



North Pointe Prep

First Semester Begins

Monday, August 2nd

School ID, Yearbook and Portrait Photos

HS, Tues, Aug 3rd/JH, Wed, Aug 4th

High School Musical

Thursday-Saturday, August 19th-21st

JH Lunch Bunch

Basketball Tourny - Aug 23rd-26th

Academic Awards

for Spring 2009-2010 - Tue, Aug 24th

Labor Day Holiday

Monday, September 6th

Spirit Week/Homecoming

Mon-Sat, September 20th-25th

Fall Break

October 4th-8th

Columbus Day Holiday

Monday, October 11th

JH Lunch Bunch

Wiffleball Tourny - Oct 25th-28th

HS Midnight Madness

Sunday, October 31st

Prep Cares

Veterans Dinner

Wednesday, November 10th

Veterans Day Holiday

Thursday, November 11th

Fall Arts Festival

November 15th-19th

Thanksgiving Break

November 22nd-26th

Prep Cares Food Drive

December 1st-17th



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Curriculum gets boost for 2010-2011



This fall, North Pointe enters the final phase of a three-year curriculum redevelopment plan expanding academic opportunities for our students. "One of our primary goals was to increase our Honors, AP and Dual Enrollment opportunities while maintaining regular course offerings," said the Prep's Principal, Richard Gow. "We also wanted to provide four years of High School coursework in each of the core subject areas though the State may require fewer. We believe our curriculum improvements continue to set the Prep apart as one of the elite College Prep schools in the Phoenix area."

Beginning this Fall, 14 of the 16 High School core credits will be offered as regular courses. Additionally, students may choose to take 12 of the 16 core courses at the Honors or Advanced Placement (AP) level. "It's virtually unheard of for a school our size to offer comprehensive academic programs at both the regular and accelerated pace," continued Principal Gow, "It allows students the choice to pursue Honors or AP in one or more core subject areas and still progress at a regular pace in other areas."

English

Juniors and Seniors may now choose to take English courses for either regular or AP credit. Seniors may still take English 101 and 102 for college credit as a Prep elective course, utilizing the computer lab.

Mathematics

- 1) Pre-Calculus has been added to the Prep's dual enrollment (Prep and college credit) opportunities.
- 2) Beginning with the Class of 2013 (next year's Sophomores) the State is requiring four years of math with Algebra I being the lowest course allowed for credit. In the past, the Prep encouraged math students to work at their level of ability and progress from there. However, since the State is now requiring all Freshmen to complete Algebra I (so all 8th graders must complete at least Pre-Algebra) this can no longer be the case. To assist students, North Pointe is offering free tutoring this summer and free after-school tutoring this upcoming school year. Additionally, students who fall below a "C" in their math class will be pulled from an elective to take a supplementary math class each day until their grade improves.

Science

AP Biology has been added, joining last year's successful additions of Chem/Physics and AP Physics.

Social Studies

- 1) Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors may now take Social Studies courses for regular or AP credit.
- 2) Geography has been added as a graduation requirement at the Prep beginning with this Fall's Freshmen class. The change moves World History to the Sophomore year (aligning it with Sophomore English course World Literature and Composition) and US History to Junior year (aligning it with Junior English course American Literature and Composition or AP English Language and Composition).

More detailed curriculum information is available at preptv.org/academics.

High School Play

Thursday-Saturday, Dec 2nd-4th

HS Reality Showcase

Tues-Thurs, December 7th-9th

Semester Finals

Thurs-Friday, December 16th-17th

Winter Break

December 20th-31st

Second Semester Begins

Monday, January 3rd

Academic Awards

for Fall 2010-2011 - Thurs, Jan 13th

MLK Holiday

January 17th

JH Lunch Bunch

Volleyball Tourney - Jan 31st-Feb 3rd

Jr. High Play

Thurs-Friday, February 10th-11th

President's Day Holiday

February 21st

HS Xtreme Intramurals

Tues-Thurs, February 22nd-24th

Prep Cares**Diabetes Care-A-Thon**

Thursday, March 10th

8th Grade Trip**Physics Trip**

March 13th (1 am) - 14th (3 am)

