



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

School Calendar – WV2 Campus

November 11, 2016

Check the website calendar for all practices, rehearsals, games and clubs @ <http://westvalley2.americanprep.org/>

Check the Facebook page for fun information @ <https://www.facebook.com/americanprepWV2>

Saturday, November 12	Empowering Your Tomorrow for 5 th -12 th Grade Boys @UVU 8am-4pm
Saturday, November 12	Saturday Attendance School 8am

Wednesday, November 16	11 th Grade Interim Capitol Trip 8am-2:10pm
Wednesday, November 16	10 th Grade Donation Drive Prep Event 12:45pm-2:10pm
Thursday, November 17	Opening Night - The Music Man 7pm
Friday, November 18	The Music Man 7pm
Saturday, November 19	Saturday Attendance School 8am
Saturday, November 19	The Music Man 7pm

Looking Ahead...

Wed-Fri, November 23-25

Wednesday, November 30

Thursday, December 1

Friday, December 2

Wednesday, December 8

Wednesday, December 14

Tuesday, December 20

Dec. 20 – Jan. 2

Tuesday, January 3

No School – Thanksgiving Break

Sock Donation Drive Kickoff

Secondary Parent Teacher Conference 3pm-7pm

No School – Secondary Students

7th-12th Grade PTC 8am-12:30pm

No After School Programs

Pick up times 2:10pm/2:35pm

Elementary Early Dismissal 12pm/12:20pm

End of Term – all students

Winter Break – No School

School Resumes 8am

Dear American Prep Families,

What a wonderful month we are having at American Prep! The Veterans Assembly was such a great way to continue our month showing gratitude in word and deed – with students writing letters, preparing songs, writing essays, and much more! Over 100 veterans joined us with their families, and we spent a wonderful hour honoring them. The students sang patriotic songs, and we heard from inspirational speakers. Our veterans were presented with a note from a student and a commemorative pin that read “Honored Veteran 2016 American Preparatory Academy.” Please ask your student to share their thoughts and feelings about this special day and the important things we learned.



It's easy to remember to use words like "Thank you" in showing gratitude, but there are so many others we can include: "You're so kind to help me with my math," or "I really enjoyed the lunch you packed for me today." The challenge is showing gratitude in deed. A deed is an action that is performed intentionally. It takes a little extra effort. We can show gratitude by writing a note to someone, respecting school property and rules, and washing the dishes for someone that prepared you a meal. November is a great month to remember to show gratitude in both word and deed. We are excited to hear your stories and witness the showing of gratitude at home and school.

Musical – The Music Man

The West Valley II Drama & Music Departments proudly present "The Music Man," a family-friendly tale about a traveling salesman who enchants a whole town! Our students have been working hard. They sound and look truly amazing! Don't miss this great event! We will have three performances open to the public.

Show Dates are:

Thursday, November 17

Friday, November 18

Saturday, November 19

Each night's performance will begin at 7:00pm, with doors opening at 6:30pm. Tickets are available for purchase at the Junior High office. Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted. Checks made payable to American Prep Education Foundation (APEF).

We will also be selling concessions after school, before the show, and during intermission.

Ticket prices are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door.

We look forward to seeing you at the show!

Volunteer Corner

We have been so grateful for ALL our amazing volunteers! See the opportunities below or contact your child's teacher or one of our offices to discover even more ways to help!

Specific volunteer opportunities are as follows:

- Musical – We need help selling concessions, tickets, organizing costumes, etc. We would LOVE to have you volunteer to help with The Music Man! It's going to be a great show



and we need your help. Contact Mrs. Hammer at ehammer@apamail.org with the time you are willing to help.

ROCK THE SOCKS: APA's Annual Community Donation Drive

ROCK THE SOCKS! Get ready for APA's annual community donation drive. This year we'll be gathering socks and blankets to benefit the Road Home. The Road Home is a place where families can find temporary shelter, food, clothing, and assistance in finding permanent homes. Let's show them we care by warming their feet and hearts this season. The donation drive begins Nov. 30th and goes through Dec. 14th.

Barnes and Noble Book Fair

Come celebrate APA with us at Barnes and Noble in Sandy (10180 S State Street) on **November 12 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.** or join us online November 12 - November 17. Whether you join us online or in-store, make sure you use **Book fair #12021143** if you decide to purchase anything. A percentage of all sales will be returned to APA to use for purchasing books for our classroom libraries.

