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SCOTTSDALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

SPARTAN WEEKLY UPDATE

April 10, 2025

Dear Spartan Families,

Enrollment season is one of my favorite times of year — it's a chance to meet prospective parents, answer their questions, and share why we do what we do at Scottsdale Prep. I'm always encouraged by how many parents are looking for something deeper and more meaningful in their children's education — something that aligns with our mission.

Throughout history, every great civilization has depended on a group of people dedicated to truth, goodness, and beauty. Our Founders called this a "natural aristocracy" — not of birth, but of virtue and wisdom. We believe schools like Scottsdale Prep play a key role in cultivating this next generation of thoughtful, virtuous citizens.

Our aim is not just to fill students' heads with information, but to shape their hearts and minds. We want them to wrestle with big ideas, encounter timeless works, and develop the character to lead meaningful lives. This vision goes all the way back to the Greeks and was central to America's founding. The Northwest Ordinance of 1787 reminded us that "Religion, morality, and knowledge" are essential to good government — and that schools should cultivate all three.

Sadly, much of modern education has lost sight of this purpose. Instead of elevating students through rigorous study of the great ideas and works of the past, many schools focus on fleeting trends and ideology. At Scottsdale Prep, we're committed to something different. We want to partner with parents to give students an education rooted in what is true, good, and beautiful — an education that forms both the mind and the soul.

C.S. Lewis once warned against raising “men without chests” — people who lack the moral courage and inner strength to pursue virtue. We refuse to settle for that. Our goal is not simply to help students survive the culture but to rise above it — and, we hope, to transform it.

To all our new Scottsdale Prep families, welcome! We are honored to join you in this great work of raising up the next generation — not just for academic success, but for lives of purpose, character, and contribution to our country’s future.

Mark McAfee
Headmaster

HS: Strength & Conditioning Class is Now Open

The payment portal is now open for the 2025-2026 Strength & Conditioning Class for HS students.

How to Register:
https://scottsdaleprep.configio.com/pd/2353?code=6xaJ9qkwiW
Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Ediger, dediger@scottsdaleprep.org.

2025 Summer School

Our summer course offerings include preparation courses and credit remediation. Summer school will run from June 3rd to June 28th. Peruse our course catalog and REGISTER ONLINE NOW!

Another great option for the summer is GH Online Summer Courses. Please click here to see the options.

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Join us this Friday, April 11 at 4PM for our 6th-12th grade Art Walk and Concert Series.

6TH -12TH GRADE ART WALK
AND CONCERT SERIES

APRIL 11TH
4PM-8PM

CONCERTS BEGIN AT 4PM
(SEE TEACHER EMAILS FOR YOUR STUDENTS SPECIFIC CONCERT TIME)

Upcoming Events

4/18 Spring Recess, No School
4/26 Junior/Senior Prom

4/29 Senior Dinner
5/2 Field Day, Half Day

5/19-5/22 Half Day
5/21 8th Grade Promotion

School Hours

24/25 Bell Schedule
24/25 School Calendar
25/26 School Calendar

REGULAR DAYS
HS | 7:40AM - 2:35PM
MS | 8:05AM - 3:05PM

EARLY RELEASE
HS | 7:40AM - 1:35PM
MS | 8:05AM - 2:05PM

HALF-DAY
HS | 7:40AM - 11:40AM
MS | 8:05AM - 12:05PM

HEALTH & SAFETY

Did You Know?

Did you know that if your student has a new and/or untreated rash they need to stay home? Please follow up with a healthcare provider to determine that the illness is not a communicable disease. They may return to school with a provider's note or resolution of rash.

When to Stay Home

Please keep your student home if they are sick. If you aren't sure whether to send them to school, take a look at our health guidelines linked here. If your student has a fever over 100 F, they need to stay home for a full 24 hours after the fever breaks without the use of Tylenol or Advil. They also need to stay home for 24 hours after vomiting. Please allow their body to have time to recover and to become less contagious.

COLLEGE COUNSELING

College Credit Opportunities

Scottsdale Prep Students can earn college credit through CLEP, AP Exams, and Dual Enrollment. Talk to your College Counselor to help find your best options.

COLLEGE CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

Scoop with the College Counselors

THURSDAY, APRIL 24 AT 9AM, SPA Library

Join us for our final 'Scoop' of the year with guest speaker Roslyn Fletcher, Regional Director of College Counseling for Great Hearts Academies. Prior to being promoted to this role, Mrs. Fletcher dedicated over 10 years as a College Counselor for Scottsdale Prep. For our final "Scoop," she will join us to discuss the value of earning college credit in high school and will share the vision of future dual enrollment classes at Scottsdale Prep and across the network. We hope to see you there!

