



GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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Gladiator Family Survey: Results, Reflections, and Crazy Socks

Dear Gladiator Families, A cornerstone of classical education is that parents are the primary educators of their children. As your partners in this work, we are honored to walk alongside your families in the formation of young minds and hearts. Because your voice matters so much to us, we made every effort to gather meaningful feedback through this year's Family Survey, and your response was remarkable. With a 59% participation rate, representing a 15% increase over last year, you have given us a truly representative picture of our school community. This level of engagement allows us to make informed decisions, celebrate what is working well, and grow in the areas where we can do better.

On Thursday, 3/5, we'll celebrate hitting this participation milestone with Crazy Sock Day. We look forward to seeing your student's most creative pair!

This year's survey revealed genuine strengths. Families expressed high satisfaction with our teachers and curriculum, affirmed that our school fosters virtuous habits, and shared that their children have formed meaningful friendships here. It is deeply encouraging to see these results, as they reflect the heart of what we are striving toward in the intellectual, moral, and social formation of every student. Two highlights stand out in particular: 88% of families report satisfaction with access to grades (a 9% increase over last year), and 91% of our high school families shared that their students have had positive experiences with our College Counselors.

We also take seriously the areas where you have called us to grow. Your feedback points to improving communication and responsiveness from both leadership and faculty, ensuring that every family feels welcomed on our campus, and designing homework that is purposeful and helps parents better understand where their students need support.

You also told us that the week of half days for conferences following Winter Break creates real challenges for your families. While we have not yet released our draft calendar for the 2026–27 school year, we are glad to share that this schedule is changing. In its place, we will offer two full days for conferences following both the Fall and Winter Breaks. We look forward to sharing more details about next year's calendar soon.

Finally, thank you for taking the time to write about the teachers, staff, and coaches who have made a meaningful difference in your students' lives this year. It brings me great joy to recognize these outstanding teachers, and I look forward to sharing your words with them.

With gratitude, Erin Lentz | Headmaster

Important Dates

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

03/02 Headmaster Chat-all grades parents (8:30 AM)

03/03 Midwestern University Field Trip (Select high school students)

03/06 Cozy 4 A Cause (Dress down day to support Senior DC Trip \$5)

03/06 R & R Weekend (no homework)

03/09 - 03/13 SPRING BREAK (NO SCHOOL)

03/21 Community Spring Festival on the field. All are welcome!



February 28th
BLOOD DRIVE
Archway MPR
7:30 - 2:30



[LINK](#)



Headmaster chats for Sem. 2 - Open to all grades

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

March 2nd

March 23rd

YEARBOOK

Order your yearbooks now

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YEARBOOK

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](#)

NPX PSO

SPRING FESTIVAL

SAT., MARCH 21 | 6-9:30 PM | NPX FIELD

FOOD ♡ **CONTESTS** ♡ **GAMES** ♡ **PRIZES**

Fun for the whole family!

Activities include: teacher dunk tank, bounce houses, cake decorating contest, video game truck, laser tag (with teachers), jousting, photo booth, art station, and more!

**HUGE
NEED
FOR
VOLUNTEERS**



SCAN QR CODE

Purchase wristbands for **\$15**
(until 3/18) or **\$30, cash**
only, at the event.



Tickets sold for **\$1** at event.



Cake Decorating Contest: you **MUST** sign up

WRISTBANDS:

\$15 Pre-Sale (through 3/18) **\$30**
Cash Only (Day Of Event)

Included with a wristband: laser tag,
video game truck, 4 bounce houses,
cake walk, photobooth, & music!

FOOD TRUCKS:

BrisketBurger
Dapo'sIceCream
El Pastorcito
Local Lemon

Community Giving Tax Credit Season Is Here! 🎉

Help us reach our goal by April 15!
Your Arizona Public School Tax Credit
directly supports our students at no
additional cost to you!



- 🏆 **Competition Time!** We have 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 a FREE** yearbook, Gladiator gear, athletic swag, or a Blue Willow lunch pass!

