



GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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NPX SPIRIT WEEK: A WEEK TO REMEMBER!

What an incredible week here at NPX with our annual Spirit Week. From the very first day, the energy, enthusiasm, and genuine Gladiator spirit were evident throughout the school. It was heartwarming to see students across all grade levels participating so joyfully. The dedication to each theme was simply outstanding. We witnessed everything from silly and creative combinations to enthusiastic displays of team pride, and even some hilarious "twin" moments! This week was a true testament to the vibrant and supportive community we have at NPX.



The week concluded with our highly anticipated Field Day, and what a magnificent wrap-up it was! It was a day of friendly competition, team collaboration, and lots of laughter. Congrats to Murmillones for winning the Spirit sword and Rambunctious Royalty (12th graders) held onto the Helmet!

We want to extend a huge thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped make Field Day such a success. Your support means the world to us and our students. You can't ask for any better pancake makers!



We encourage you to talk to your child about their favorite moments from the week. These shared experiences are what make Spirit Week so memorable. ¹

Spirit Week



27
12th: B
7th: Orange
6th: Yellow

Tuesday: Soccer Memmys vs Rad Dad

April 28

Wednesday: Jersey

White sports team
Wear your college decision shirt

Twin with a

Field Day



Keep the Fire of Learning
Alive this Summer!

Summer School

North Phoenix Preparatory Academy is excited to announce our Summer Academy offerings! Whether your student is looking to complete missed credits, align with the NPX curriculum, or simply enrich their academic experience, we have an engaging path for them.

Our summer programs include:

- **Credit Courses:** In-person and online options that meet NPX standards for middle school promotion and high school credit.
- **Great Hearts Online:** Comprehensive offerings for 6th through 12th grades featuring daily live instruction via Zoom. [Register for GH Online courses here.](#)
- **Prep for Prep & Enrichment:** In-person sessions designed to prepare incoming 6th-8th graders for prep classes, alongside a deep-dive Humane Letters seminar.
- **Camp Gladiator:** Fun, interactive sessions for incoming 6th through 9th graders focusing on team building, study skills, and campus navigation.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN THROUGH CONFIGIO FOR ALL NPX SUMMER PROGRAMMING.

Spots will fill quickly, so please review the linked document below for full course descriptions, daily schedules, fees, and instructions on how to register online. Please note that registration closes and all course cancellations for insufficient enrollment will be determined by May 29.

Find out more about our specific summer offerings [HERE.](#)

Contact Dr. Markette at: jmarkette@northphoenixprep.org

NPX SPORTS

Our Track & Field teams have had an outstanding season! Athletes across both middle school and high school have achieved numerous personal records and even broken school records—an incredible accomplishment that reflects their hard work and dedication.

Middle School will compete in their Championship Meet this Saturday, May 2nd at Apollo High School starting at 7:00 AM. High School heads into Divisionals on May 8th and 9th.

If you're unable to attend, please join us in wishing our athletes the best of luck—we're hoping to bring home another banner!



SPRINTERS



DISTANCE



THROWERS



JUMPERS



Spring Football is Here

NPX & Cicero



Gladiators, it's time to hit the field. Whether you're looking to sharpen your skills or prove you belong in the starting lineup, Spring Ball is where the foundation for next season is built.

The Game Plan

Dates: May 4th – May 8th

Time: 4:30 PM – 6:15 PM daily

Location: Cicero Prep (7205 N Pima Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85258)

What You Need to Know

- **Eligibility:** Open to current 9th–11th graders only. (Rising 8th graders, your time is coming after promotion!)
- **Gear Up:** Wear athletic attire only. Please do not show up in your school uniform.
- **Getting There:** NPX is providing van transportation to and from Cicero Prep daily. **HOWEVER** if you are driving yourself notify Coach Johnston at mjohnston@northphoenixprep.org
- **The Essentials:** Don't forget your cleats, water bottle, and mouth-guard.
- **Before you hit the field, make sure you are cleared to play. Played a sport this year? You are all set!**

"Let's build something special this spring. Gladiators—it's time!"

