



GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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Please Welcome Our New Athletic Director, Coach Megan Johnston



We are thrilled to officially welcome Megan Johnston as our new Athletic Director. A familiar face to many of you, we are excited to see her step into this vital leadership role within our school community.

Having already served as our Assistant Athletic Director here at North Phoenix Prep, Coach Johnston has proven her unwavering commitment to our student-athletes. Beyond ensuring a seamless transition for our programs, she brings an extraordinary wealth of coaching and leadership experience. In the broader Arizona sports community, she served as Director of Coaching for Thunderbird FC, head coach for their 2017 Boys, and Summer Camp Director for Coerver Coaching Arizona. She also holds a USSF National “C” License and recently led the ODP 2009 Girls to a 2025 Far West Region Championship.

Coach Johnston’s dedication to inspiring the next generation of players is deeply rooted in her own world-class athletic career. Competing at the highest level of international play, Coach Johnston earned two gold medals as a member of the U.S. Women’s Deaf National Team from 2002 to 2013. This elite experience brings a powerful perspective, embodying the resilience, discipline, and ambition we hope to instill in our students.

With a leader who has personally reached the top of the podium, we are confident our middle and high school programs will continue to thrive, providing our athletes with exceptional mentorship both on and off the field.

Please join us in congratulating Coach Johnston on this well-deserved promotion. We look forward to many years of continued success under her guidance.

Go Gladiators!

Important Dates

04/03 NO SCHOOL!

04/07 Junior ACT Testing (Gym)

04/08 Pre-ACT Testing (10th Grade)

04/18 Junior / Senior Prom ([Details/Payment Here](#))

04/21 Rising Senior Night for Junior Families (6:00-7:00 PM, MPR)

Standardized Testing Dates

04/02: AASA. 7th Math 2 Periods 1 & 2, 8th Math 2 Periods 3 & 4
(AASA Makeup Writing, Math I, 2)

04/06: AASA 6th Reading 1 Periods 1 & 2, 7th Reading I Periods 3 & 4
(AASA Makeup Math I, 2)

04/07: ACT for 11th, AASA 6th Reading 2 Periods 3 & 4, 8th Reading 1 Periods 1 & 2
(AASA Makeup Reading I)

4/08: Pre-ACT for 10th, AASA, 7th Reading 2 Periods 1, 2, 3, 8th Reading 2 Periods 4, 5, 6
(AASA Makeup Reading I, 2)



Parents, sign up for the next parent seminar!

The seminar will be held in the Library 4/16 from 6:00 - 7:00 PM. [RSVP using this link.](#)

Reading: “The Pedestrian” by Ray Bradbury



ATTENTION 8TH GRADE FAMILIES

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

[SELECT YOUR LANGUAGE CHOICE HERE](#)

Order your yearbooks now

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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](#)

[March Menu](#)

[2025-2026 Calendar Now Online](#)

[FULL NPX EVENTS CALENDAR HERE](#)

Prom Ready!

Bring us your slightly used formal attire!

Our Student Services Organization is excited to host a Prom Formal Wear Drive to support our students in grades 9–12. We are currently accepting second chance used prom dresses, formal wear, and boys jackets to ensure every student has the opportunity to feel confident and celebrated on prom night.

Donated items will be available during a scheduled try-on day, where they can browse and find something they love. There is a \$25 refundable dry cleaning deposit for chosen items.

Donation Drop-Off Dates: March 30th - April 3rd

Location: Prep Student Entry

Contact: Mrs. Nelson at anelson@northphoenixprep.org

Thank you for helping us make prom accessible and special for all of our students!



Last Call: Japan Trip Meeting is in a few short days!

Our Japan informational meeting is coming up, and we don't want your family to miss out. This trip could be a turning point in your child's life—building confidence, curiosity, and global awareness.

Find meeting info and RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/4b2k8Ln>

Reminder:

- \$200 discount available for early enrollees
- Enrollment opens at the meeting—first come, first served
- Learn more about our travel partner, EF Educational Tours, at www.eftours.com

We can't wait to share how this journey can shape your child's future. See you there!

Sarah Schripsema & Julie Burch

Exciting Opportunity:

The Return of NPX High School Football!

The NPX community has long expressed interest in bringing high school football back to campus. In recent years, we have not had the participation numbers or collective commitment necessary to relaunch the program—until now.

