



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

School Calendar – WV2 Campus

September 25, 2015

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

Monday, September 28	JH Volleyball A away game 6PM/B home game 4:30pm
Tuesday, September 29	HS Volleyball @Waterford 5:45pm
Tuesday, September 29	HS Soccer @Waterford 4pm
Tuesday, September 29	JH Cross Country Meet 4:30PM
Wednesday, September 30	8 th Grade Barn Event & BBQ 8:30am-11:30am
Wednesday, September 30	Blood Drive 12:30pm-4:30pm
Wednesday, September 30	9 th Grade Science Assembly for 6 th Grade (4 th period)
Wednesday, September 30	Pre-Region Cross Country Meet 3pm
Wednesday, September 30	JH Volleyball A & B home games 4:30PM
Thurs-Sat, October 1-3	Shakespeare Festival – Drama & Madrigal Students
Thursday, October 1	HS Soccer Rowland Hall 4PM
Thursday, October 1	HS Volleyball @Rowland Hall 5:45pm
Friday, October 2	Land Trust Meeting 10AM
Friday, October 2	HS Cross Country Cedar Invitational 3:30PM
Saturday, October 3	Attendance School 8am-11am

Monday, October 5	Reading University Store (elementary)
Tuesday, October 6	HS Cross Country pre-region meet 3PM
Tuesday, October 6	HS Soccer vs LCA 4PM
Tuesday, October 6	JH Cross Country Meet 4:30PM
Tuesday, October 6	HS Volleyball vs Wasatch Academy 5:45PM
Wednesday, October 7	Elementary Monthly Builder Awards 8AM
Wednesday, October 7	Elementary Early Dismissal 12pm/12:20pm
	End of Term Grading
Wednesday, October 7	7 th -12 th Grade Builders Assembly 12:45PM
Wednesday, October 7	11 th Grade Overlook & Campfire 2PM-7PM
Wednesday, October 7	JH Volleyball A home game 4:30PM/B away game 6PM
Wednesday, October 7	Graduation Parent Meeting 6PM (parents of seniors)
Thursday, October 8	Elementary School Picture Day
Thursday, October 8	6 th Grade FriendSHIP Event 1:10pm-3:45pm
Friday, October 9	4 th -6 th Grade Field Trips
Friday, October 9	HS Soccer vs. North Summit 4PM
Friday, October 9	HS Volleyball @Rockwell 5:45PM
Friday, October 9	Elementary end of 1 st Term
Saturday, October 10	Attendance School 8AM



Looking Ahead.....

Mon-Fri. Oct. 12-16

Monday, October 19

Wednesday, October 21

Friday, October 23

No School – Fall Break

School Resumes

Hearing Screenings

Elementary – No School (Parent/Teacher Conferences)

Dear 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!

Parent Emails

Our teachers are using parent emails to keep families updated on student progress and upcoming



projects and events. We ask that all parents ensure they have a current email address at American Prep so they can receive these important messages. Every week Ms. Tapia emails the Newsletter to each family. If you are not receiving this email electronically, please contact the front office to update your email or add an email address to your family information.

BLOOD DRIVE Students, Parents, Staff

APA is sponsoring a blood drive for the Red Cross on **Wednesday, September 30th** from 12:30-4:30 pm at our WV2 campus in the small gym. Our goal is to get 75 pints of blood so we need all the donors available. You may donate if you are 16 years and older. All student donors must have a signed Red Cross parental consent form. Proof of age is required (e.g. driver's license, state ID, passport, or original/certified copy of birth certificate). Please go to redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code: APA. If you have any questions, contact the High School office or Mrs. Okelberry at ext. 225 or tokelberry@apamail.org.

Hearing Screenings – K, 1st, 3rd Grades

We will be conducting hearing screenings for all students in Kindergarten, 1st grade, 3rd grade, students new to the district and students that teachers have concerns about their hearing. The screening will be conducted on October 21st. A hearing screening is a brief test to check on hearing acuity at the frequencies of 500, 1k, 2k, 4k at 20dB. If there is any concern about your child's hearing you will be notified and advised as to the need for more comprehensive evaluation. This note is to inform you of the hearing screening and advise you that if you DO NOT wish to have your child's hearing screened please send us a written denial.

