

March 6, 2024

Important Dates

March 7th - 8th

No NorthStar grades 6-8

March 8

Report cards to home

March 11 - 15

No School, Spring Break

March 28

Cohort B field trip to the
Holland Center

March 28

No NorthStar Grades 3 - 5

March 29 - April 1

No School, Easter Break

April 3

Hot dog day

April 10

Class pictures - **only wear
uniforms**

April 12

Cohort A - Music Performance
at 2:30 pm

April 12

No NorthStar

April 15

No NorthStar

May 1

Hot dog day

May 3

No school for students

May 10

Cohort B Dance

May 16

"The Pancake Man" 4pm - 6pm

May 22

Last day of school, field day,
12pm dismissal



Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe the third quarter has come to an end and this mild weather has everyone thinking of summer. Although the school year is winding down, it is important that the students continue to work hard as we have lots more learning before heading into summer.

SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

Thank you to everyone who attended and/or contributed to our fundraiser! Your support means the world to these students. We are still collecting donations, which are 100% tax deductible.

CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

- The application process is open for applying for a scholarship through the Children's Scholarship Fund of Omaha. All applications are due by May 3rd to be eligible for the lottery.
- If you received a scholarship from the Children's Scholarship Fund of Omaha, make sure that you follow up to renew for next year. This scholarship is transferable to most private K-8 schools.

Reach out to Nancy Liebermann if you have any questions about scholarship applications.

SUMMER KICKSTART:

We highly recommend Summer Kickstart to keep students on track for fall. As a parent myself I made my kids promise they would do math packets and read if they didn't go to summer school. Unfortunately, the best plans soon would dissolve as the summer progressed and the only one feeling guilty would be me! Let our summer program give your child the refresher they need and you can forget the extra worksheets and guilt. Current Phoenix Academy students and their siblings receive \$250.00 off the cost. (Additional financial aid may also be available - see Mrs. Liebermann).

Have a safe and relaxing Spring Break!

Nancy Liebermann

Scholarship Luncheon Highlights



Mr. Cooper came to Phoenix Academy Wednesday afternoon and spent some time speaking to our entire student body. He made sure the students repeated and yelled his message, loud and clear, "I learn differently!" Through hard work and dedication, Xavier was able to overcome his learning disability and play professional football.



Thank you to all our Parents and Grandparents of these students who supported our 2024 Scholarship Luncheon.

Brigg Anderson
Eli Anderson

Shaniya Black

Dale & Doriana Chambers

Dwayne Crump-Lewis

Sadie Gasper

Bri Goracke

Jack Hansen

Ben Luethage

Suzannah McLaughlin

Landon, Evan & Caden Meyer

Isla Richard

Joe Michonski

Zack Miller

Lydia Moody

Scarlett Murcek

Jazelle Nesbit

Ari Niemann

Hudson Petersen

Carson Rohwer

Elin Shallberg

Rose Sjolie

Schyler Strong

Kort Vesely

Emma, Kenzee & Madalyn Wheeler

Kaiden & Justus Zollicoffer

Our 2024 Scholarship Luncheon was held last Thursday with 360 attendees. This is our largest fundraiser for the year and allows us to provide scholarships for all our students. **The full cost of tuition** is still \$2,000 short of the cost to educate a child at Phoenix Academy. If you were unable to attend our event, we are still collecting donations which are 100% tax deductible. Please support Phoenix Academy!



News, Events, and Reminders

Music Performance

We are excited to announce Cohort A's (Ms. Micek, Mrs. Scheneman, Mrs. Chavez, Ms. Lehn, and Ms. Jensen's classes) music performance! Our students are working hard to prepare for this event! It will be held on Friday, April 12th at 2:30 pm. We hope you're able to take an hour out of your day to see the musical skills they've developed this year!



Report Cards

Report cards will go home on Friday, March 8th. **Please remember to send the Report Card Envelopes back to school after Spring Break.**

Needed: Help with Pizza

We need volunteers to help with pizza on April 5th and May 10th. Please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4DABAE29A0F58-2324#/> or scan the qr code



Duties include:

- Picking up payment from Phoenix Academy.
- Arriving at Little Caesars (2221 N 91st St) around 11:15 am to pick up the pizza order.
- Deliver pizza to the school for the students and faculty to enjoy.
- If you would like, you can stay to help fill and hand out pizza orders and with your child!

Thank you for your help!



Class Field Trip to UNO



Mrs. Lasenburg's Homeroom class along with Mr. Samuels has been given the opportunity to partner with University of Nebraska Omaha's Service Learning Academy on a Communications project that focuses on personality types and how to best use your strengths. Part of our partnership included a field trip to UNO in January to tour the campus, attend a college class and meet the UNO students we'll be working with this semester. Thank you to Mrs. Casey Rieseberg (Instructor of the Service Learning Course) and the Service Learning Academy for hosting us.

