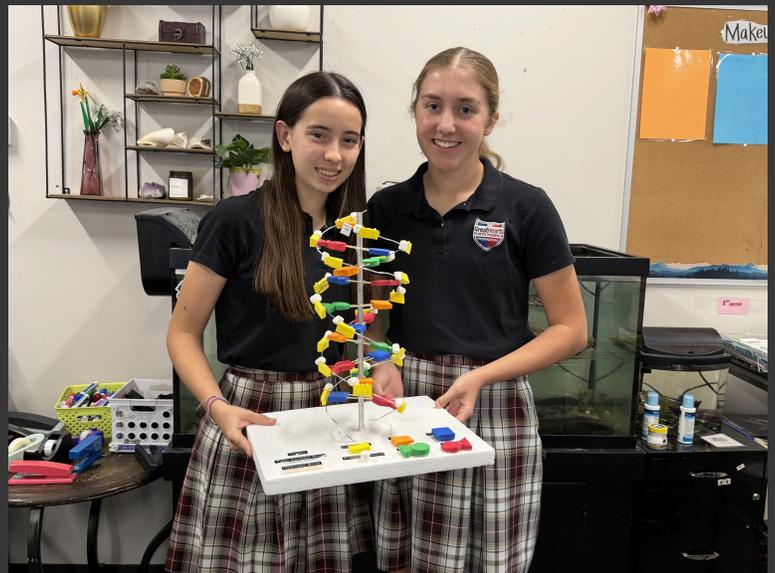
**WE WILL BE DOING DRAWINGS FOR INCENTIVES AND WORKING TOWARD LARGER PRIZES AS FAMILIES FILL OUT THE SURVEY**

- 10% Raffle - First in lunch line on Thursday
- 20% Raffle - Late HW pass
- 30% Raffle - Class popsicle party
- 40% Raffle - Swag shirt
- 50% WIN - School-wide Crazy Sock Day
- 60% Raffle - Gladiator Sweatshirt
- 70% Raffle - Consumables for next school year
- 75% WIN - Schoolwide Free Dress Day!

## Cracking the Genetic Code—With Candy and Pipe Cleaners!

Over the last two weeks Dr. Bahbah's 9th graders have been busy building the "blueprints of life." To get a real feel for the double helix structure of DNA, students stepped away from the textbooks and used everything from pipe cleaners to candy to create 3D models.

It wasn't just about the sugar, though! Students had to master the rules of base pairing—making sure Adenine always found its Thymine, and Cytosine stayed with Guanine. This project was a fantastic way to see their teamwork in action as they collaborated to build these complex genetic masterpieces. Check out their "sweet" scientific results in the photos below!





# Your Attendance Matters!

Dear North Phoenix Prep Families,

We would like to take a moment to emphasize the importance of consistent student attendance. Regular attendance is essential to academic success, classroom continuity, and the development of strong study habits.

We certainly understand that this flu season has been a heavy one, and student health remains a priority. When absences are necessary due to illness, we appreciate your communication and partnership in keeping our campus healthy.

As outlined in our Family Handbook, if a student is excused for more than five consecutive days due to illness, medical documentation is required for the absences to remain excused and return to school. Please ensure that any applicable documentation is submitted to the [attendance@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:attendance@northphoenixprep.org) in a timely manner.

For all other absences, we kindly ask that families review the attendance policies detailed in the Family Handbook. These guidelines are in place to support student achievement and ensure compliance with school and state requirements.

To help students stay on track during absences, families are encouraged to reach out directly to teachers and to reference the weekly Missing Homework Chart for updated assignments and expectations. Maintaining communication and monitoring coursework closely can help ease the transition back to campus.

If you have any questions regarding attendance policies or your student's absences, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting your child's education.

Angie Nelson | Office Manager

## Annual Campaign Funding Update



**Community Investment:** 78% of our goal **Tax Credit:** 43% of our goal  
We're making great progress—but we're not there yet. Your support directly funds this year's school budget, and with just **five months left**, every family's participation truly matters. No gift is too small. When our community comes together, the impact on our students is powerful. **Take action today: Learn more and make your family gift now.**

Questions or need help getting started? Jackie Curtis, Family Giving Officer, is happy to assist at [jcurtis@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:jcurtis@northphoenixprep.org). **Let's finish strong—together!**



### Tax Credit

Season Is

Here! 