Spring Break

March 14th-25th

Band/Flagline Trip

April 1 (1 am) - 2nd (6 am)

JH Lunch Bunch

Football Tourney - April 4th-7th

High School Play

Thurs-Saturday, April 7th-9th

Spring Fling/Prom

Sun-Sat, April 17th-23rd

Spring Arts Festival

May 9th-13th

Semester Finals

Wed-Thurs, May 25th-26th

High School Graduation

Thursday, May 26th

Promotion Assemblies

Friday, May 27th

Welcome Week

North Pointe will host its annual Welcome Week - July 26th-30th. The week-long event will feature recruitment for athletic teams and performing arts groups, student check-in, a parent reception, new student orientation and Football Friday Night mini-camp.

Start Me Up - Ignition Pointe 10

Monday, July 26th, 6:30-8 pm

Start Me Up - Ignition Pointe 10 is the Prep's annual athletic and arts recruitment night. Students are invited to attend this 90 minute interactive presentation of the athletic and arts opportunities available to North Pointe students over the coming year. The Prep's Athletic Coaches and Performing Arts Directors will be on hand to meet students and answer questions.

Student Check-In

Tues, July 27th, 10 am-1 pm, 2-5 pm, 6-8 pm

Station 1: Turn in Student Handbook Form.**Station 2:** Pick up Class Schedule.**Station 3:** Update Emergency Contact info.**Station 4:** Order portrait packages, school T-shirts and yearbooks; reserve lockers and parking spaces; pick up books and pay fees.**Station 5:** Meet and greet faculty members.**Parent Reception**

Wednesday, July 28th, 6:30-8 pm

Parents will have the opportunity to meet the Prep's Administration and Staff.

New Student Orientation

Thursday, July 29th, 6:30-8 pm

New students must attend New Student Orientation where they will meet the Prep's Administration, Faculty and Staff and be introduced to the Prep's culture, the student handbook, classroom expectations and discipline procedures.

Football Friday Night Mini-Camp

Friday, July 30th, 6:30-8 pm

The Prep's Marching Band, Flagline, Cheerline and Varsity Football Team will practice pre-game and half-time formations and routines.

Senior Snapshots

Prep Seniors will enjoy 'Snapshots' designed to develop relationships and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Picture Day - Monday, August 16th**64 Hours** - Sat-Mon, October 16th-18th**Snow Day** - January**Spring Training** - March**Camp** - May**Family BBQ** - Tuesday, May 17th**Preparing for College**

North Pointe Prep is one of only seven public High Schools in the State of Arizona to be credited as a College Prep school by the North Central Association. As in past years, over 93% of the Class of 2010 indicated they will continue their education at a college or university this Fall - many on partial and full-ride academic scholarships. The Prep's Guidance Center (preptv.org/guidancecenter) assists High School students in:

- 1) The development and implementation of an individual four-year academic plan.
- 2) Decisions regarding honors, advanced placement and dual enrollment courses.
- 3) Selecting a college or university.
- 4) Completing scholarship, financial aid and college application submissions.

Preliminary SAT's

The PSAT/NMSQT will be administered to interested North Pointe Sophomores and Juniors on Wednesday, October 13, 2010. Unlike the SAT, the PSAT/NMSQT is only given once a year and measures critical thinking skills that are important for success in college. The test, which includes critical reading, math problem-solving, and writing skills, is an important first step in the college admissions process. For more PSAT information visit preptv.org/guidancecenter.

SAT's

Most students take the SAT during their Junior or Senior year in High School. At least half of all students take the SAT twice - in the Spring of their Junior year and in the Fall of their Senior year. Most students also improve their score the second time around. For more SAT information visit preptv.org/guidancecenter or collegeboard.com.



**Athletic Team Tryouts
Performing Arts Auditions**

Check out preptv.org for complete coverage of athletic teams and arts groups including tryout and audition dates and information.