This will be a great family event! We hope you join us for **story time** throughout the day, a **scavenger hunt**, and some other family fun activities! Visit the volunteer table for more information about the events. The story time schedule is as follows:

10 a.m. - Candice Farnsworth (volunteer)
11 a.m. - National Storytime (Barnes and Noble)
1 p.m. Ms. Eithne O'Donoghue, 5th Grade D1 Teacher
4 p.m. - Mrs. Stacey Spainhower, D1 Curriculum Assistant
7 p.m. - volunteer

Thanks for your support as we raise money for classroom books!

School Lunch- Go to: <http://utahsmartlunches.com>

It is time to order your school lunches online for December if you have not done so already. Please do this as soon as possible so that you will know that your student(s) have a school lunch. If you do not order, please make sure the student brings a home lunch.

After you order the lunches, make sure you go to the "History" tab to make sure your order is



complete. Another way to verify your order, is to go back into the “Order” tab and each lunch that was ordered will now be white with a blue circle around it. If the lunch is still a solid blue or green the order was not completed. If you need help or need to use a computer, come into the school and go to the elementary lunchroom. Contact Debbie Fowlks with questions at dfowlks@apamail.org.

Secondary News

Sock Drive

We are excited to participate again in our annual sock drive. This year we want to kick-off the drive with fun and exciting games! Secondary will be having an assembly at the end of the day on Wednesday, November 30. At this assembly, students will have the opportunity to participate in sock-related games such as “The Sock Gauntlet” or Dodge ball with socks, Capture the Flag, or target sock shooting. To be eligible to play in these games students will need to bring a pair of socks as their entry ticket. The socks will then be donated after the games conclude. Thank you for your contributions and enthusiasm!

10th Grade Donation Prep

On Wednesday, November 16th, during 4th period, our 10th grade students will be preparing our school for our annual service drive. During this Prep Event, 10th grade students will be making posters, creating donation boxes, and learning about why we should donate socks to the Road Home. We are looking forward to a fun event and a very successful drive!

11th Grade Capitol Trip

On Wednesday, November 16th, from 8:00am-2:10pm, our 11th grade students will be at the Utah State Capitol sitting in on Interim Committee Meetings. This is an all-day field trip to learn about the legislative process and how our students can get involved. **We NEED volunteers! If you can help on Wednesday, contact Melissa Baucom at MBaucom@apamail.org or call 385.351.3090 ext. 1234.**

Dynamic Duo Dance

On Saturday, November 5th our 10th-12th grade students participated in our fall dance – the Dynamic Duo Dance. Couples dressed up as their favorite duos and danced the night away. We had a Mickey & Minnie Mouse, Pocahontas & John Smith, the Monsters Inc. Crew, Ying & Yang, Arthur and Buster, and lots of other fun costumes. **Thank you SBOs for planning such a great dance and thank you to our awesome decorating committee!**



8th Grade La Fiesta

Marviloso!!! La Fiesta was such a great time! The 8th grade students were able to practice their escorting and dancing skills as well as brush up on their table manners and learn important information when thinking about their future. Several students received awards for their participation, positive attitudes, and willingness to learn new information! **A big thank you to our amazing parent volunteers!**

Highly Qualified Teachers

The USOE (Utah State Office of Education) sets standards to qualify teachers in the state of Utah to be highly qualified to teach. All of the teachers at American Preparatory Academy are considered highly qualified to teach by the state of Utah (USOE qualified).

At American Prep, we hire the most capable people to do the best job for our students. The following secondary teachers all meet the state's Highly Qualified requirements, but do not meet the Federal HQ requirements. We are required to report this to our parents each year, and we are happy to do so! Let us tell you a little about our amazing staff members!

Jonathan Harmon (Latin) received his B.A. in Classics from Brigham Young University with an emphasis in Latin and Greek. While at BYU, he spent a semester at the University of Cambridge in the U.K. studying early Christian rhetoric. He then received a Master of Art in Religion from Yale University with an emphasis in Biblical studies, where he conducted extensive research in primary sources written in Latin, Greek, and other ancient languages. Before coming to APA, he worked as an instructional designer, creating online learning for Fortune 500 companies and nationally-recognized non-profit organizations. He comes from a family of educators, including a middle school English teacher, an elementary reading specialist, a speech therapist, and an instructional designer.

Tanner Grossman (Mathematics) received his Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Mathematics in April of 2015. He previously taught Russian in Utah. Realizing his love of teaching and helping kids, he chose to pursue a career in secondary education. He enjoys explaining math in a simple way for kids and making it an enjoyable experience. Tanner's mother was a teacher and he always looked up to her for her ability to change children's lives. He hopes to carry on that legacy.