Drawings will be held on 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!](#)

Community Giving

2026

SCIENCE FAIR



ANNUAL CAMPAIGN FUNDING UPDATE

Community Investment: 80% of our goal

Tax Credit: 50% 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 under five months left, every family's participation truly matters. Every gift, no matter the size, moves us closer to our goal and ensures we can continue the programs and support our students rely on every day.

Together, we can finish strong. Thank you for being part of what makes our school community so special and for helping us reach the finish line.

No gift is too small. When our community comes together, the impact on our students is powerful.

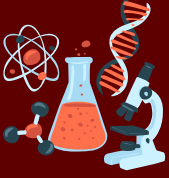
[Take action today: Learn more and make your family gift now.](#)

Questions or need help getting started? Jackie Curtis is happy to assist at jcurtis@northphoenixprep.org.

Let's finish strong—together!

From Hypotheses to Honors: 2026 Science Fair Highlights

Congratulations to all 70 students who presented their research this year! We are incredibly proud of the 27 finalists who qualified to compete at the Arizona State Science & Engineering Fair at ASU on March 26 & 27.

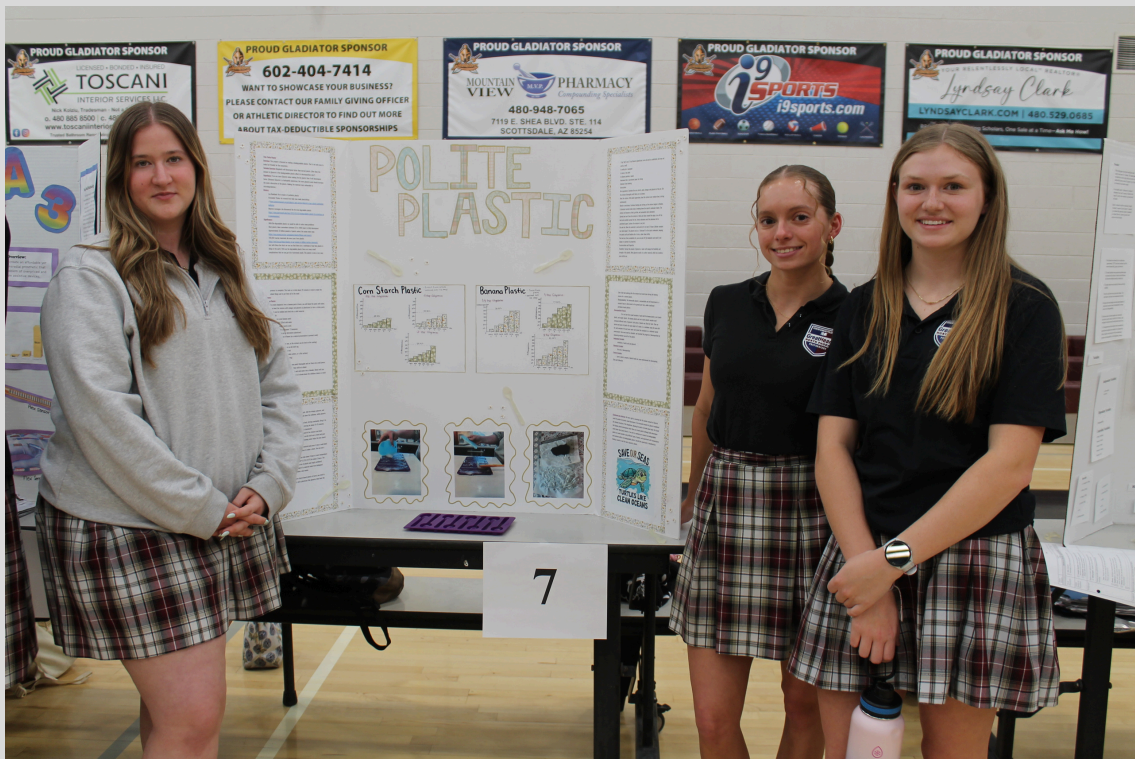
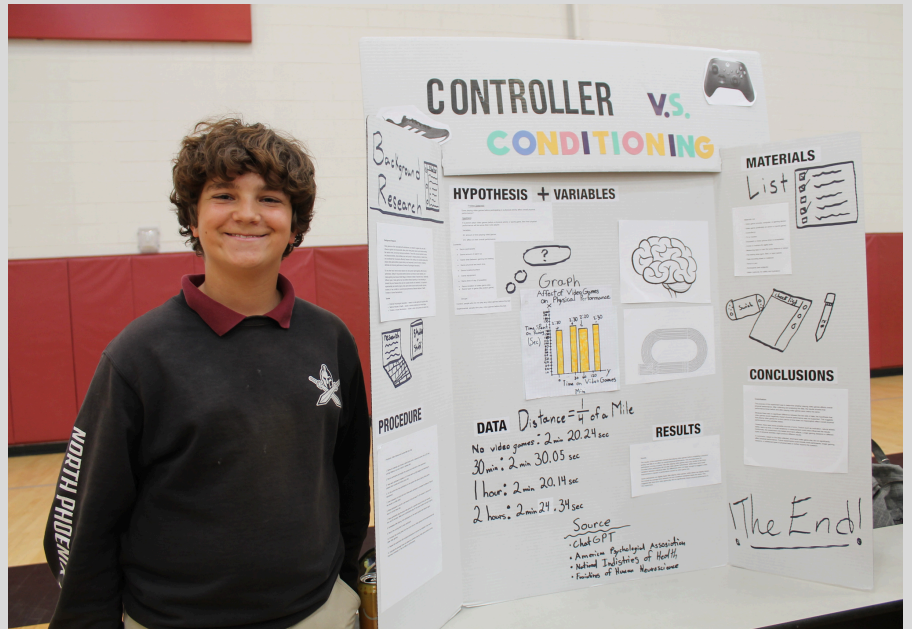


