



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

School Calendar – WV2 Campus

August 26, 2016

Saturday, August 27	Lights On! Event 11am-1pm (details below)
Monday, August 29	Sistema and Collegium Hall begins
Mon-Tues., August 29-30	WV2 Musical Auditions 3:30pm-5:30pm Grades 7-12
Tuesday, August 30	Fire Drill @1:30pm
Wednesday, August 31	12 th Grade United Way Day (details below)
Wednesday, August 31	WV2 Musical Call Backs 2:30pm-6pm Check calendar for future rehearsals
Thursday, September 1	Shakespeare Rehearsal – Ensemble Scene 2:15pm-4:30pm Check online calendar for future rehearsals
Friday, September 2	Musical Cast Meeting: Read & Sing 3:30pm-5:30pm

Monday, September 5

Labor Day – No School

Tuesday, September 6	Wright Driving School Begins
Wednesday, September 7	9 th Grade Unity Hike 8am-2:15pm (details below)
Thursday, September 8	HS Girls Soccer vs. St. Joseph's 4pm 5415 W 3100 S WVC
Saturday, September 10	11 th Grade Buddy Walk 9am-12:30pm

Tuesday, September 13

HS Girls Soccer @ Rowland Hall 4pm-6:30pm
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Tuesday, September 13

Fall Parent University 6pm-7:30pm
(parents of students in 6th-12th grade)

Wednesday, September 14

Graduation Meeting for parents of seniors 6pm-7pm

Thursday, September 15

HS Girls Soccer vs Waterford 4pm

Thursday, September 15

HS Girls Volleyball vs Layton Christian Academy @APA

Friday, September 16

8th Grade W.O.R.K. Party 11:30-3pm

Friday, September 16

Secondary Student Early Dismissal 12pm

PTC by invitation or appointment 1pm-5pm



Hello American Prep Families,

As our first school week comes to a close, we would like to thank each of you for your patience and enthusiasm throughout the week. The school year has started out GREAT! Already, our students are working smarter and looking smarter. They are demonstrating respect for self, peers, and staff. As we pass through classrooms, it's exciting to see and hear the higher level of learning that began on the first day of school and has remained strong through the end of the week. We are excited about our excellent team of teachers and staff this year. It was so great to see so many of you at the Back to School Nights/Parent Orientations this week.

We hope you enjoyed your time at school and that you learned some helpful things you need to know in order to have a great year this year with your students. We have appreciated all the positive feedback from parents and students. Have a delightful weekend. We're looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday for another marvelous week at American Preparatory Academy.

School Phone Number

385-351-3090

Press 1 for elementary office

Press 2 for Junior High office & Secondary attendance

Press 3 for High School office

Builders Theme: Our theme this month is Be A Builder

Many of our wonderful parents and staff have been great examples of this theme over the past month as we have all worked together to get our school up and running. We are now hoping to inspire our students to enjoy being a builder! We also ask during the month of August & September that our families memorize the Builders Poem. All students are memorizing this poem in school.

PARENTS – Please memorize this poem during the months of August and September. It is so great for your children to see that you are on board with the “builders” theme for our school. It is SO AWESOME to see our students embrace the builders philosophy and you can feel the happy, positive outcome when you are in the school. Thanks parents, for reinforcing the builders themes in your homes!



Builders

I saw them tearing a building down,
A gang of men in a busy town.

With a yo heave ho and a lusty yell,
They swung a beam and the sidewall fell.

I asked the foreman if these men were as skilled
As those he would hire if he were to build.

He laughed and said, "Oh, no indeed,
Common labor is all I need,

For they can wreck in a day or two,
What builders have taken years to do."

So I asked myself, as I went my way,
Which of these roles am I to play?

Am I the builder, who works with care,
Measuring life by the rule and square;

Or am I the wrecker who walks the town,
Content in the role of tearing down?

I've made my decision; I'll start today,
I'll be a builder in every way.

Elementary Communication Envelopes and Volunteer Hours

Next week, you will receive your **Communication Envelope** for the first time. It will come home every week with the youngest elementary student in your home. Please take a few minutes and review the material in the Envelope taking special notice of the **Newsletter**. This newsletter contains a calendar, explanation of upcoming events, and important information from our Directors. After you have emptied the envelope, initial and date that you did receive your envelope and record any volunteer hours you may have served during the week with a permanent marker (sharpie) in the spaces provided, then return it to your student's backpack so we can refill it next week. They will be logged on the volunteer spreadsheet. We could not provide the amazing programs we do without you as parents so willingly giving of your time to help out. Thank you! PLEASE, if you did not receive a laminated manila Communication Envelope with your youngest



or only student's name and teacher, please email the elementary office at rloboblanco@apamail.org so one can be prepared for your family.