Help us reach our goal by **April 15** with your **Arizona Public School Tax Credit**—it directly supports our students at **no additional cost to you!**

**Competition Time with some fun incentives to help us reach our Tax Credit Goal:**

**Middle School:** Gladiator Team with highest participation wins 🏆 + exclusive lunch gym time!

**High School:** Grade with highest participation wins 🏆 + exclusive gym time!

 **Tax Credit Tuesday Drawings** for a chance to WIN- **Win a FREE yearbook**, Gladiator gear, athletic swag, or a Blue Willow lunch pass!

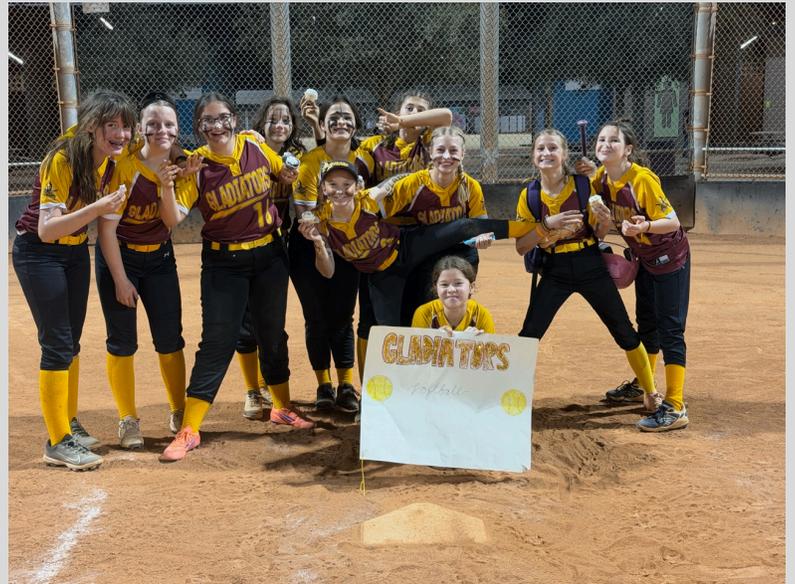
**Drawings will be held on 2/17 • 3/3 • 3/17 • 3/31 • 4/14**

All Families- It's a Dollar-for-dollar. Win-win. Tell your AZ family & friends they too can take advantage of the AZ Public School Tax Credit to help our school reach our goal!

 **Donate today!**

## **NORTH PHOENIX PREP'S SCHOLAR ATHLETES ARE ON THE BALL!**

The Middle School Softball team had an amazing year. They made it all the way to the season semi-finals and really came together for a great season! Looking forward to winning the championship next season! Way to go athletes and way to go Coach Mark and Coach McAndrews!



Your paragraph text

Our High School girls soccer team also had an amazing season! These soccer phenoms went all the way to State and took on the number one team. Although they came up a bit short and lost by two goals, this was still an amazing achievement! Great job ladies and Coach Johnston and Coach AJ Poulson!



## 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:

The seminar 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!



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

## ATTENTION 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FAMILIES

This is the moment you have been waiting for!

Fill out the survey using the link below to select your language choice for 9<sup>th</sup> grade

**SELECT YOUR LANGUAGE**  
**CHOICE HERE**

**Bonjour!**

**Salvete**

**Hola!**

**Khairate!**

# Upcoming State Testing Resources for Families



As we approach our upcoming state testing window, we want to ensure our students feel confident and prepared. Familiarity with the testing platform is one of the best ways to reduce "test day" nerves and help students focus on showing what they know.

The Arizona Department of Education (AzDOE) emphasizes the importance of these practice materials, noting in their Assessment Achievement manual:

*"These resources provide students a hands-on experience with the TestNav tools and question types they will encounter in the actual test environment" (p. 2).*

We highly recommend that parents and students take some time together to explore the TestNav Sample Tests and the Student Readiness Tool. Practicing with these tools allows students to become comfortable with the digital interface and the specific formats of the questions they will see on the actual exam.

Please use the links below to access these practice resources. Taking a few moments to familiarize yourself with the platform now can make a world of difference on testing day!

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👉 **Directions:** Click on the link and choose Arizona.

Scroll to the very bottom (**skip the login info**) and click "mic check and sample tests". Choose the test you would like to sample.