Wednesday Workshops

4/23, 5/7, 5/14 - Summer Tasks/Application Logistics - Juniors, are you curious to know what you need to do this summer to be prepared for college application season? If so, you won't want to miss this workshop! You'll leave with a "To-Do List" that will ensure you hit the ground running in August.

Senior Commencement

FRIDAY, MAY 23 AT 7:30PM, SPA ATHLETIC FIELD

*****Volunteers Needed*****

Attention 9th through 11th grade families! It is a longstanding SPA tradition that 9th through 11th grade families rally together (alongside the college counselors) to create a memorable commencement ceremony for the senior class. It takes 3 days to transform the field into a magical space for our seniors and their families and we can't do it without the support of parent and student volunteers. From tying bows onto chairs, to setting up the stage, to handing out bottles of water, there

is a job for everyone who wishes to send the Class of 2025 off well!

Volunteers needed: May 21, 22, and 23. Click here for details, times, and to register!

In-State College Application Workshops

Attention rising seniors! We will host two workshops for students to complete their in-state applications at the beginning of next school year. These are virtual webinars led by the admissions reps from the respective in-state colleges (ASU, UA, and NAU). You may attend at home, or you may come to school and watch the webinar alongside the college counselors who will assist you with your applications. You will leave the workshop with your first college applications completed!

July 30
NAU 10:00-10:45AM
ASU 11:00- 11:45AM
UA 12:00-12:45PM

August 27
NAU 1:00-1:45PM
ASU 2:00-2:45PM
UA 3:00-3:45PM
** Zoom Links will be emailed closer to the dates **

College Counseling Questions?

Email Miss Ware
Email Mrs. Coolidge

ACADEMY GIVING

Last Weekend Before the Deadline!

April 15 is the last day to submit your Tax Credit for this school year. Tax Credits provide nearly half of the funding for Athletics and Extracurriculars. You receive a dollar-for-dollar credit when you file your state taxes! It only takes five minutes! Joint filers may contribute any amount up to a maximum of $400; Single filers may contribute any amount up to a maximum of $200.
Donate to Scottsdale Prep Tax Credit

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed their Tax Credit. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Have Questions?

Lisa Noyes, Family Giving Officer, lnoyes@scottsdaleprep.org
Madison Gant, Family Giving Associate, mgant@archwayscottsdale.org

SPA PSO
SCOTTSDALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY PARENT SERVICE ORGANIZATION

Volunteer at Scottsdale Prep!

Volunteer Opportunities are abundant, and we look forward to meeting and working with you to help SPA be the best educational experience for our children.

Click here to see all of our Current Volunteer Opportunities!

SPA Faculty Birthdays: Sign up here to bring your favorite teacher or faculty member a lunch or gift card to celebrate their birthday!

2025-2026 School Supplies

Parents, it's time to purchase your 1st Day School Supplies! This year, we're excited to partner with **1ST Day School Supplies** to provide our school supply kits. High quality name brand products, greater flexibility, and improved cost savings.

It seems early, but before you know it, summer will be here! Make shopping for school supplies easy. Start the school year with the exact supplies your teacher requested and give your child the confidence they need to conquer next year! Order your supplies early or before supplies run out. Kits will be delivered conveniently to your home shortly before school starts.

STORE LINK: http://1stdayschoolsupplies.com/gs/1177399

2025 Prom Committee

Please join our 2025 Prom Committee. Prom will be on April 26 this year. We have a lot of planning over the next couple months. Please join the team to make a beautiful event for our juniors and seniors. Thank you!
Volunteer: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0444A4AB2CA5F85-51228466-prom#/
Tickets for Prom: http://scottsdaleprep.configio.com/pd/2347/?code=OjkwQBZzOV

Field Day

Field Day is quickly approaching and we are in need of snack donations and volunteers to help on May 2, the day of the event.
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0444A4AB2CA5F85-55992245-field

DirectorySpot

Advertise your business and support the SPA family directory at the same time!
$250 - 2024/25 & 2025/26 school years

TO JOIN: CLICK HERE to have your family listed in the Directory!

Our SPA FAMILY DIRECTORY is utilized by hundreds of families and needs your support! Consider buying an ad today! Contact psodirectory@scottsdaleprep.org for details!
*Limited space is available.

SPA Lunch Program

Thank you SPA families for your continued support of our lunch program!
Program Information
Q4 lunch volunteer sign up

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Quick Links

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