2026-2027 Cheer Update/Meeting

For all current cheer squad members and anyone who is interested in joining the High School team for the upcoming school year. You must attend the cheer meeting being held on Thursday, May 7th, during high school lunch time in Room #514. Please bring your lunch! You will meet the Cheer Coach as well as review the expectations, schedule and how cheer will be expanding next year with the new joint football team! Any questions mjohnston@northphoenixprep.org Coach Johnston!





THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

As the academic year draws to a close, NPX proudly reflects on an exceptional and memorable athletics season. With only our high school and middle school track and field teams still competing, we celebrate a year marked by outstanding achievement, growth, and dedication across all programs.

Among the many highlights, the Girls Cross Country team delivered a remarkable performance, capturing both the Division IV Metro Sectional title and the Arizona Division IV State Championship. The Varsity Volleyball team continued its tradition of excellence by securing the 1A West Region title for the second consecutive year and advancing to the state semifinals. In just their second year at the varsity level, the Girls Varsity Soccer team earned a berth in the state tournament—an impressive milestone for the program.

The Boys Varsity Basketball team made a significant breakthrough by qualifying for the West 1A Region Tournament for the first time in six years, while the Boys Soccer team demonstrated notable improvement and continued to build momentum for future success. We now look forward with excitement as our track and field athletes aim to cap off this stellar year with strong finishes.

Throughout the year, numerous student-athletes were recognized for their individual excellence, earning First Team, Second Team, and Honorable Mention All-Region honors, with several also achieving All-State recognition.

Capping off this extraordinary season, Coach Curtis was named the 2025 Arizona Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA), a testament to his leadership and commitment to student-athlete success.

NPX may be small in size, but it is truly mighty in spirit and athleticism. These accomplishments would not have been possible without the dedication of our student-athletes and coaching staff, as well as the generous support of our sponsors. We extend our sincere appreciation to all who contributed this year, including our newest partners, Secure It Management and the Lindsay Quigley Sapanaro Team of State Farm Insurance. Their support plays a vital role in sustaining and advancing NPX Athletics.

Thank you for another banner year for the NPX Gladiators. If you are interested in supporting the Athletics Department and helping to grow and sustain the competitive excellence of our programs, please reach out to Coach Johnston for more information.



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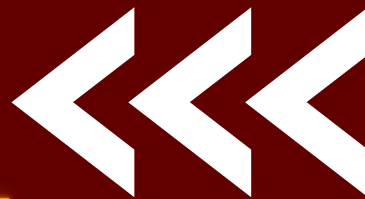
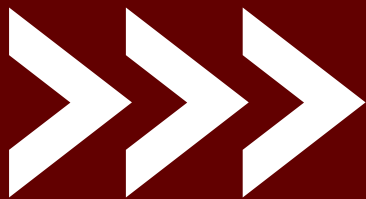
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END OF YEAR SIGNING PARTY**



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Important Dates

[FULL NPX EVENTS CALENDAR HERE](#)

05/05 Great Hearts Day of Giving - Special Gladiator Spirit Shirt Day

05/06 Cabinet of Curiosities (2:00-4:30) NPX celebrates the arts on campus!

05/07 Rise Up Day and Night -5th graders spend time on the Prep side to learn about the Prep experience. Evening Event: (6:00-8:00 PM Archway MPR) Parents learn about the transition from 5th to 6th and what to expect.

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](#)
[May Menu](#)



Macbeth



Witchcraft, Betrayal, and Murder!

Located in the Prep Multi-Purpose Room (Admission Free)

Join the 11th grade Drama class for an evening of Shakespearean shenanigans.



May 16 (6:30 pm)

May 17 (2:30 pm)

The tempest



Magic, majesty, and mayhem!

Located in the Prep Multi-Purpose Room (Admission Free)

Join the 11th grade drama class for an evening of shakespearean silliness.