Parent Student Handbook Spotlight

Electronic Free School Nights

American Prep recommends that families adopt a “no TV, no Video games” policy Monday through Thursday. There has been lots of research showing that it is not good for students to watch television and play video games on a daily basis. Lack of physical exercise is resulting in obesity in epidemic proportions in our country, even in our children. We encourage our families to provide opportunities for their students to exercise through play and study during the weekday evenings.

Volunteer Opportunities

1. **Parents!** We are looking for volunteers who would be available to chaperone at the 8th Grade Barn and Dance event on 9/30/2015. If you are available to help for any amount of



time, please contact Mrs. Herrera at lherrera@apamail.org or call the Ambassador Office at (385) 351-3090 ext. 234.

2. Empowering Your Tomorrow – November 7th: Please look for upcoming letter if you would like to accompany your student as a volunteer.

Community News

Free Skiing/Riding for Kindergarten - 5th Graders

Introducing our FREE Epic Schoolkids Utah Pack! The new Utah Pack is available for Kindergarten through 5th Grade students and includes:

- 5 days of skiing and riding at Park City – now the largest ski resort in the U.S.*
- 1 free first-timer ski or ride lesson, including equipment rental, during the month of January as part of Learn to Ski month.

How to Register

- Parents, visit the Canyons Base Camp Season Pass office, Breeze Ice Rink or Canyon Mountain Sports in Park City with your child.
- The child(ren) must be present.
- Please bring physical copies of the child's photo, their Utah report card/transcript/school ID or birth certificate and proof of Utah residency (Utah state driver's license, utility bill or mortgage statement).
- Parents, don't miss out on the fun and buy your [Epic Local Pass](#) today. The Epic Local Pass pays for itself in just under 4 days and is the best value in Utah. [Tell your friends](#), and hurry, the Epic SchoolKids Utah Pack is only available for a limited time.

***Epic Schoolkids Utah Pack is available to Utah residents only. Holiday restrictions apply to ski days and restrictions apply to the free lesson. Click below for full details.**

Secondary News

Aspire for Secondary

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 birthday. You can then setup your information. 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.

Unexcused Absences

- If a student is not present in a class, teachers will mark the student in the system as an “S” for sluff. A parent or guardian must contact the school and notify the office of the absence within three days for the “S” to be changed to an “X” (parent excused absence).
- Students who leave campus without permission will automatically be recorded as an “S” in any class period missed and may face disciplinary action.
- **An “S” in any class period will generate an automatic NG or No Grade, which results in no credit for the class. The NG will remain until the student makes up the “S” through 60 minutes of attendance school and paying the \$6 fine.**
- Once the student has made up the “S” through the fine and attendance school the class grade will return, as long as they do not have a NG in the same period due to accumulating four or more tardies as outlined in the tardy policy.
- NGs received from “S” marks may only be made up during the term they were received.
- If the student’s percentage in the class they receive a NG in is 59% or lower at the conclusion of the term, the F grade would remain on the transcript instead of the NG.

Excessive Tardies

1. Secondary students are allowed five minutes between class periods. By the second bell students are expected to be:
 - a. seated at their desks
 - b. with the necessary materials (pencil, book, binder)
 - c. in school uniform (name tag, shirt tucked in, etc.), and
 - d. working on bell ringer
2. Students who are not present and prepared at the beginning of class will be marked tardy for that class.
3. If a student accumulates a total of four or more tardies in any class they will receive no credit (NG) for that class. Each class is evaluated independently.
4. No Grade (NG) will remain as the letter grade for that class and no credit will be given unless tardies are made up through attendance school (details below). If the student's percentage in that class equates to 59% or lower at the end of the term, the F grade would remain on the transcript instead of the NG.
5. To make up each tardy students must pay \$3 and attend 30 minutes of Attendance School (see below).