I am excited to share that we have a unique and promising opportunity to partner with Cicero Prep to re-establish a competitive high school football program. While each school independently has faced challenges with roster size, together we have the numbers, coaching staff, and resources needed to build a strong and successful team.

Now, the final piece is you—our student-athletes. We are looking for dedicated, motivated individuals who are eager to be part of something special and help bring football back to NPX.

An interest meeting will be held on Thursday, April 9th, during Lyceum (10:15–11:00 AM) in the MPR. This meeting is open to all current 8th through 11th grade students interested in playing football next fall. Cicero Prep Head Coach, Dmitri O'Brien, will be on campus to share details about the program, team expectations, and the vision moving forward.

This is an exciting moment for NPX Athletics, and we look forward to building something meaningful together.

Questions to Coach Johnston: mjohnston@northphoenixprep.org

Go Gladiators!





Let's Go Rollerskating!

Middle School Social

FLC Fitness Center (aka North Phoenix Baptist Church)
Sunday 4/26 from 4-7pm

Currently enrolled middle schoolers only. Drop off event.

Chaperones must be Raptor cleared. Link for parent volunteers: [PSOLINKTREE](#)

Roller Skating (includes skate rental), Gym Games, Basketball, Food

Cost: \$30 presale until 4/23, \$40 cash only sales at the door

Questions: Contact PSO at PSOPresident@northphoenixprep.org

Important DC Trip Update!

While still subject to change, we are excited to share this year's itinerary for the 2026 Senior Trip to Washington D.C. Please note that the itinerary is likely to change, and the link to the live document is the best place to reference for the most up to date information.

Here are two important deadlines to keep in mind:

1. Each student went home on Monday, March 30 with a packet of paperwork that is due by Monday, April 06. Students must also submit a hard copy of their "REAL ID" (front & back) that will be used at airport security and a hard copy of their insurance card (front & back).
2. The final installment of \$200 is due by Friday, April 10 on Configio, our online parent payment portal.

Live link to the senior trip itinerary & paperwork: [HERE](#)

Configio link for payment: [PAYMENT HERE](#)

Best, Mr. Márquez





Mr. Pagani's Victorian Board Gaming Society and Old-School Dungeons & Dragons extracurricular students are swashbuckling their way through many an adventure! The excitement continues, but only the brave will prevail!

High School Social A Rock'n Success!

Thank you to our Senators for organizing another great event



Memories to last a lifetime!



Annual Campaign Funding Update

Community Investment: 87% of our goal with 26% family participation

Tax Credit: 72% of our goal with 22% family participation

Your support for community investment ensures that we can continue providing a classical liberal arts education to all students where our Fine Arts program is part of our core curriculum.

*Some fun incentives to help us finish the year on budget coming next week!
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.

Let's finish strong—together!



Tax Credit Season Is in FULL SWING! Gladiators we have 14 days left to reach our goal!

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! GLADIATOR TEAM IN THE LEAD- Samnite taking over the lead with 53%, Murmillones in 2nd with 46% and Retiarii & Equites tied for 3rd with 34%!
- High School: Grade with highest participation wins + exclusive gym time! Juniors are increasing their lead with 33% , our Seniors are close behind with 26% and creeping in with 25% is our Sophomore's!

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!

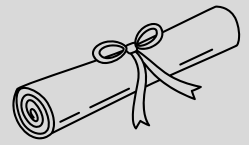
[Donate today!](#)





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10TH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

Our sophomore class enjoyed a firsthand look at life as an NAU Lumberjack last week! Following a campus tour led by current students, the Admissions team shared insights on requirements, academic programs, and scholarship opportunities. We wrapped up the visit with “all-you-care-to-eat” lunch in the dining hall.



Senior families, access our [Countdown to Graduation](#) flyer for important dates and reminders.

ACT
Testing Schedule

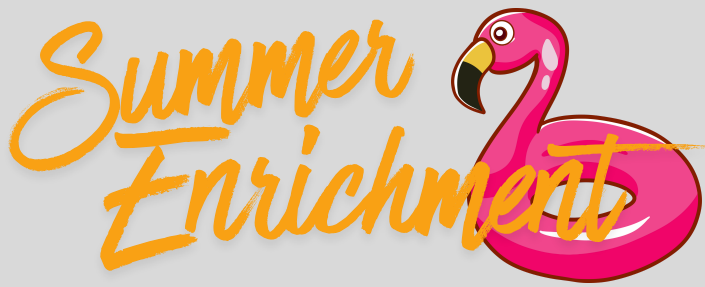
Tuesday, April 7	11th Grade ACT
Wednesday, April 8	10th Grade PreACT

Encourage your child to be well rested and eat a filling breakfast. Optional items to bring:

- No. 2 pencils with good eraser
- Snacks, water bottle & sweatshirt
- **Approved calculator**

11th Grade: Students may choose to send ACT scores to up to four colleges for free!