Rachel Hinde (Dance) received her Bachelor of Arts from Southern Utah University in Communication and Psychology. She has danced competitively since she was three years old and even competed and performed at a collegiate level. She has performed all across the U.S. including Hawaii and Alaska. Ms. Hinde has taught at four different dance studios and was even an adjunct professor at SUU teaching a ballroom dance ensemble. Dance has always been a huge part of her life, and teaching dance is her dream come true.



Bridget Sullivan (Mathematics) received her Bachelor of Science from the University of Utah with a major in Pure Mathematics. She always knew she belonged in education, so she worked as a classroom instructor at Stansbury Elementary while finishing her bachelor's degree. Her love for math and helping others actively pushes her to become a better teacher every day. Ms. Sullivan comes from a family that values education, hard work, and integrity. She looks forward to the day when she can go back to school and get her master's degree in Math Education.

Samantha Lee (Mathematics) received her Bachelor of Science from the University of Utah with a major in Pure Mathematics. During her college career, she worked as a research assistant, applying her background of STEM fields to biomedical practices. It wasn't until she was given the opportunity to work as a math instructor at her university that she realized her passion was in teaching. When she completed her degree, she joined the APA family as a substitute teacher and was then hired as a fifth grade instructor. Soon after, she took her place as a secondary math teacher. Her passion and excitement for mathematics continues to shine, especially when she is standing in front of her students in the classroom. Ms. Lee is the first in her family to obtain her Bachelor's degree, as well as choose a pathway in education. She hopes she can introduce students to the fascinating world of mathematics just like previous teachers before her.

Quintin Nethercott (Physics, Computer Science) received his Bachelor of Science degree in Physics from the University of Utah in 2012. While deciding which path to take for graduate school, he determined that education was his passion and joined the staff at APA. Prior to coming to APA, Quintin worked in customer service, as an after-school tutor, and as a research assistant in the Extreme Ultraviolet Optics and Thin Films group at Brigham Young University where, under the direction of Dr. Steve Turley, he presented at the APS Four Corners and the Utah Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters conferences.

Sharu Kakkar (Mathematics) received her Bachelor of Arts from Punjabi University, India with a major in Mathematics. From there, she went to Guru Nanak Dev University, India to finish her Masters degree in Mathematics. She has worked as a Secondary Math Teacher for many years in India as well as the United States. She loves cooking, dancing and reading books. Mrs. Kakkar comes from a family of professionals, including a doctor, a software engineer, and a middle school English teacher.

Jeff Button (Foods & Nutrition) received his Bachelor of Science from BYU-Idaho with a major in Exercise science. He then furthered his education by going to Palmer College of Chiropractic in Florida where he received his degree as a Doctor of Chiropractic. Currently teaching Foods and Nutrition he loves cooking and nearly attended culinary school, and he is very passionate about nutrition. He is loving teaching this subject while still pursuing his chiropractic license.

Michael McCawley (Band) received his Bachelor of Music from the University of Saskatchewan with a major in Music Education. He taught Junior High and High School Band and Guitar for the Prince



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Albert Separate School Board from 1982 to 1984. Michael moved to Windsor Ontario in 1984 where he performed with the Windsor, London and Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestras, and was the Publicist and Concert Coordinator for the School of Music at the University of Windsor. Since moving to Utah, he has been a long term substitute for the Utah symphony, Principal Tuba for the Ballet West Orchestra since 1993 and an avid freelance musician. His love of teaching led to positions as adjunct faculty with Weber State (1992-94) Utah State (1994-2001) and currently Utah Valley University as Professor of Tuba and Euphonium as well as Brass Chamber Music coach. Michael joined the faculty of American Preparatory Academy in January 2016 and teaches Band at both the WV1 and WV2 campus. His wife, Dr. Gerylyn Giovannetti, is Professor of Oboe at BYU.

Mahonri Stewart (Drama) received his MFA degree in Theatre: Dramatic Writing from Arizona State University and his Bachelor's degree in Theatre Arts from Utah Valley University. He is a Kennedy Center national award-winning playwright who has had over 20 of his plays produced on the college and community levels and several of his plays published. He has taught theater, playwriting, drama, and humanities at Utah Valley University, Provo College, High Tech High in San Diego, East Valley High School, and Pioneer High School for the Arts.

Phil Smith (8th and 9th English Comp.) received two Bachelors of Arts from the University of Utah in both Theatre and English Teaching. He has worked as a substitute teacher for Granite School District and as a religious educator at Stansbury High. He also has worked as a stay-at-home dad of four kids while working toward his degrees. Phil is a first generation college student. He is currently working on his M. Ed.