Shout out to the following winners:

Tayshita Yalavarthi & Jeni Johny (Senior Division Overall Winner)

Anuvrataa Navaneeth (Junior Division Overall Winner)

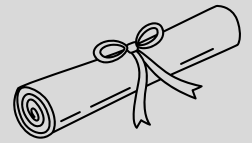
Tejas Navaneeth & Dean Heise (Elementary Division Overall Winner)





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10TH GRADE NAU FIELD TRIP: Thursday, March 26

Our Sophomore class is trading the classroom for a group visit to Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff! During our trip, we'll enjoy a guided campus tour, hear from the admissions team, and get a firsthand look at what life is like on a college campus. Lunch will be provided. Reserve your student's seat in the [Payment Portal](#) and pay the \$25 participation fee.

SERVICE ACADEMIES CONFERENCE: Saturday, April 25 at Veritas Prep

Representatives and liaisons of the Air Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine, Military and Naval Academies will explain the unique academic, career and military opportunities each school offers. Congressional staff will be present to explain the required Congressional application and nomination process. [Access the flyer](#) and [RSVP today!](#)



11th Grade NAU Field Trip, Fall 2025

CLASS OF 2026 SENIOR CELEBRATIONS



Congratulations to **SOPHIA HERD** on her offer of direct admission to Creighton University School of Law (NE), enabling her to earn her BA in Philosophy and Juris Doctorate. From Senator her freshman year to now serving as Senate President, Sophia has **observed** countless court hearings, **interned** at a local law firm, **volunteered** with Guide Dogs for the Blind, and **studied Chinese language and culture** at the University of Mississippi [Summer Language Institute](#).

HADLEY PEARSON was selected as a Creighton Harper Nursing Scholar at Creighton University (NE), a nationally competitive leadership distinction and \$40,000 annual scholarship. A Great Hearts student since Kindergarten, Hadley has **competed** on our Cross Country and Track & Field teams and **serves** as Lanista President and a Student Mentor. Each summer, she has **interned** at a ranch where she's worked hands-on—from fixing fences to assisting with laboring cows. Congratulations, Hadley!





