



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

School Calendar – WV2 Campus

October 7, 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, October 8

Saturday School 8am

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Violin Suzuki Super Event 9am-3pm

Mon-Fri, Oct. 10-14

College Week

Monday, October 10

Secondary Late Work Deadline

Tuesday, October 11

HS Cross Country Region Met 10am-6pm

Wednesday, October 12

Elementary Early Dismissal 12pm/12:20pm

Elementary Grading Day

Thursday, October 13

UHEAA – FAFSA Night for parents of seniors 5:30pm

Friday, October 14

K-3 Grade Field Trips

Friday, October 14

End of 1st Term for Elementary & Secondary Students

Friday, October 14

No Sistema – pick up 3:10pm/3:35pm

Mon-Fri, October 17-21

No School – Fall Break

Monday, October 24

School Resumes 8am

Tuesday, October 25

Governing Board Meeting 4:30pm

Tuesday, October 25

Performing Arts Concert 7pm

Thursday, October 27

Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences 3pm-7pm

Friday, October 28

No School – Elementary Students PTC 8am-1pm

Monday, October 31

Early Dismissal All Students 12pm/12:20pm

Staff Professional Development

Thursday, November 3

5th Grade Renaissance Fair

Hello American Prep Families,

Our Builder Theme for the month is “I Am A Builder When I Demonstrate Integrity”

“I am a Builder when I demonstrate integrity” is this month’s Builder’s Motto. Integrity is more than being honest. It is doing what’s right even when it’s difficult. There are many ways to be a person of integrity: standing up for what you believe in as long as it's based in truth; not settling for something that is less than what you deserve; speaking out when there is injustice. We know our students are individuals of integrity. This month we are challenging students to continue building this character trait and find opportunities for growth.



September Builders of the Month – “I Am A Builder When I Show Enthusiasm”

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized in the Wednesday assemblies for Building with Enthusiasm:

Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	6th Grade
Yatzil Barraza	Charlotte Hancock	Chandy Le	Khadija Abdirahman	Kelly Sciortino	Jorge Hernandez	Karla Pasillas
Parker Callister	Avrielle Bullett	Max Schwenke	Samantha Solis	Rashid Amiri	Lexi Callister	Semisi Falatea
Elvis Le	Blessing Laagia	Weston Vogt	Alan Argumedo	Astric Cortes	Ava Semchuck	Tony Le
				Lul Omar	Sarah Tabares	Neja Palalic

<u>7th Grade</u>	<u>8th Grade</u>	<u>9th Grade</u>	<u>10th Grade</u>	<u>11th Grade</u>	<u>12th Grade</u>
Maddie Beckstead	Ariadne Ramirez	Lexi Quarry	Sarena Nguyen	Alejandra Argumedo	Charity Lavatai
Brandon Magana	Edgar Santes	Lawrence Achinte	Jordy Manrique	Isaac Tolentino	Josias Espinoza

Substitute Training

Want to learn more about American Prep, our curriculum and methods? Want to be involved at the school and get paid at the same time? Come be a substitute for us! We will be starting substitute training on Tuesday, October 11th at 9:00am. On that day we will meet to do a crash course on what we are about and what it takes to be a substitute. Then we will schedule an individual hands-on training, with a campus with one of our excellent Administrators for each interested person. If you are interested in coming to our substitute training, please email Jennifer Larkin at jlarkin@apamail.org.

Parent Student Handbook Spotlight

Class celebrations are centered around culminating activities that follow our units of study in history and science. Although we teach about many of our nation’s holidays in our curriculum, we do not use academic time in class to celebrate them. Listed below are some of these holidays and the ways they are acknowledged:



Birthday Celebrations—Teachers will most likely mention a student’s birthday during the school day of their birthday and have a special way of acknowledging that student. Parents may bring a treat for class members at lunch time. This is not something that needs to be done, but if parents choose to that is acceptable. (Please see VII. Parent Involvement Policy: Birthdays and Other Events.)

Halloween—It is important for teachers and parents to remember that **we don’t celebrate or even acknowledge Halloween.**

Veteran’s Day—We celebrate Veteran’s Day with a school-wide assembly where we honor our invited veteran guests. The students also participate in writing activities that express their respect and appreciation to our nation’s veterans.

Thanksgiving Day—The Builder theme for the month of November focuses on being grateful and expressing that gratitude through word and deed.

Religious Holidays (Christmas, Kwanza, Hanukkah, Ramadan etc.)— These holidays will be discussed as part of the curriculum and to help students understand what others in our school are doing and experiencing. We may sing songs from these or other similar holidays as part of the curriculum in our music classes.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—The contributions of Martin Luther King, Jr. are discussed around this day.

President’s Day—We talk about Presidents around President’s Day.