School Safety

Our first fire drill of the year was postponed until Tuesday, August 30th. We will have monthly fire drills as well as occasional lock down and evacuation drills. We also invite the West Valley Police Department to occasionally bring the police dogs to our campus to check for drugs. We do all we can to keep APA a safe environment for all students, but we request your help. If you or your student(s) know of anything happening against school rules, we ask that you let us know immediately. We appreciate the entire APA community helping to make this a great place!

Visiting American Prep

Please remember that anytime you need to come to school; even if it is to deliver a lunch or a docket; you must stop by the office to sign in and get a visitor's badge. You will be asked to return to the office if you are not wearing a visitor badge. We have quite a few new staff members who would not know if you are a parent to one of our students or someone dangerous. Please help us keep all of our students and staff safe.

Elementary Show What you Know Assemblies (SWYK)

Every Wednesday morning, K-3 students meet in the multi-purpose room & 4-6 students meet in the gym when they arrive at school, and we have an assembly. Students and staff recite the Pledge of Allegiance and sing the 1st & 4th verse of The Star-Spangled Banner. Classes perform poems, songs, and other things that "show what they know". **Parents are always invited to attend!** The assemblies only last a few minutes, from 8:00 to about 8:25. Come join us any Wednesday! You will be amazed at what our students can show you!

School Schedule

School begins at 7:55 AM (tardy bell rings at 8AM). Doors will be open no earlier than **7:30AM**.

1st dismissal is at 3:10PM and 2nd dismissal begins at 3:35PM. See the daily school schedule below:

Monday 8:00AM-3:10PM (1st dismissal) & 3:35PM (2nd dismissal)
Tuesday 8:00AM-3:10PM (1st dismissal) & 3:35PM (2nd dismissal)
Wednesday 8:00AM-**2:10PM** (1st dismissal) & **2:35PM** (2nd dismissal)
Thursday 8:00AM-**2:10PM** (1st dismissal) & **2:35PM** (2nd dismissal)
Friday 8:00AM-3:10PM (1st dismissal) & 3:35PM (2nd dismissal)



From the Elementary Academic Office

It's great to be with your students! We are in the process of finishing assessing new students in grades K-6 to place into Reading and Math groups. The first few weeks of school we call the groups "Maybe Groups" because we are anticipating changes in group placement. If you have any questions after placement, please feel free to contact Mrs. Woolston for grades K-3 at ewoolston@apamail.org or Mrs. Rodriguez for grades 4-6 at jrodriguez@apamail.org.

Pick Up and Drop Off (Carpool)

We want to thank all the families that are following the carpool rules. A few reminders:

- Please remember to put your cell phones away while the carpool line is moving.
- Walking passes are for students that are walking home, NOT to the gas station or somewhere else to avoid the carpool process.
- Carpool cards must be displayed in your vehicle front window to help us know where to direct traffic and what students you are picking up.
- Unless you have business to take care of inside the school, we ask that you do not park and walk your student(s) inside or pick them up from inside. Students have had this first week of school to learn where they gather in the mornings, and elementary students are walked out together at the end of the day. Parking and getting out of your car slows the carpool process, as we have to stop traffic for you crossing the crosswalk and backing your vehicle out of the stall. Please help the carpool process become efficient and safe by dropping and picking up your student(s) at the curb at the correct time.
- Pull all the way forward. We know it is tempting to stop right by the doors to let your student out. This slows the process for everyone behind you. Please pull all the way forward.
- First dismissal students have blue or orange carpool cards and will be dismissed at 3:10pm on M/T/F and 2:10 pm on W/TH. Second dismissal students have yellow and green carpool cards and will be dismissed at 3:35pm on M/T/F and 2:35pm on W/TH. If you are second dismissal, please do not arrive early as we will still be helping our first dismissal families get to cars and get on their way. 😊
- If you have time to help with carpool, please contact Mr. Nielsen at dnielsen@apamail.org.



Volunteer Opportunities

We have some excellent opportunities for volunteers coming up.

1. Help notify parents when students are absent! The elementary office needs volunteers to help make daily phone calls beginning at 8:30am. Please contact Ms. Larkin (jlarkin@apamail.org) or Mrs. Lobo-Blanco (rlobo-blanco@apamail.org), or just stop by the office to volunteer. We would love to have someone commit to calling families daily. Thanks!

2. Carpool help needed! We would love for parents to help us greet students and welcome them to school each morning. We need helpers on the curb who are willing to smile, greet students, and help remind drivers to pull all the way forward to keep carpool running smoothly. We also need helpers in the afternoon to remind students to look for their vehicles, help vehicles pull forward, and follow the carpool rules. Anyone willing to volunteer may contact Mr. Nielsen at dnielsen@apamail.org.

3. How can I become involved?

At American Prep Academy, volunteers make a difference! We are not able to provide our activities without the help of our wonderful parents and family. Involvement can be as much or as little as your time and schedule allows. Simply express interest to your child's teacher or notify the FSO leader, and we will be in contact with you.