[AASA Sample Tests and Student Readiness Tool](#)

Directions: This is for grades 6, 7, and 8. Select Arizona, then click on "Mic Check and Sample Tests"

[AzSCI Sample Tests and Student Readiness Tool](#)

Directions: This is for grades 8 and 11. Select Arizona, then click on "Mic Check and Sample Tests"

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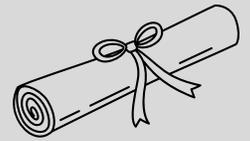
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## College Counseling

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### CAREER TALKS

High school students are invited to hear from local professionals who offer a unique, first-hand perspective on their educational journey and current profession.

#### Friday, February 20 Lyceum, Library

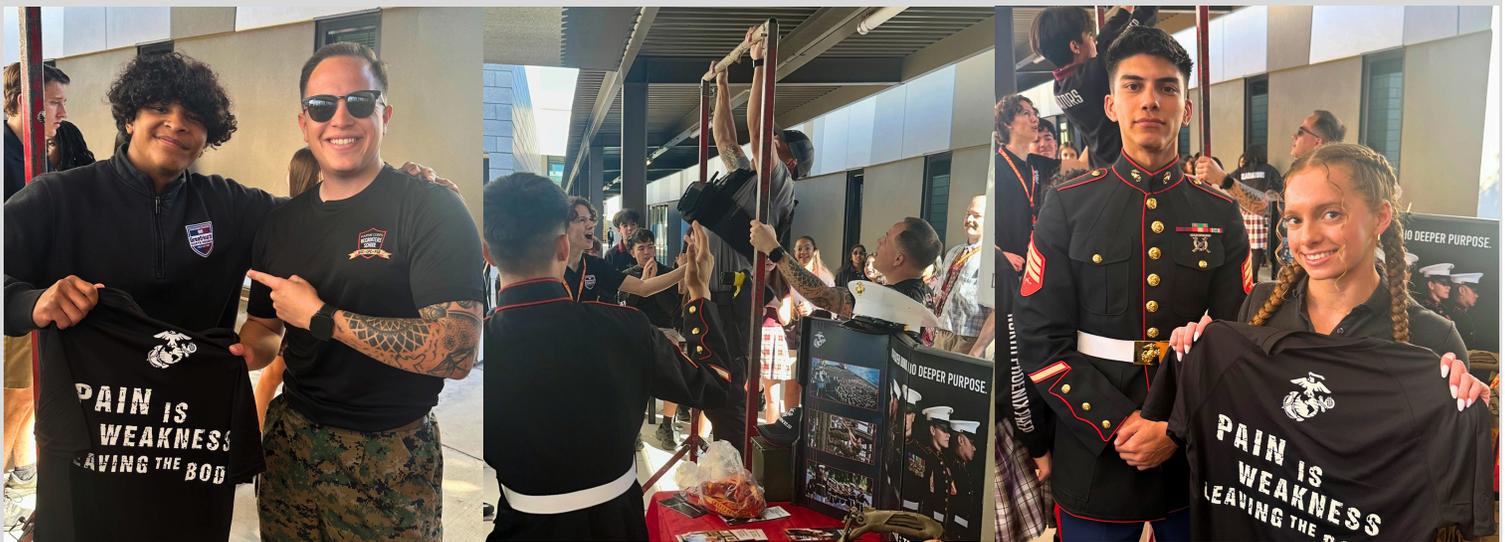
Real Estate | Nurse | Education | Engineer

#### Thursday, February 26 Lyceum, Library

Prosthetics | Civil Engineer | Financial Advisor  
Technical Accounting

Enjoy photos from **Armed Forces Day** that featured the U.S. Army, Air Force and Marines!

*Winners of the Marines' pull-up contest:* Gianni Fuentes, grade 9 & Ellia Rodriguez, grade 12



### UATX High School Honors: Saturday, February 28 - Sunday, March 1

*Hosted at Veritas Preparatory Academy*

Sophomores - Seniors will take on college-level work while building intellectual courage, cultivating community, and learning for themselves what a UATX education entails.

Seminars include America's Founding Principles, Transhumanism, and the Philosophy and Technology of Artificial Intelligence. Students will have the opportunity to meet current students, hear from university leaders, and gain firsthand insight into the UATX model and mission. Access the [schedule](#), [seminar topics](#) and [register](#) by February 19!



University  
of Austin



Even though it feels like winter, summer will be here before you know it! Now is the time to [research enrichment opportunities](#) that help your teen explore academic interests and support their college search.

