



May 15th, 2026

GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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Dear Gladiator Families,

This week has been filled with culminating events for our Fine Arts classes, from the Middle and High School concerts to the Junior plays that will run this weekend. Each of them has reminded me of the commitment we made to "Invest in Excellence" this year, and the effect of that investment is evident. It has been a joy to see our students' growth this year, both inside and outside the classroom.

Next week our students will take their final exams, and we will celebrate 8th Grade Promotion and High School Graduation. These events signify the midpoint and the conclusion of the Great Hearts curriculum, and though they are important markers, they are not the end of our students' formation. As a classical liberal arts school, we hold that the purpose of education is more education, and that we are inspiring lifelong learning in our students so that they continue to grow into citizens who will make our world more just, humane, and philosophical.

As we prepare to enter this last week of celebration, we want to thank you for joining us in these efforts this year. Your partnership and investment are what makes this education possible. We look forward to celebrating with you next week!

With gratitude,
Erin Lentz | Headmaster



Shout out to our NPX Families

NORTH PHOENIX PREP GLADIATORS

Day of Giving

INCENTIVE WINNER ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Thank You

Your generosity makes a lasting impact on our students, teachers and school community!

TOGETHER, WE MADE GREAT HEARTS DAY OF GIVING A HUGE SUCCESS! 

A note from our HEADMASTER FOR THE DAY!



"My name is Adelyn Baker and I was selected for Headmaster for the Day. I got to go with the teachers to the fire drill, and I got to hand out Gladdies with my name on them. I even got my own lanyard with my picture on it. I got to write good job notes to teachers, and I got to eat lunch with a friend and Ms. Lentz. Being Headmaster for the Day was so much fun!"

– Adelyn Baker

Thank you to every family who gave in support of our school.

You are making a difference for our students, teachers, and entire school community!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!



THE BROGAN FAMILY

Reserved Seating at the High School Spring Concert



THE LATOUR FAMILY

Reserved Seating at the Middle School Spring Concert



ANDREW RAYIS

Received FREE reserved student parking for the upcoming school year



THE ERION FAMILY

Reserved Seating at the 8th Grade Promotion



THE CHRISTENSEN FAMILY

Reserved Seating at the Class of 2026 Graduation



LOGAN HERD & 4 FRIENDS

Pizza Party at Lunch!



HANNAH MSHANA

Won a \$100 gift card from Lands' End



WE ARE GLADIATORS.
WE ARE NORTH PHOENIX PREP!



LAST WEEK DEEP DIVE

Can you believe we are already heading into the heart of May? The school year is picking up speed, and our campus is buzzing with activity. To help you stay ahead of the curve (and keep those refrigerators organized!), here is your "at-a-glance" guide to everything happening over the last week.

Saturday, May 16th - Macbeth Junior Play 6:30PM

Sunday, May 17th - Macbeth Junior Play 2:30PM

Saturday, May 16th - The Tempest Junior Play 2:30pm

Sunday, May 17th - The Tempest Junior Play 6:30PM

WEEK OF MAY 18th- 21st FINALS WEEK AND EARLY DISMISSAL 12:15

Monday: Final Exams for Period 1 and 2

Tuesday: Final Exams for Period 3 and 4

Wednesday: Exams for Period 5 and 6

May 20th 8th Grade Promotion 5:00pm (8th Graders 3:30)

Please check out the calendar for details

May 20th - Senior Rehearsal Graduation (12th Graders 1:30)

May 21st - Senior Graduation 4:00PM (12th Graders 3:00pm)

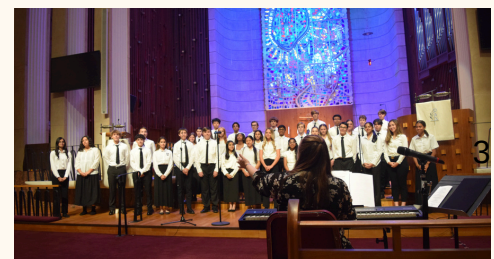
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REMINDERS:

- **Please have your student bring extra bags to help clean out their locker. Backpacks are often not large enough to hold all of the supplies and items that have accumulated throughout the school year.**

Dont forget to bring back any textbooks that were assigned to your student. Textbooks will be returned after each of their finals.

- **Don't forget to have your scholar check the Lost & Found! Any unclaimed items will be donated or discarded.**



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)

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

Drop off your used uniform donations at the collection point.