March Birthdays



Koi, 1st



Mrs. Meyer, 1st



Amari, 3rd



Elin, 4th



Ieniece, 12th



Brianne, 20th



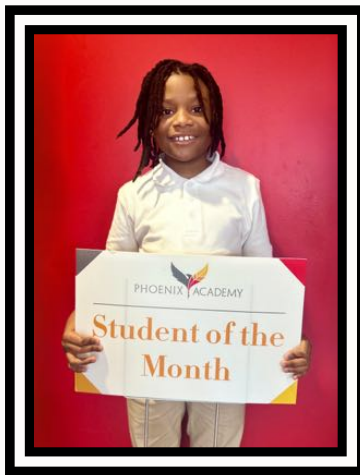
Doriana, 22nd



Dr. Ivey, 22nd



Ka'Mera, 27th



London



**Congratulations to our
February Students of
the Month!**



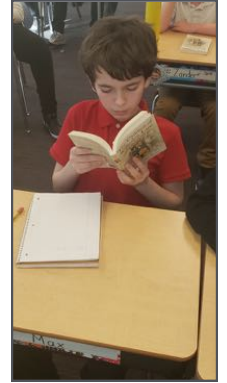
Emma



We want to recognize all of the incredible faculty at Phoenix Academy. The amount of patience, knowledge, and kindness of our educators make such a positive impact on the students, they are truly commendable. The unrelenting dedication of our staff demonstrates that they will go above and beyond to provide the best education for each child. Without our teachers at Phoenix Academy, none of this would be possible! We appreciate all of our faculty and want to extend a huge thank you to them for continuing to be a large part in our community and students' success.

Spotlight on Mrs. Hutchson's Class

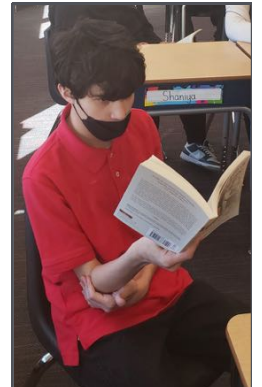
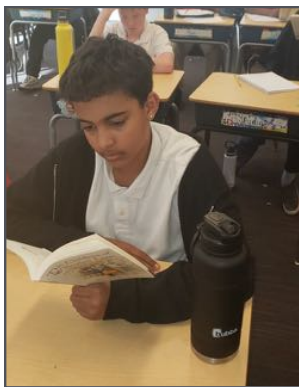
Hello! I'm Mrs. Hutchson. My class consists of thirteen enthusiastic scholars. We have been participating in the Willesden project, a comprehensive Holocaust Education Program, which supplied each student with the book, *The Children of Willesden Lane*. My class has been improving their note-taking skills and sharing their summaries about Lisa Jura, who survived the Holocaust and uplifted many children's spirits with her amazing piano music. On March 28th, my class will be taking a field trip to the Holland Performing Arts Center to see Lisa's daughter, Mona Golabek, who is a pianist too. Through music, she will share her mother's inspiring story.



During Wit and Wisdom, we have been analyzing and describing how each element or principle (lines, shapes, color, value, balance, movement, or emphasis) is reflected in ancient Italian art.



By following my classroom rules exceptionally well, my students have been earning points for a party. Once they receive twelve more points, they will be able to have a blast all afternoon by having treats, playing games, using their electronics, and enjoying an additional recess.



DREAM BIG,
WORK HARD,
MAKE IT
happen.

A new pet, a leopard gecko, arrived in my classroom on February 20th. After voting, we named him Taco. He has been enjoying his desert habitat. Everyone is welcome to come meet our fabulous pet.





Children's Scholarship Fund (CSF) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What grades are eligible to receive a CSF scholarship?

CSF awards scholarships for children in grades K-8 to attend any private or parochial school of their family's choosing.

How long will my child receive a CSF scholarship?

Provided that funding is available, your child is eligible to receive a scholarship through his/her 8th grade graduation. However, your family must continue to financially qualify, and your family must adhere to CSF's scholarship requirements.

Are younger siblings of my CSF scholar eligible to receive a scholarship?

Yes! Every child in your family is eligible to receive a CSF scholarship.

How does my family qualify for a CSF scholarship?

CSF scholarships are solely based on financial need. Our income eligibility guidelines are similar to the National School Lunch Program.

2024-2025 Income Eligibility Scale for New CSF students (Include new siblings)	
Household size	Maximum Eligible 2023 Income Per Family
Two	\$37,814
Three	\$47,767
Four	\$57,720
Five	\$67,673
Six	\$77,626
Seven	\$87,579
Eight	\$97,532
For each additional child add \$9,953	

***If your household income exceeds the Maximum Eligible Income for a scholarship, your family is not eligible for a scholarship. If you have questions about your eligibility, please call us at 402-819-4990.**

What are CSF's scholarship requirements?