### **Journalism & Pre-law Opportunities**

#### **ASU Camp Cronkite, Downtown Phoenix campus**

Camp Cronkite allows high school students (ages 15-17) to dive head-first into media and journalism for a week-long residential program in June. By day, Cronkite faculty, staff, and student guides lead campers in hands-on learning then campers enjoy scheduled evening programming at Gordon Commons residential hall. [Apply by March 15.](#)

#### **ASU's Civic Leadership Institute 2026, Tempe campus**

Dive into the Declaration of Independence and Constitution to connect liberty, equality, democracy, and civic responsibility to real-world community involvement. Free day program from June 22–26 for rising 9th–12th graders (2.75+ GPA). [Apply by March 1.](#)

### **Fine Arts Opportunities**

#### **ASU Popular Music Camp, Downtown Phoenix campus *\*NEW***

Discover the art of performance, songwriting, production, engineering and music entrepreneurship at this week-long camp for ages 14-19. Stay in the dorms or commute for daytime programming! [Register now.](#)

#### **ASU Summer Art Camps, Tempe campus *\*NEW***

These four- and five-day camps, open to all experience levels ages 13-18, immerse students in a range of studio art practices—from comics and stop-motion animation to portrait painting, metal working, and more. [Register now.](#)

### **Medical Opportunities**

#### **Midwestern University Health Careers Institute, Glendale *\*NEW***

Join Midwestern University faculty and students for a free 5-day hands-on program to learn about health professions – from Biomedical Sciences to Optometry to Veterinary Medicine (rising grades 11-12; essay required). [Apply by April 1.](#)

#### **University of Arizona's Scrubs Academy, College of Medicine-Phoenix *\*NEW***

Students will participate in professional lectures, health-related field trips and hands-on lab experiences. "Scrub in" this summer for their residential or day camps in downtown Phoenix (rising grades 10-12; essay required). [Apply by March 1.](#)

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# GreatHearts

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HS students & parents, join us for the 18th annual

## *College Symposium*

**Saturday, February 28 from 4:00 - 6:00 PM**

Hosted by Scottsdale Preparatory Academy

16537 N 92nd St, Scottsdale, AZ

**RSVP today:**  
**[strivefair.com](http://strivefair.com)**

**MUST-ATTEND event for Juniors.** All high school families welcome; uniform required.

3:15—3:45 PM Optional Student Essay Workshop

4:00—4:30 PM Parent Presentation #1 hosted by ASU

4:10—4:30 PM **Session #1 College Presentations**

4:30—5:00 PM Parent Presentation #2 hosted by UATX

4:40—5:00 PM **Session #2 College Presentations**

5:00—6:00 PM **Open College Fair**

Questions? [college@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:college@northphoenixprep.org)

Alaska Pacific University  
Arizona State University  
Benedictine University Mesa  
Cal Poly  
Carleton College  
Catholic University of America  
Colorado College  
Colorado Mesa  
Colorado School of Mines  
Conservatory of Recording Arts/Sciences  
Creighton University  
Denison University  
DePaul University  
Drake University  
Elon University  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
Florida Institute Of Technology  
Fort Lewis College  
Franklin & Marshall College  
Grand Canyon  
High Point University  
Hillsdale College  
Justice University  
Kansas State University  
Loyola Marymount University  
Marquette University  
Mississippi State University  
Missouri University of Science & Tech  
New Mexico State University  
Northern Michigan University  
Ohio Wesleyan University  
Oregon Institute of Technology  
Paradise Valley Community College  
Prescott College  
Saint Louis University  
Saint Mary's College of California Scottsdale  
Community College  
Seton Hall University  
Southern Utah University  
St. John's College  
The Citadel Military College of SC  
University of Alabama  
Thomas Aquinas College  
University of Austin at Texas  
United States Air Force Academy  
U.S. Military Academy - West Point  
University of Advancing Technology  
University of Colorado - Boulder  
University of Colorado - CO Springs  
University of Delaware  
University of Idaho  
University of Massachusetts Amherst  
University of Mississippi (Ole Miss)  
University of Montana—Western  
University of Oregon  
University of Redlands  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
University of Utah  
University of Wyoming  
Wabash College  
Washington State University  
Westmont College  
Whittier College  
Willamette University

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Join us in making a difference!

Raptor authorization with a \$6 fee [here](#).



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Go to: [Fry's Food.com](http://Fry's Food.com)

To get started, visit

[www.FrysCommunityRewards.com](http://www.FrysCommunityRewards.com) with your V.I.P. card.

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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](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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