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## School Calendar – WV2 Campus

December 9, 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>

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Saturday, December 10	Saturday Attendance School 8am
Tuesday, December 13	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Winter Choir Concert 7PM
Tuesday, December 13	JH/HS Winter Choir Concert 7:30PM
Wednesday, December 14	Senior Picture Day
Wednesday, December 14	Elementary Grading Day
<b>Wednesday, December 14</b>	<b>Elementary Early Dismissal 12pm/12:20pm</b>
Thursday, December 15	Sistema Winter Concert 5pm

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Saturday, December 17	Saturday Attendance School 8am
Tuesday, December 20	End of Term – all students
<b>Tuesday, December 20</b>	<b>Early Dismissal 12pm/12:15pm</b>
Dec. 21 – 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

We talked more about kigatsuku with our students this week. Our students are learning that being kigatsuku means:

- being aware of the needs and feelings of others
- looking for ways to help like opening doors, picking up trash, carrying books for teachers...
- using building language that helps people feel good
- serving others by being unselfish—sharing, taking turns, compromising...
- being willing to give, especially anonymously

Once when Mother Teresa was asked how to make the world a better place, she replied, **“Come and see”**. She encouraged others to actively observe and then to serve the best they can. Note the phrases from the list above- being aware; looking for; serving; being willing. These phrases call us to action. We have witnessed many instances of kigatsuku these last few days. It is rewarding to see our students catch the vision of this month’s builders theme. This week we challenge you to increase and improve your kigatsuku experiences by not just noticing, but **sincerely seeking** them out. We encourage our students to **look** for trash on playground floor; **look** for teachers who need help carrying things; **look** for students who need a friend, etc. The opportunities are endless and everyone benefits!



### **Builders Club**

Thanks to our amazing staff, APA offers an incredible educational experience to our children and families. **Attracting and retaining the very best teachers and staff is key to our success.** They are the heart and soul of APA!

In this season of gift giving, we know you want to show your appreciation for staff that have supported and served your children this year. **Please express your gratitude by donating to the Staff Appreciation Fund!**

For each \$5 donation your student can deliver a beautiful, personalized holiday card and elegant chocolate treat to teachers/staff members on Dec 19<sup>th</sup>.

NEW and existing Builder's Club Members' (recurring donors), gifts will be upgraded to also include a delicious chocolate dipped pretzel rod as a THANK YOU for your support.

**Click the link below and fill out the info before Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.**

<http://www.americanprepoundation.org/christmas-staff-appreciation> All donations go to the Staff Appreciation Fund for bonuses.

### **Winter Choir Concerts**

Please mark your calendar for our upcoming APA Choir Concerts. Our choir 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade choir concert will be held on Tuesday at December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The JH & HS concert will also be held on Tuesday, December 6 at 7:30pm.

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

### **APA Apparel Shop**

We are pleased to announce that our Online APA Apparel Shop is now OPEN! You can access the store here: <http://www.americanprep.org/store/>

You will receive an email when your online order is ready for pick-up. You will be able to pick your order up at the main office of your campus during school hours. Please allow a minimum of two weeks for processing online orders, and only come to the office when you have been



informed that your order is ready!

Some items are special order only (for now) and may have a wait time of 3-4 weeks. This will be noted in the description of special order items in the online store.

### **Volunteer Opportunity**

Are you looking for ways to fill your 20 hours of volunteer service? **The curriculum department can use your help! We have easy projects that can be completed at the school or taken home to work on and return.** Contact Mrs. Howes at [rhowes@apamail.org](mailto:rhowes@apamail.org) OR Mrs. Colby at [acolby@apamail.org](mailto:acolby@apamail.org) to help ensure your students have the text books and library books they need to be successful.

### **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!

### **Sistema News**

We hope that you had an enjoyable week. We are excited to have so many fun events coming up this month in 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. [qramirez@apamail.org](mailto: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.