Valentine’s Day—We focus on the Builder theme of “caring and sharing” during the month of February. We encourage students to show they care by doing good deeds for others all during the month. Often, the school participates in a school-wide service project during February.

Memorial Day – Students perform and participate in a school-wide assembly and learn about the meaning and history of this holiday. Students, parents and staff have the opportunity to participate in a “poppy fundraising drive” to benefit veterans.

Carpool News

Do you drop off or pick up your students at American Prep? If so, we need you! We would like to have a group of parents that are familiar or would like to become familiar with our carpool



process and have a desire to help. We would love for parents to volunteer to join us in helping keep carpool running smoothly and keep students safe. If you are interested in joining the carpool committee please contact Ms. Barrs at cbarrs@apamail.org. Members of the carpool committee will receive instructions to help as volunteers during the morning and afternoon drop off and pick up, meet to discuss carpool issues and work towards positive solutions.

Secondary News

First Term Deadline

What a great start to the school year we have had! We thank you for your continued support and for sharing your students with us. We wish to remind families that first term for secondary students ends on Friday, October 14th. All late work from first term is due to teachers on Monday, October 10th. After Monday the 10th late work will not be accepted by teachers.

College Week

APA will hold it's annual college week October 11th-14th. We are excited to help students engage in activities that will help them set their sights and renew their goals of attending college. Experts tell us that attending college helps students to not only earn a better living, but they are also more engaged in their community and are more active in raising happy and healthy families. We have an activity every week, with the highlight activity of our College Campus Visit on Tuesday where every secondary student will get to tour one of Utah's amazing Universities.

- **Monday:** College Week Kick-Off Assembly during 4th period
 - **Tuesday:** College Campus Visits--**Please make sure you have signed your student's permission form and have arranged for their lunch according to the permission form.**
 - **Wednesday:** College Fair--College Reps will come talk with students individually as needed during 4th period.
 - **Thursday:** College Logo Day and Lunchtime Game Day--Students may wear t-shirts or sweatshirts with a **college** logo on it **OR** they may wear a plain t-shirt the color of a university they are representing with their khaki pants or skirts. Students should wear the regular uniform if they do not want to participate in College Logo Day.
- Friday:** Staff Story Day--The students will get to hear about their teacher's college experiences and ask pertinent questions during 4th period.

Ambassador News

10th Grade Western BBQ



On Friday October 7th, our 10th grade students will participate in the Western BBQ at Catherine Findlay's barn. Students will be able to carve pumpkins, bob for apples, eat some delicious food and participate in other games and activities. Students will load the buses at 2:45pm and return to the school at 5:30pm. This is a GRADED, REQUIRED event. **If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mrs. Baucom at MBaucom@apamail.org or 385.351.3090 ext. 1234.**

7th Grade Rising Stars

On Wednesday October 26th from 12:45-3:45 all 7th grade students will be participating in the Rising Stars Ambassador Event where they will be learning the secrets of accepting invitations, learn how to be confident, practice American Style cutting techniques with food, and much much more! We are so excited to have the students and their teachers there to participate in this fun event! **We are desperate for volunteers! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mrs. Baucom at MBaucom@apamail.org or 385.351.3090 ext. 1234.**

PAST AMBASSADOR EVENTS

6th Grade FriendSHIP

Welcome Aboard the APA FriendSHIP was a success! Students were able to practice and master very important skills about being a true friend. How to write a thank you note, meet and greet, navigate a reception line and ask intelligent questions were some of the lessons taught during this event. **A big thanks to all of our amazing parent volunteers!**

8th Grade Barn & BBQ

Last week our 8th grade students put on their cowboy hats and bandanas for all of the fun at the Barn Dance & BBQ Event! Our students did a wonderful job practicing skills such as listening during conversation, the importance of teamwork, how to seat a lady, and how having a positive attitude makes a big difference when the going gets rough! **Huge thanks to our parent volunteers!**

Multicultural Youth Leadership Summit

On Monday, our Ambassador Council students were honored to attend the Multicultural Youth Leadership Summit at the Salt Place in downtown Salt Lake City. Our students heard messages from a selection of speakers, including Governor Gary Herbert and Lieutenant Governor Spencer Cox. Mr. Cox had just finished the St. George marathon over the weekend and rushed home to be able to speak at the summit to 1,500 of Utah's 7-9th graders. He inspired our students to make good choices so they may be a positive influence on others, saying, "Hold someone's hand and help lift them." This summit was in support of Governor Herbert's "66 by 2020" initiative, a state goal that 66 percent of all working-age Utahns will hold a post-secondary degree or



certificate by 2020.