May 16 (2:30 pm)

May 17 (6:30 pm)



☀ Engaging with Gratitude ☀

Tuesday, May 5th is our 4th Annual Great Hearts Day of Giving!

During Teacher Appreciation Week,
the most meaningful way to show appreciation is a gift to Community Investment.

Our Goal: 100% funding of our Community Investment budget

(Your gift directly supports teachers and student programs)

Thanks to families who have already given,

we are 88% funded — thank you!

\$20,641 to go!

If every family gives \$100, we'll reach our goal.

Already gave? You can give again in support of another family.

👉 give.northphoenixprep.org/donate

As a token of our appreciation:

Schoolwide Drawing

All gifts are entered to win a \$100 Lands' End gift card

FUN Grade-Level Incentives

A drawing will be held—one winner will be selected for each incentive:

- 2031 & 2032: Headmaster for a Day with Ms. Lentz, VIP lunch with the headmaster, plus a friend**
- 2030: Priority Reserved seating for 8th Grade Promotion**
- 2029: Pizza party with up to 4 friends**
- 2027 & 2028: FREE reserved parking space for next school year**
- 2026: Priority Reserved Graduation Seating**

Plus, a special drawing for Priority Reserved seating at the Middle and High School Spring Concert

🚩 Spirit Day — May 5

Wear your Gladiator Spirit shirt!

Grateful for our community—every gift brings us closer.

Join us in reaching 100%

📞 Questions? Jackie Curtis, Family Giving Officer | 602-404-7414

North Phoenix Preparatory Academy

8th Grade Promotion & Awards Ceremony



Dear Families,

We are excited to invite you to celebrate a special milestone as our 8th-grade Gladiators rise to high school!

Date: Wednesday, May 20th, 2026

Location: North Phoenix Church

5757 N Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85012

Student Arrival: 3:30 PM

Ceremony Starts: 5:00 PM

Important Notes:

- **Students should follow uniform dress standards.**
- **No student phones allowed during the ceremony.**
- **No RSVP required – all family and friends are welcome!**

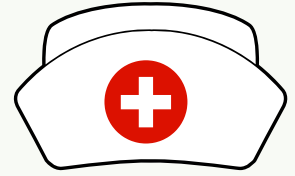
Let's come together to honor the hard work, dedication, and achievements of our Gladiators as they take their next big step toward the future!

We can't wait to celebrate with you!

North Phoenix Preparatory Academy

Home of the Gladiators

Message from the Health Office



Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the end of the school year, the health office will begin returning all student prescription medications during the week of May 18th.

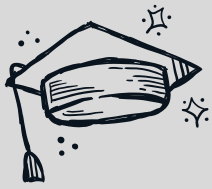
Please reach out to the health office to coordinate a time to pick up your student's medication. Medications not picked up by a parent or guardian by the end of day on May 21st will be disposed of.

If you have any questions or need to make special arrangements, feel free to contact the school nurse directly.

Thank you for your cooperation.

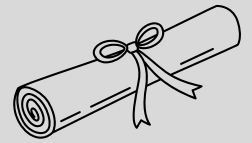
Nichola Piccolo, RN BSN.
Health Office-School Nurse





College Counseling

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RISING SENIOR NIGHT RECAP

Junior families, access the [presentation](#) and [handouts](#) from last Tuesday's Rising Senior Night for future reference. Please complete our [two-minute questionnaire](#) to help our College Counselors best support you and your rising Senior in the months ahead.

We encourage your family to especially review the [SPF 27 \(Summer Prep for Fall\) checklist](#) together as we prepare for college application season.

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



National College Decision Day (May 1) marks the typical deadline to confirm fall college enrollment. **Seniors**, wear a T-shirt to represent your college of choice and decorate a poster for our photo on **Monday, May 4th**. Explore our [College Bound Toolkit](#) for helpful resources and to connect with admissions representatives from in-state institutions.



Class of 2025 Decision Day

EXPLORING COLLEGES

Visiting college and university campuses gives your family the chance to chat with admissions staff and students, so you can really get a feel for what everyday academic and social life is like. When it's time to choose where to enroll, your family will feel more confident making a decision that's right for your teen. [Plan your campus visit](#) today!