Uniform Donation Reminder



Out with the Maroon, In with the Black!

As our 8th graders trade their maroon polos for high school black, don't let those middle school uniforms gather dust! Help our incoming families "level up" by donating your gently used polos, skirts, and sweatershirts

The Hand-Down Plan:

- Donate: Drop off clean items at the 8th Grade Promotion ceremony—Senate will be collecting them on-site!**
- Shop: Watch for upcoming newsletters regarding our Summer Used Uniform Sale for great deals on school gear.**

Let's celebrate our rising freshmen by paying it forward to the next generation of middle schoolers. Thank you for your generosity!



NPX SPORTS

NORTH PHOENIX PREP TRACK & FIELD — STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

What a weekend at the AIA Division V State Championships!

STATE CHAMPIONS

Jaiden Ploederl- 1600m in 4:24.04

Girls 4x400 Relay — Leah Morozowich (HS), Serena Dupps(HS), Taylor Voris, Gwyneth Lofredo(HS) in 4:09.30
(school record)

Team Finishes

Girls — 5th in the State (44 pts)

Boys — 6th in the State (48 pts)

Combined — 6th Overall (92 pts)

Medalists (Top 4)

Jaiden Ploederl — 2nd, 3200m

Santiago Gomez — 2nd, 400m

Alexis Valdez — 2nd, Discus at 107'5" feet

Girls 4x800 Relay — 2nd: Aslyn Lindsay, Elena Johnson, Serena Dupps, Leah Morozowich

Leah Morozowich — 3rd, 800m

Jaiden Ploederl — 4th, 800m

Aslyn Lindsay — 4th, 3200m

Gwyneth Lofredo — 4th, 400m

Point Scorers:

Boys (48 pts)

Jaiden Ploederl — 24 pts

Santiago Gomez — 13.5 pts

Maddex Garcia-Vogel — 4 pts

Lleyton Houtz — 1.5 pts

Ronan Houtz — 1.5 pts

Darren Idemudia — 1 pt

osiah Crawford — 1 pt

Isaiah Gardner — 1 pt

Eli Henning — 0.5 pt

Girls (44 pts)

Leah Morozowich — 10.5 pts

Gwyneth Lofredo — 8.5 pts

Alexis Valdez — 8 pts

Aslyn Lindsay — 7 pts

Serena Dupps — 4.5 pts

Taylor Voris — 2.5 pts

Elena Johnson — 2 pts

Alexandra Price — 1 pt



College Counseling

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



LEADERSHIP WITH DISTINCTION AWARD RECIPIENTS

Ari Duryea, Hadley Pearson, Sophia Herd, Ellia Rodriguez & Natalie Metz



Wishing Senior **Romeo Rodriguez** all the best as he embarks on the challenge of recruit training and begins his honorable journey as a United States Marine!



Junior families, review our [SPF 27 checklist](#) to prepare for college application season!

EXPLORE COLLEGES

Now through summer is a great time to [tour college campuses!](#) Encourage your teen to complete a [Campus Visit Score Card](#) (includes a list of questions) after each tour to capture your family's experience and impressions.

Staying close to home this summer? Tour university campuses online or on Amazon Prime with [College Tour!](#) Their series touts, "From campus life, academics, housing, sports, activities, and much more... each student driven segment will give young people an inside look at what it's truly like being a student at the featured college or university."

CLASS OF 2026 PROMENADE

Each May, our Seniors take one last lap through the K-12 halls—students and faculty filling the corridors with cheers, high-fives, and banners. This quick stroll is a tip-of-the-cap to years of hard work and a sneak preview for the Classes that follow. Congratulations to the Class of 2026!





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



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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(GRADES 9-12)



MAY 26TH - 29TH

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM



JUNE 22ND - 25TH

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

★ MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY ★

(GRADES 6-8)



JUNE 15TH - 18TH

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM



JULY 13TH - 16TH

12:30 PM - 2:30 PM



NORTH PHOENIX GYM

14100 N 32ND ST
PHOENIX, AZ 85032

NORTH PHOENIX

WHAT YOU'LL TRAIN:



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SUMMER CAMP



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!



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TEAM BUILDING



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\$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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Mr. Saccocio
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NPX PARENT SERVICE ORGANIZATION

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



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To get started, visit

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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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