



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

School Calendar – WV2 Campus

September 2, 2016

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

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

Monday, September 5

Tuesday, September 6

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Wednesday, September 7

Thursday, September 8

Saturday, September 10

Labor Day – No School

Wright Driving School Begins

HS Volleyball vs West Ridge Academy @APA

9th Grade Unity Hike 8am-2:15pm (details below)

HS Girls Soccer vs. St. Joseph's 4pm

5415 W 3100 S, WVC

11th 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

Dance Company @ Ririe-Woodbury 11am-4pm

Ririe-Woodbury Dance Company, 138 Broadway, SLC

Wednesday, September 14

7th Grade Leaders for Life 1pm-3:35pm

Wednesday, September 14

Graduation Meeting for parents of seniors 6pm-7pm

Thursday, September 15

11th Grade Overlook and Campfire 2pm-7pm

Salt Lake Overlook

Thursday, September 15

HS Girls Soccer vs Waterford 4pm

5415 W 3100 S, WVC

Thursday, September 15

HS Volleyball vs Layton Christian Academy 5:45pm

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,

Our Builder Theme for the month is "I Am A Builder When I Show Enthusiasm!"

This month, we are focusing on being enthusiastic and showing enthusiasm. As quoted from our Parent-Student Handbook:

Enthusiasm

Enthusiasm propels one on to greater effort. Enthusiasm makes work enjoyable and provides encouragement for others to put forth increased effort. It is the responsibility of every member of the American Prep community to bring enthusiasm to their work and to their associations at school.



“Enthusiasm is one of the most powerful engines of success. When you do a thing, do it with all your might. Put your whole soul into it. Stamp it with your own personality. Be active, be energetic, be enthusiastic and faithful, and you will accomplish your objective.”
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Something we do at each of our elementary Show What You Know Assemblies (held at 8am Wednesday mornings) is what we call a sound-off. This action itself creates great enthusiasm. Here is one of our sound-offs:

We're the school called APA
Enthusiastic all the way
If things look tough, don't quit or pout
Enthusiasm will knock it out!

We'd like to thank all of our students, parents, and staff for the enthusiastic start to what will continue to be a great school year!

Elementary Communication Envelopes

Today, you should receive your **Communication Envelope** for the first time. It will come home every week with the youngest elementary student in your home. 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.

Fire Drill

Our first fire drill of the year on Tuesday was a success! Students promptly exited the building and we quickly accounted for all students. Thank you for discussing in your homes the importance of holding fire drills, exiting buildings quickly, and listening to directions!

Builders Poem

We are now hoping to inspire our students to enjoy being a builder! We ask during the month of September that our families memorize the Builders Poem. All students are memorizing this poem in school. **PARENTS – Please memorize this poem during the month of 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.

Early Check Outs

Because we teach "bell to bell," it is vital that students remain for the entire school day. Parents are encouraged to schedule appointments outside of school hours whenever possible. If a student needs to be checked-out during school hours, the parent/guardian must come into the school and sign the student out. Staff may ask to see a valid picture identification when you arrive to check out your student. Please have your identification ready until we have a chance to get to know you and your student(s). Thanks for helping us keep everyone safe!

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.

From the Elementary Academic Office

By now you've had a chance to see what a great tool the Learning Plan is to help you see what your student did each day and what is coming up for the week. Please make sure you carefully review each subject and the homework assigned for that night. When you sign the Learning Plan, you are acknowledging that you have read it and your student has completed everything they needed to for the next day.

We also know that there are times when the student doesn't understand how to do part of their homework once they get home and no one at home knows how to help them with that assignment. Circling the subject is a signal to the teacher that you are aware that there was homework assigned in that subject. The teacher will also know that the student will need another repetition on that material.

Arriving at school unprepared is an automatic card move as a reminder to solve preparedness problems before school; however, card moves are at the discretion of the homeroom teacher at all times. Thank you for helping your student be successful!

Pick Up and Drop Off (Carpool)

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

- 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

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!

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.

After School Procedures

The school day ends at 3:10pm (1st dismissal) and 3:35pm (2nd dismissal). All students not participating in after school programs need to be picked up or walk home by 3:45pm or when the



last car pulls away from the curb for carpool. All elementary students that are remaining on the sidewalk will gather in room 185 for late pick-up. The person picking up students late must park and come inside to complete the late pick-up form. Secondary students have the option to attend Collegium Hall or remain on the curb unsupervised.

We encourage families that are not able to arrive on time for pick-up to have their students enroll in one of our many after school programs. The Sistema program is open to all students in K-12th grade. Collegium Hall is open to all students in 7th-12th grade. The after school programs end at 6:30pm on M/T/F and 5:30pm on W/TH.

Thank you for picking up your students on time at the end of the school day.

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

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.

After School Programs

We’ve had an ama-ZING first week of After School programs. In order to continue to have a successful program here are a few reminders.

Collegium Hall

We would like to welcome all secondary students to come to Collegium Hall. Collegium Hall is a study hall that provides tutoring, snacks, and activities for your children. Math teachers are available to tutor students in Collegium Hall.

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

Parents are required to check out their student from Collegium Hall each day of student attendance. If your student decides not to participate in an after school program, parents need to pick up students by 3:35 pm.



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7th grade Room 266	8th grade Room 270	9th grade Room 272	10th grade Room 274	11-12th grade Room 277
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Sistema Utah and Collegium Hall are free programs offered to our APA students. If you would like to volunteer or have questions about our after school programs, please contact:

Mrs. Veenstra, After School Director

sveenstra@apamail.org

(385) 999-1272

(385) 351-3090, ext. 262

Mrs. Christensen, Sistema Director

tchristensen@apamail.org

(385) 351-3090, ext. 260

Sistema Utah

Currently, all of our Sistema classes are full. Sistema's next registration period is after winter break. The Sistema Schedule is as follows:

Class 1 3:35pm-4:15pm (snack in classroom at 4:15pm)

Snack 4:15pm-5:20pm

Class 2 4:25pm-5:08pm

Class 3 5:11pm-5:51pm

Homework Time 5:54pm-6:30pm

Sistema ends at 6:30 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays; & 5:30 pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Pick up is in the secondary cafeteria.

Clubs

Our after school clubs have started, including, but not limited to, Math, Biology, Geo, Euro, App Inventors, and Phaser App Club. More information about the days and times of these clubs can be found on our calendar online (<https://www.facebook.com/americanprepWV2>).