10th Grade: The Pre-ACT should be treated simply as practice for future testing.



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.

ASU West Valley Camps

Don't wait to apply - limited to 25 seats each! Applications are reviewed upon receipt, and spots are filled on a rolling basis (for rising grades 10-12). [Apply by April 13.](#)

ASU Future Doctors Institute, West Valley campus

Examine critical disciplines, including biology, chemistry, healthcare innovation, and persuasive speaking skills. Connect with expert instructors, participate in hands-on activities, and gain valuable insights into the medical field.

ASU Future Lawyers Institute, West Valley campus

Explore foundational legal concepts, delve into the nuances of mental health in the legal field, and refine your public speaking abilities through interactive workshops and sessions.

ASU Future Forensics Institute, West Valley campus

Dive into engaging topics like crime scene investigation, forensic techniques, and evidence analysis through hands-on activities while honing your public speaking skills.

Environmental Science Opportunities

ZooTeens & Trailblazers Teen Advisory Council, Phoenix Zoo **NEW*

Volunteer with the Phoenix Zoo while building professional and career skills to become the next generation of conservation stewards and advocates (rising grades 9-12; essays and interview required). **Apply by May 31:** [ZooTeens](#) Volunteers or [Trailblazers](#) Council

Fine Arts & Digital Media Opportunities

NAU Communication Camps **NEW*

Enroll in 5-day overnight camps at Northern Arizona University (ages 14-18). Session themes include: Social Media & Photography Camp, Animation Camp, and Sport & Adventure Media Camp. [Register today!](#)

Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) Opportunities

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

Students design, build, and deploy systems to solve engineering-based problems for charities, schools, and not-for-profit organizations (rising grades 11-12). [Apply by April 10.](#)

Thesis Defense Schedule

GREAT HEARTS'
SENIOR CAPSTONE
PROJECT

Defenses are open to the campus community and begin **promptly at 4 PM** in 2nd floor Administration Building classrooms. Please enter campus at the Prep Lobby (south) and exit directly after the defense.

Monday, April 6

Cheyenne Crouch | Nicomachean Ethics, Watership Down
Brianna Sokolis-Stringham | Communist Manifesto, Genesis, 1984
Romeo Rodriguez | Crime and Punishment, Metamorphosis,

Tuesday, April 7

Gavyn O'Matta | Scarlett Letter, The Crucible
Jacqueline Medina | Crime and Punishment, Frankenstein
Jayson Nichols | Odyssey, Moby Dick

Wednesday, April 8

Emily Stuckenberg | Discourse on the Origin of Inequality, Watership Down
Ellia Rodriguez | Nicomachean Ethics, Middlemarch

Thursday, April 9

Alexandru Stefan | Crime and Punishment, Demons
Bao Ngo | Henry V, The Count of Monte Cristo
Miranda Proano | Nicomachean Ethics, 1984

Friday, April 10

Bailey Johnson | Nicomachean Ethics, Lord of the Rings
Isabella Ortega | Crime and Punishment, Count of Monte Cristo
Vincent Puzzoli-Medrano | Hamlet, The Stranger

RISING SENIOR NIGHT



Class of 2027 at Great Hearts' College Symposium

Tuesday, April 21 at 6 PM
Prep MPR

Junior families, you're invited to join us for an information session designed to ensure success Senior year! Hear from:

- College Counseling
- Senior Trip
- Senior Thesis
- Current Seniors

Afterward, visit Senior Commons to ask questions and network with other families on this milestone journey.

College Counseling | college@northphoenixprep.org | northphoenixprep.org/college

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



RE-Enroll Started

Feb. 17

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

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

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

[UPDATED TESTING SCHEDULE HERE](#)



NPX PARENT SERVICE ORGANIZATION

Join us in making a difference!

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



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Go to: Fry's Food.com

To get started, visit

www.FrysCommunityRewards.com with your V.I.P. card.

PSO



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 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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