Attendance School

1. Attendance school hours will be posted in the secondary offices and published in the newsletter. Typically it is held Saturday mornings from 8am to 11am for the second half of the term. No students will be admitted late to attendance school.
2. During attendance school students must wear full uniform and must work quietly or read. If a student is talking or sleeping they will be excused and they must attend another day. No electronics are allowed in attendance school.
3. Once all sluffs and sufficient tardies are made up, the NG will be removed and the student's earned letter grade will reappear.
4. No Grades must be made up by the end of the quarter during which they were received.
5. Students who failed to make up No Grades due to extensive tardies by the end of each quarter may do so the following quarter but the requirements double (\$6 and 60 minutes for each tardy).
6. Students who failed to make up No Grades due to one or more Sluffs (S) in a class will not be allowed to make those up during subsequent quarters.

After School Programs

Collegium Hall 7th – 12th Grade Students

We would like to welcome all secondary students to attend Collegium Hall. Collegium Hall is a study hall that provides tutoring, supplies, snacks and activities for your students. 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

Collegium Hall Rooms:

7th Grade - Room #258

8th Grade - Room #254 & 256

9th Grade - Room #244

10th-12th Grade - Room #240

Clubs

In addition to Collegium Hall and Sistema Utah, there are many after school clubs available for students in 7th-12th grade. Stop by the after school office or email one of the after school directors for additional information.

Empowering Your Tomorrow – November 7th

"Empowering Your Tomorrow" is a conference for boys 6th-12th grade. This event is held at



Utah Valley University and our students can explore some of today's most exciting careers and university programs. Each boy will attend three interactive, hands-on workshops with academic and industry professionals. Workshops included Forensic Science, Graphic Arts, Aviation, Zoology, Robotics and Mechatronics, and more! This is a great opportunity for APA boys to explore different possible careers and tour a great university. They also get a delicious catered lunch and cool T-shirt. APA girls, you'll get your chance, too! In March UVU will host "Expanding your Horizons", which offers a similar great experience. Please stay tuned for more info.

Please watch for details on how to sign up for this event in an upcoming newsletter. If you would like to accompany your student as a volunteer please email Mr. Guido at: rguido@apamail.org. If you're interested in having your student attend, save the date now: **Saturday, November 7, 2014**. Sign-ups will be in the last week of September. The cost of the event is \$25, but APA will help with cost for any interested student. APA families only pay \$10!

Ambassador News

Leaders for Life

On Wednesday September 23rd, the **7th grade** students participated in the Leaders for Life Opening Ceremonies Event. At the event the students learned how to demonstrate positive character traits, strong leadership skills by thinking out of the box, and respectful behavior. In addition students learned and reviewed proper "meet and greet" protocol, and were taught how professional body language is a key factor in making a good impression.

Science Assembly

Next Wednesday, September 30th, the **9th grade** students have an opportunity to host our annual Science Assembly for the **6th graders**. The 9th grade students use this as a chance to mentor the 6th grade students as they discuss ideas for the science fair. This event is held during school and does not have a late dismissal.

Barn & BBQ Event

On Wednesday, September 30th, all **8th Grade** students will participate in the 8th Grade Barn Dance and BBQ where they will learn essential 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!

Students should meet in the Secondary Cafeteria at 8:00am and find their 4th period teacher for attendance. Busses will depart at 8:10am, so it is imperative that students are on time to school



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to guarantee our on time departure to the Barn. Students will arrive back at the school at 11:50am.

Parents! We are looking for volunteers who would be available to chaperone at this event. If you are available to help for any amount of time, please contact Mrs. Herrera at lherrera@apamail.org or call the Ambassador Office at (385) 351-3090 ext 234.

* **Note:** Signed permission slips are required and must be turned in to 4th period. ** This is a required event and will be included in students 4th period Ambassador Hour grade.

Looking Ahead

On Wednesday, October 7th the **11th graders** will be participating in the first Overlook and Campfire event. This will take place from 2:00pm-7:00pm. The students will be hiking to the Salt Lake Overlook and then having a bonfire. We are so excited for this new event. We will need parent chaperones to assist on the hike. Per our insurance policy, we need 1 adult per 8 students, so it is very important we have parents help at this event. If you are able and interested in volunteering, please contact Mrs. Herrera at lherrera@apamail.org or at (385) 351-3090 ext 234.