Class of 2029 at Arizona State University's Tempe campus

Senior Celebrations

IN-STATE ACCEPTANCES & MERIT AWARDS



Cale Bartes **U**
 Rachel Braescu **D**
 Jackson Clark **NRF**
 Sabrina Daniel **NRF**
 Samantha Daniel **U**
 Daria Dehelean **NRF**

Ari Duryea **NRF**
 Ecaterina Garba **U**
 Mia Georgievski **PRO**
 Sophia Herd **PRO**
 Lleyton Houtz **NRF**
 Ronan Houtz **D**
 Davyn Ivanoff **PRE**
 Adrienne John **AA**
 Zarina Laleka **PRO**

Jackie Medina **AA**
 Natalie Metz **PRE**
 Bao Ngo **AA**
 Isabella Ortega **AA**
 Abigail Peters **NRF**
 Sowjanya Prasad **PRE**
 Miranda Proano Leon
 Vincent Puzzoli-Medrano **U**
 Sam Renjish **U**

Briana Sokolis-Stringham
 Claire Stocker **U**
 Emily Stuckenberg **NRF**
 Vincent Toscano
 Sarah Traore **NRF**
 James Tucker **D**
 Sophie Ulrich **NRF**
 Coral Veatch **PRO**

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY **SCHOLARSHIPS** (UP TO \$10,000/YEAR): **NRF** NAT'L RECOGNITION FINALIST
PRE PRESIDENT'S | **PRO** PROVOST'S | **U** UNIVERSITY | **D** DEAN'S | **AA** ACADEMIC ACHIVEMENT



Cale Bartes **D**
 Rachel Braescu **DD**
 Xander Christensen **L**
 Sabrina Daniel **L**

Samantha Daniel **O**
 Daria Dehelean **L**
 Ari Duryea **L**
 Jaxson Graves **O**
 Lleyton Houtz **L**
 Davyn Ivanoff **L**
 Adrienne John **D**
 Jackie Medina **D**

Natalie Metz **L**
 Isabella Ortega **D**
 Hadley Pearson **L**
 Abi Peters **L**
 Miranda Proano Leon *
 Vincent Puzzoli-Medrano **D**
 Sam Renjish **P**
 Brianna Sokolis-Stringham **O**

Claire Stocker **D**
 Emily Stuckenberg **L**
 Vincent Toscano **O**
 Sarah Traore **L**
 Sophie Ulrich **L**
 Coral Veatch **L**

NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY **SCHOLARSHIPS** (UP TO \$11,000/YEAR): **L** LUMBERJACK SCHOLARS
P PRESIDENT'S | **DD** DEAN'S WITH DISTINCTION | **D** DEAN'S | **O** OPPORTUNITY | * PENDING



Cale Bartes **W**
 Xander Christensen **PSS**
 Daria Dehelean **W**
 Ecaterina Garba

Sophia Herd **W**
 Zarina Laleka **PSS**
 Bao Ngo
 Sowjanya Prasad *

Ellia Rodriguez **PSS**
 Sarah Traore **PSS**
 Sophie Ulrich **PSS**

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA **SCHOLARSHIPS** (UP TO \$15,000/YEAR):
PSS PRESIDENT'S SAGUARO SCHOLAR AWARD | **W** WILDCAT SCHOLARSHIP | * PENDING AWARD

CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2026! ¹⁴



SAVE *the* DATE!

2026 9TH GRADE RETREAT

AUGUST 26, 27, 28

📍 CAMPWAY • PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

Three days, two nights of adventure, friendship, and memories to kick off high school!

**ADVENTURE. FRIENDS.
UNFORGETTABLE.**

Stay in cozy cabins, enjoy amazing meals, take on epic challenges, and build friendships that will last a lifetime!



BONFIRES & SMORES



CANOEING & LAKE FUN



ZIPLINE & CLIMBING



TEAM BUILDING



GAMES, HIKING & MORE!