- Once awarded a scholarship, CSF families must adhere to CSF's scholarship requirements to maintain scholarship eligibility. These requirements include:
 - Each scholarship recipient must have a school attendance rate of at least 90%.
 - Families must pay a minimum of \$500 towards your children's schooling each year (per family, not per child).
 - Parents must complete an online parent survey in the spring.
 - Children must comply with school standards. If expelled, a child will not be eligible for scholarship renewal.
 - Parents must fill out re-qualification application each year to verify continued financial eligibility.
 - Parents agree to make your child's academic information accessible (e.g. test scores) for CSF program assessment. (this will not affect scholarship eligibility.)

How much will my child's scholarship be?

Current scholarship amounts range from \$400-\$1,750, depending on income level. Please note that a CSF scholarship does NOT cover full tuition at a private school.

Does each child in my family receive the same amount?

Yes, every K-8th grade child in your family will receive the same award amount.

How are scholarship payments disbursed?

Scholarship awards are distributed directly to your child's school. Payments are disbursed twice each school year.

Things You Need Before Applying for a Scholarship:

If you have any 2023 income from these sources listed below, you MUST HAVE A COPY YOU CAN ATTACH/UPLOAD to your 2024-2025 application. If you do not have access to a scanner or printer, or need help applying please call our office at 402-819-4990 or call the school your children will be attending for help.

- 2023 Taxes, including Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) and list of dependents *black out Social Security numbers
- 2023 Child Support and Alimony
- 2023 Aid to Dependent Children (ADC)
- 2023 SNAP
- 2023 Social Security
- 2023 Public Housing Assistance/Section 8 (OHA)

Your application must show some form of income. If you do not receive any of the above mentioned and did not file taxes for 2023 please contact our office at 402-819-4990.



Summer Kickstart 2024 Registration

Form for Current Phoenix Academy Students Only

July 8th - August 1st
Monday - Friday, 8:15am - 12:00pm

One registration per child.

Student Name _____

Student Address _____

City, State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Grade for Fall 2024 _____

Parent/Guardian
Full Name(s) _____

Relationship _____ Primary Phone Number _____

Email _____

Payment (please circle):

Cash Check

Credit Card

Please complete your registration by returning this form and submitting a \$50 registration fee towards tuition or complete payment to Phoenix Academy.

(\$500 is a special tuition discount for current Phoenix Academy students. Regular tuition price is \$750. Balance of tuition is due on or before the first day of the Summer Kickstart.)

****If you currently qualify for scholarships at Phoenix Academy, please see Mrs. Liebermann for eligibility for summer school scholarship pricing at 402-390-0556****

(OVER)

Phoenix Academy regularly updates the school website, brochures, and social media. We rarely use any names and we never use last names. We would very much like your permission to use your child's photo.

_____ Yes - You may use my child's picture.

_____ No - I would rather you did not use my child's picture.

Phoenix Academy has specially trained therapy dogs who come to school and our students have the opportunity to read to them. The therapy dogs and the trainer work for 10-15 minutes with a student.

I give permission for my child to read to the therapy dog at Phoenix Academy.

___ YES - My child may read to the therapy dog at Phoenix Academy.

___ NO - My child may NOT read to the therapy dog.



MICHELLE DAVIDSON,
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY STUDENT



SKATING AWAY STRESS:

A Mental Health Program for Adolescents

- Adolescence is a difficult time of social-emotional development. Young teens and pre-teens are especially vulnerable to mental health challenges.
- Physical activity and exercise play a key role on improving negative symptoms of poor mental health.
- For my Capstone Project, I am providing a free to low cost ice-skating program with a focus on improving mental well-being for adolescents in the Omaha Metro area.
- This interactive group ice-skating program is a therapeutic and leisurely way to promote positive mental health through engaging in physical activity and various mental health activities.



GROVER ICE RINK (6171 GROVER ST, OMAHA, NE 68106)



GROUP 1: AGES 10-14

- SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH
2:00-4:00 P.M
- SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH
2:30-4:00 P.M
- THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST
5:45-7:15 P.M
- THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH
5:45-7:15 P.M

GROUP 2: AGES 15-18

- SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH
4:30-6:30 P.M
- SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH
5:00-6:30 P.M
- MONDAY, MARCH 25TH
5:45-7:15 P.M
- TUESDAY, MARCH 26TH
5:45-7:15 P.M

SIGN-UP CODE



KIDS DAYS AT WERNER PARK



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WED MAY 8TH 12:05PM



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CAREER DAY - AVIATION

TUE JUN 18TH 12:05PM



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WED JUL 10TH 12:05PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO PURCHASE,
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FOR GROUPS OF 10+