



School Calendar – WV2 Campus

December 2, 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>

Friday, December 2

No School – Secondary Students

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

Saturday, December 3

Saturday Attendance School 8am

Tuesday, December 6

6th Grade Winter Band & Orchestra Concert 5pm

Tuesday, December 6

Secondary Winter Band & Orchestra Concert 6pm

Wednesday, December 7

Geography Bee 12:45pm

Wednesday, December 7

No After School Programs

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

Saturday, December 10

Saturday Attendance School 8am

Tuesday, December 13

Winter Choir Concerts

Wednesday, December 14

Senior Picture Day

Wednesday, December 14

Elementary Early Dismissal 12pm/12:20pm

Thursday, December 15

Sistema Winter Concert 5pm

Saturday, December 17

Saturday Attendance School 8am

Tuesday, December 20

End of Term – all students

Tuesday, December 20

Early Dismissal 12pm/12:15pm

Dec. 20 – Jan. 2

Winter Break – No School

Tuesday, January 3

School Resumes 8am

Dear American Prep Families,

December Builder Theme: Kigatsuku – Looking for Ways to Help

Our builder's theme for the month of December is *"I am a builder when I look for ways to help."* At this week's elementary assembly the concept of "kigatsuku" will be introduced to our APA students. Kigatsuku is a Japanese word that means "an inner spirit to act without being told what to do." We will discuss how we can each look for others' needs, and then follow that inner voice that urges us to act on behalf of others in meeting those needs. An example of kigatsuku is if a student arrives home, they could look in the dishwasher and if it is clean, they could unload it without being asked. They could see some trash on the floor in their classroom and pick it up without being asked. These types of things make their family, home and school a wonderful place to be. We have encouraged our teachers to watch out for evidences of "kigatsuku" in their classrooms and to acknowledge them. We encourage you to do the same at home! Watch out, because you may notice many nice things happening around your home as your student learns to "look out for others' needs" and follow "Kigatsuku."



Holiday Celebrations

As a public school, we do not celebrate religious holidays. We have students of many different religious faiths at American Prep and we respect and appreciate each one. We work hard to ensure that we don't promote religion, but we also work to ensure that school is a place where students feel comfortable and that they can freely express themselves and be appreciated for the unique contribution they make to our community.

The Core Knowledge Curriculum that we teach has many aspects that touch on religion. In 6th grade for example, students learn about Islam, Christianity, and Judaism. Students in all grades learn about American folk music, and some songs have religious roots – such as American spirituals. Our Junior High music curriculum includes classical music that also has religious roots. We hope parents will feel free to contact us if you have concerns or questions about our policy or practice on religious observance, the celebration of holidays, or curriculum.

Music Winter Concerts

Please mark your calendar for our upcoming "Winter Concerts" featuring our APA Choirs, Bands, & Orchestras. Our music students have been working hard to present these beautiful performances. Bring your family and friends to support our budding student musicians.

A few details: The 6th grade band & orchestra concert will be held on Tuesday at December 6th at 5pm. The 7th-12th grade band & orchestra concert will also be held on Tuesday, December 6 at 7pm. Both concerts will be in the large gym.

The Winter choir concert will be held on Tuesday, December 13th.

Mark your calendars for a great show! See you there!

ROCK THE SOCKS: 5,000 pair of socks needed

ROCK THE SOCKS! Our students and families are doing an amazing job at contributing socks to those in need. The Road Home will appreciate your generosity! Our goal is to collect 5,000 socks for those families in need. Please keep the socks coming in. We are getting closer to our goal each day. Thank you for your generosity!

Winter Weather!

Winter is coming and days are getting cold! Please make sure your child has WARM clothing, because they go outside every day for recess and carpool. If your child needs assistance finding a



warm winter coat, please come see us or let us know. We will be happy to help families in need!

If school were to be delayed or closed, you could find out by listening to the news stations in the mornings beginning at 5:00 a.m. If Granite school district has closed schools or delayed the start of their day, we will, as well.

Sistema News

We hope that you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving break. We are excited to have so many fun events coming up this month in Sistema.

- This Friday, December 2nd - No Sistema
- Next Thursday, December 8th - No Sistema
- Monday, December 12th - NEW Sistema student registration begins.
- Wednesday, December 14th - No Sistema
- Thursday, December 15th - Sistema Winter Concert 5 p.m. (EVERYONE is participating)
- Monday, December 19th - Last day of Sistema before Winter Break
- Tuesday, December 20-Monday, January 2nd - No Sistema (have a great winter break!)
- Tuesday, January 3rd - Welcome back to Sistema - New Sistema students will join the existing students.

With our Winter Concert coming up on Thursday, December 15th, we could use volunteers from 3-6 p.m. to help with dinner, serving, cleaning, and ushering. Please email Larissa Ramirez if you are available to help, at qramirez@apamail.org.

If you know anyone that would like to register for Sistema that didn't make it in by the Fall deadline, please let them know that registration will begin Monday, December 12th. More information to be sent home soon.