Elementary FSO leader: Irene Christenson (ichristenson@apamail.org)

Secondary FSO leader: TBA

If you are interested in volunteering to be our FSO leader for secondary staff and students, please contact Mr. Peterson at cpeterson@apamail.org. Thanks for all you do to make APA GREAT!

Lights On! Event – August 27th 11am-1pm

American Prep has spent the summer working hard to plan and organize many after school programs. Attend our 4th Annual *Lights On!* Event to learn more about our after school programs: Ambassador Program, after school homework assistance, Sistema Utah music program, charter league, junior varsity and varsity league athletic programs, Gear Up college readiness program, Parent University, etc. There are also a variety of secondary clubs: robotics, phaser app club, app inventor, math team, Knights of the Game table, and so much more! This is an Indoor/Outdoor event at WV2 11am-1pm. Nachos, ice cream, watermelon, drinks, bounce houses, and fun for the whole family!



Parent University (parents of 6th-12th grade students)

Back by popular demand. Join us on Tuesday, **Sept 13th** here at WV2 for Parent University from **6-7:30 pm**. This event will feature guest speakers from University of Utah and GEAR UP, as they discuss scholarships, financial aid, the college application process, and more. Parent University will also count toward your parent volunteer hours! Refreshments will be served, and Spanish translation will be provided. If you have any questions, please email Rob Guido (rguido@apamail.org). See you there!

Secondary News

1. What do you do when your student forgets lunch or an assignment and needs you to drop something off for them? We have a "Drop Off" table near the Junior High Office at the secondary entrance. We do everything we can to avoid interrupting classes. Just let your student know that you will drop the item off in the office and they can stop by between classes or during lunch to pick it up. We do not deliver to classrooms.
2. What to do if your student needs to check out for an appointment during class? Please plan on arriving early, and come to the JH or HS office. Someone will take a note to the class and your student will come to the office. You will need to sign them out in the check-out log and sign them in when they return.

Ambassador News

12th Grade United Way Day

Every year, thousands of people in more than 300 communities across the world will be volunteering through United Way on Wednesday, August 31st to make their community a better place through A Day of Action. This year, our 12th grade students will have the opportunity to serve at Deseret Industries, The Humane Society of Utah, The Road Home, or Utah's Co-Op. This event is from 9:45-2:00 on Wednesday, August 31st. Students will take the bus to their assigned locations. We will provide water and lunch. Students are allowed to wear jeans, APA polo, and tennis shoes. **If you'd like to volunteer to help with this event, please contact Mrs. Baucom at MBaucom@apamail.org.**

9th Grade Unity Hike

We are ready to celebrate being back at school with the 9th Grade Unity Hike on Wednesday, September 7th. This is an all-day activity that focuses on unifying our students and building teamwork skills. All students are required to attend and must be on time so they don't miss the bus! Please send your student with a water bottle. Supplemental water and snacks will be provided. They need to come with a positive attitude and dressed in their navy polos, long jeans,



and comfortable walking shoes. **If you'd like to volunteer to help with this event, please contact Mrs. Baucom at MBaucom@apamail.org.**

11th Grade Buddy Walk

We are excited to have 25 volunteers from our 11th grade participate in the Buddy Walk on Saturday, September 10th from 9:00am-12:30pm. The Buddy Walk was created by the National Down Syndrome Awareness Society in 1995 to celebrate Down Syndrome Awareness Month in October and to promote acceptance and inclusion of people with Down Syndrome. American Prep students will help serve concessions and cheer on the participants of the walk. Students can sign up for this event in the Ambassador office!

We are so excited to be at the beginning of another amazing year at American Prep! We have been busy preparing our school to ensure a wonderful experience for your student(s) this year.

Parents – it is our aim to make our school the best possible experience for your student(s)! Thank you for providing feedback and ideas to assist us in our efforts!

Log on to Aspire for Student Grades & Attendance

We have a fantastic online tool for our secondary parents called Aspire. This program allows you to look up your student's schedule at any time to see their current grades, check if they have missing work, and to see their attendance. We want all of our families to be using Aspire at least weekly. If you are not currently using Aspire and need a username and password, first go to this link: <https://amerprep.usoe-dcs.org/Login.aspx>. Once on the home page, click where it says "Request a Username" below the login box. You will need your student's four-digit ID number and their birthdate. Once you have entered that information, click on the "lookup student" button. Next, click on the circle next to your name and create a username and password that is at least 8 characters and includes both letters and numbers or special characters. Check the box to say that you are authorized to access your student's records and click "create account." Click "return to login" and enter your username and password. Click on your student's name. If you have more than one student enrolled at APA, you should see a box for each of them. You can even have Aspire send you notifications on your phone or email if your student has missing work! Contact the High School or Jr. High office if you have any questions.

Community News

Wright Driving School, LLC is offering driver's education courses again this year. The price is \$230 per student (paid within the first week of class). Email Michael Wright at michaelwrightjr@comcast.net or call Michael at 801-209-2328 for additional information.