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.

Medical Opportunities

Midwestern University Health Careers Institute, Glendale

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

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.](#)

Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) Opportunities

ASU Digital Culture Summer Institute, Tempe campus

Open to ages 11-18, the GAME School offers a variety of interdisciplinary classes infused with ideas and practices from the arts, music, digital media, computer science, technology and engineering. [Register by April 1.](#)

ASU Engineering Projects in Community Service (EPICS), Tempe campus

Students design, build, and deploy systems to solve engineering-based problems for charities, schools, and other not-for-profit organizations. EPICS projects range from solar panel battery systems, engagement toys for animals at the Phoenix Zoo, 3D printed prosthetics, and tools for training service dogs (rising grades 11-12). [Apply by April 10.](#)

ASU Transportation Extravaganza, Tempe campus *NEW

During this five-day program, rising 11th and 12th grade students will explore ASU labs, participate in hands-on transportation-related challenges, and take field trips to local transportation hubs and infrastructure sites, such as airports, traffic management centers, or engineering facilities. [Apply by April 10.](#)

ASU Underwater Robotics Camp, Polytechnic campus *NEW

Dive headfirst into the high-impact world of robotics alongside other driven high school students. You'll use your design skills to enhance an underwater robot and put it to the test at the National Underwater Robotics Competition, tackling a high-stakes mission unlike anything you've done before (rising grades 11-12). [Apply by April 10.](#)

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!

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"

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

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

Parents of 7th and 8th graders: The AASA requires the use of a calculator for one of the math sections of that test. The following calculator is state-approved and should have already been purchased as part of NPX's supply list.

Starting March 16, 7th and 8th grade teachers will start checking in student calculators and keep them in their rooms to ensure that everyone has one on test day.

Please be sure your student has one of these calculators:

Texas Instruments TI-30XIIS Scientific Calculator



Important Dates

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 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 Started

Feb. 17

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

Parents, sign up for the next parent seminar!

The seminar will be held in the Library from 6:00 - 7:00 PM. [RSVP using this link.](#)



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

ATTENTION 8TH 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 9th grade

SELECT YOUR LANGUAGE
CHOICE HERE

PSO BOARD NOMINATIONS OPEN!

2026-2027

ALL PSO Board positions
accepting nominations for
next school year until
March 31, 2026.

Email
PSOPresident@NorthPhoenixPrep.org
to nominate yourself or a friend!



★ Step Into Leadership. Make an Impact. ★

The PSO is now accepting Board nominations for the
2026–2027 school year!

If you (or someone you know) care about building
community, supporting teachers, and enhancing student
experiences — we'd love to hear from you.

✉ Email Jessica at
PSOPresident@NorthPhoenixPrep.org

📅 Submit nominations by Tuesday, March 31, 2026



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20% Off Select School Styles

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NPX PARENT SERVICE ORGANIZATION

Join us in making a difference!

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To get started, visit

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PSO



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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 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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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

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

Alaska Pacific University
Arizona State University
Benedictine University Mesa | BYU-Idaho
Cal Poly | Carleton College
Colorado College
Colorado Mesa University
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Conservatory of Recording Arts & Sciences
Creighton University | Denison University
DePaul University | Drake 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 | Lewis & Clark
Loyola Marymount University
Marquette University
Midwestern Pharmacy
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
Pepperdine University | Prescott College
Providence College
Sacred Heart University
Saint Louis University
Saint Mary's College of California
Civic and Economic Thought & Leadership
Scottsdale Community College
Seton Hall University
Southern Utah University
St. John's College | St. Olaf College
The Catholic University of America
The Citadel Military College of SC
Thomas Aquinas College
US Air Force Academy
US Military Academy-West Point
University of Advancing Technology
University of Alabama
University of Austin at Texas
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