⇒ PAY EARLY & SAVE! ⇐

\$300

EARLY BIRD

JULY 1 – JULY 23

\$350

REGULAR

JULY 24 – AUGUST 13

\$400

LATE REGISTRATION

AUGUST 13 – AUGUST 24

ALL 9TH GRADERS

ENROLLED FOR THE 2026–2027 SCHOOL YEAR ARE ELIGIBLE TO GO!



RETREAT HIGHLIGHTS



DAY 1

TRAVEL TO CAMP!
Arrive, explore camp, fun activities & a nighttime group bonfire.



DAY 2

FULL ADVENTURE DAY!
Team building, canoeing, zipline, challenges, games & more!



DAY 3

BREAKFAST & GOODBYES
Clean up, wrap up memories, and return to campus around noon.



GOOD TO KNOW



DIETARY NEEDS: CampWay caters to specific dietary restrictions. You will have an opportunity to share those needs.



BEHAVIOR MATTERS: We have high standards to keep everyone safe and the experience positive. Students who do not meet expectations may be sent home early.



DETAILS TO COME: Packing list, detailed itinerary, and additional info will be shared as the trip gets closer.

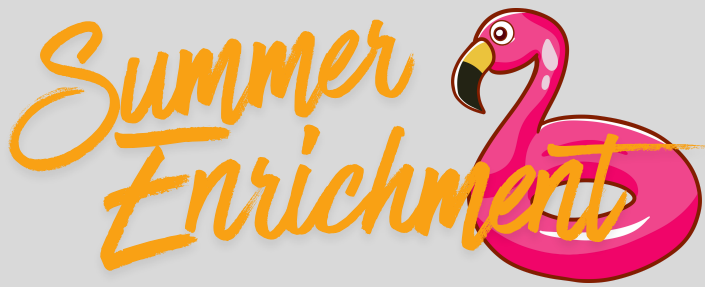
QUESTIONS?

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✉ jfaust@northphoenixprep.org

Mr. Saccocio
✉ ASaccocio@northphoenixprep.org

LET'S MAKE MEMORIES!





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.

Engineering & Forensics Opportunities

ASU Integrated Engineering Design Camp, West campus

Engage in hands-on activities that introduce integrated engineering—a multidisciplinary approach that combines mechanical, electrical, software, and design thinking skills to solve real-world problems (ages 11-14). [Register by June 7!](#)

ASU MicroMaker: Microchips to Collaborative Robotics Camp, West campus

Step into the world of modern engineering where students explore how technology evolves from microchips to real-world robotic systems (ages 15-18). [Register by May 31!](#)

PVCC's Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) Camp

Participate in a mock crime scene at Paradise Valley Community College using real crime scene equipment (ages 10-18)! Collect and preserve biological evidence, process fingerprints, sketch the crime scene, and document the scene in photos. [Register today!](#)

Fine Arts & Digital Media Opportunities

ASU FIDM Summer Camp, Downtown Phoenix campus & Los Angeles

Led by ASU Fashion Institute and Design Merchandising faculty, these camps expose students to the different pathways in the fashion industry, from design to styling to marketing, while building foundational skills and networks (ages 15-19). [Register by June!](#)

ASU Film Camp, Mesa & Los Angeles

Students will be introduced to the fundamentals of filmmaking from script to screen (ages 15-19). Attend camp in Mesa at the state-of-the-art Media and Immersive eXperience (MIX) Center or at the ASU California Center in Los Angeles. [Register today!](#)

Liberal Arts & Law

Arizona Governor's Youth Commission

The GYC aims to promote healthier communities, raise awareness of community issues, and encourage civic participation among youth (rising grades 10-12). [Apply by May 10!](#)

The Dialectic: ASU Philosophy Summer Camp, Tempe campus

Explore civic virtues with grad students. Hear ASU Professors lecture on Ethics, Aesthetics, Political Philosophy, and Philosophy of Wellbeing (rising grades 9-12). [Register by May 1!](#)

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.

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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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