"If you want a good job, get a good education." --Governor Herbert

Students were encouraged to "tell their story" through personal reflection and poetry. They were encouraged to embrace their collectively multicultural heritage to increase their capacity to lead. Overall, it was a positive and enriching summit for our Ambassador Councils, giving them leadership ideas and inspiring them to plan for the future. We're grateful for the opportunity we had to attend the Multicultural Youth Leadership Summit this year through our GEAR UP grant!

Attention Parents of Senior Students

American Preparatory Academy counseling team HIGHLY recommends that you and your student tour one or two college campuses during our fall break, starting October 17th. If you're unable to attend with your student, we encourage them to network with other students and go as a group. In addition to getting a general tour we recommend setting an appointment to meet with the department your student is interested in majoring in (e.g. Chemistry, Engineering, Business). They can offer stronger advice and expertise about what your student should expect. Lastly, we suggest that you visit with the financial aid office to learn about cost of attendance plus what possible scholarships or work-study programs might be available. All these efforts help your family make the best choice about college. College applications are due the December 1st. Don't miss this great opportunity during the week to visit a college campus!

Saturday School

Secondary students who have more than three tardies in each class will need to attend Saturday School to get the No Grade off their report card. Saturday School are set days and times to make up tardies. Students need to stay for a half hour and pay \$5 for each tardy for the current term. When you decide to make tardies up the following term, the time and fee is doubled. Payment can be made at the Jr. High or High School office or the day of.

Saturday School starts at 8 am. You must be on time to make up tardies. Students must be in full uniform when attending Saturday School. We highly encourage students to eat PRIOR to attending. There is no food or drinks allowed in classrooms.

The last Saturday to make up 1st term tardies is on October 8th at 8am.

Afterschool News

There will be no afterschool programs (Clubs, Collegium Hall and Sistema) on Friday, October 7th. All afterschool staff will be attending Utah Afterschool Network's Jumpstart Conference.



Late Pick Ups

Elementary students who are not picked up on time will be in Room 162. Parents MUST sign their student out. Elementary students who choose not to walk with their walking pass after 3:45 pm or 2:45 pm on short days, will be escorted inside. Please enter through the secondary doors.

On September 19th, we counted 1,528 homework assignments completed in Collegium Hall!

Secondary 1st Term Homework Deadline is on Monday, October 10th! If your student needs homework assistance, we highly encourage to come to Collegium Hall. Students do not have to stay for the entire time.

Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays 3:10 - 6:30 pm
Wednesdays and Thursdays 2:10 - 5:30 pm

7th Grade Collegium Hall - Room 266 8th Grade Collegium Hall - Room 268
9th Grade Collegium Hall - Room 270 10th-12th Grade Collegium Hall - Room 272

Afterschool is looking for a Robotics Advisor. We have a high student interest for this club. If you would like to volunteer an hour a week to run robotics, please contact Mrs. Veenstra, the Afterschool Director, sveenstra@apamail.org

New Clubs

Scholars in Action, an advanced math study group. Come get personalized math tutoring from Ms. Cherry and Mr. Grossman in Room 230. This is every Monday, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Decoriam Club - Decoriam in Latin means "decorum." If you need Latin tutoring, this is place to be! Please come join Mr. Coleman and Mr. Harmon in Room 238 every Monday 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Open Gym for 9-12th grade students are every Friday, 3:30-4:30 pm in the small gym. For more information, please contact Mr. Hymas, Athletic Director.

Collegium Hall Mentor of the Month

September's Mentor of the Month is Lacey Sachs. She has been nominated for Mentor of the Month by parents and teachers. Her ability to have great classroom management, keep students on task, create relationships and to demonstrate leadership within her team has been outstanding. Within three weeks, 8th grade Collegium Hall has turned in 282 assignments! Ms. Sachs loves the



Harry Potter books and her favorite color is purple. "We've all got both light and dark inside us. What matters is the part we choose to act on. That's who we really are." - *J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*

Sistema News

Congratulations to our students that performed in our first Student Showcase yesterday. What a joy it was to hear everyone's performances. The staff also did a fantastic job playing the Haydn quartet.

October is a very busy month and we want to make sure that you are aware of some upcoming dates to place on your calendar:

- This Friday - No Sistema as our staff are in training
- Next Wednesday, October 12th - No Sistema as it is elementary grading day
- Friday, October 14th - No Sistema. Our performing group Sistema Strings will be performing in Logan with the Utah State University Orchestra. If your child is involved in that performance details will be coming home to you shortly.
- October 17-21st - No Sistema for Fall Break (please practice every day that you eat!)

We also will be having some volunteer opportunities for Sistema coming up in December in preparation for our Winter Concert on Thursday, December 15th. If you are available that afternoon to help assemble our dinner, serve, fold programs, help usher, etc. please talk to Mrs. Christensen or Mrs. Ramirez. We love how many parents support us and are so willing to help make our program a success!