



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

School Calendar – WV2 Campus

October 27, 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>

Thursday, October 27

No Sistema – Elementary PTC 2:30pm – 6pm

Thursday, October 27

Performing Arts Concert 7pm – *date change*

Friday, October 28

Secondary Fees Past Due – Assessed a \$20 late fee

Friday, October 28

No School – Elementary Students

K-6 Grade PTC 8am-1pm

Monday, October 31

Early Dismissal All Students 12pm/12:20pm

Staff Professional Development

Monday, October 31

No After School Programs

Wednesday, November 2

7th Grade EXPLORE test

8th-11th Grade PSAT

12th Grade Practice ACT/Westminster Visit

Thursday, November 3

5th Grade Renaissance Fair

Saturday, November 5

10th-12th Grade Dynamic Duos Dance 7pm-9pm

Looking Ahead.....

Wednesday, November 9

8th Grade Viva La Fiesta 1pm-3:45pm

Friday, November 11

Veterans Day Reception 12:15PM

Friday, November 11

Veterans Day Assembly 1PM

Saturday, November 12

Empowering Your Tomorrow for 5th-12th Grade Boys
@UVU 8am-4pm

Wednesday, November 16

11th Grade Interim Capitol Trip 8am-2:10pm

Wednesday, November 16

10th Grade Donation Drive Prep Event 12:45pm-3:45pm

Thurs-Mon, November 17-21

The Music Man Performance 7PM

Wed-Fri, November 23-25

No School – Thanksgiving Recess

Wednesday, November 30

Donation Drive Kickoff

Thursday, December 1

Secondary Parent Teacher Conference 3pm-7pm

Friday, December 2

No School – Secondary Students

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



Dear American Prep Families,

One of our favorite traditions at American Prep is our Veterans Assembly. Each year we hold a very special assembly around Veterans Day to honor those who have served our country. *We hope all our families will invite their friends and family members who are veterans (anyone who has served in any branch of the military or armed forces at any time) to come to the assembly and be honored by our school.* Each guest will receive a special gift and we will have a special program to commemorate the day. The assembly will be held on **Friday, November 11th at 1PM**. Invitations will be sent home in elementary communication envelopes. If you only have secondary students attending APA, please have them stop by the office to pick up an invitation to give to a veteran.

This event is primarily for our students to be taught, through example and through their own participation, how to respect and honor our nation's veterans. We also want to show our gratitude to those who have served or are currently serving. Unfortunately, space is limited. Having the entire student body and our honored guests in attendance in the gymnasium meets our fire code capacity. Veterans are invited to bring two guests and will receive nametags confirming their admission. Please RSVP regarding a veteran's attendance to Mrs. Lobo-Blanco (rloboblanco@apamail.org) or Ms. Larkin (jlarkin@apamail.org) at the front office via email or phone at 385-351-3090.

Students will need to attend school dressed in their Monday-Thursday uniform for this special event.

Thanks for helping us make this a great event for our students and community!

No Check-Outs during Veterans Day Assembly

During our very special assembly on Friday, November 11, there will be no student check outs allowed for those participating in the program. ALL 1st-12th grade students will participate in the program. The program begins at 1PM and will last approximately 1 ½ hours. If you need to check out your student for an appointment, please do so prior to 12:00PM. We are excited to provide an opportunity for all of our students to honor those who have served our country!

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

Integrity. With a quick answer, most people would say that integrity means the same thing as honesty. Honesty IS part of it—but that is only one layer of integrity. When you show integrity, your actions are in line with what you know to be right and wrong. When you show integrity, you are guided by an internal code—and your actions are consistent with that personal code. Here's a



simple example—one that most of us at a uniform-wearing school can relate to. A couple of parents are chatting and one is overheard to say, “My child has been wearing the wrong shoes to school for three months and the teacher just barely said anything about it.” Demonstrating integrity? If this parent understood the dress code, and yet chose to send their student in the wrong shoes day after day (because no one called them on it) they were choosing to act counter to what they knew and understood to be right. In contrast, kudos to those parents and students who, with integrity, are making the choice to come appropriately dressed—even when they see others who are not and appear to be getting away with it. It’s a simple example—but a powerful one. Builders demonstrate integrity--in even simple choices. We are looking forward to the opportunity to explore this important builder trait this month!

Boot Reminder

We want to remind all 7th-12th graders and their parents that boots are **not part of the uniform**. Students can wear boots on their way to school if they chose, but they must change into the uniform shoes once they are here in order to be in full uniform. This rule applies to the entire academic day including lunch and any Ambassador activities that require full uniform dress. Elementary students are allowed to wear plain brown or black boots with low heels during the months of October-March. Elementary students that choose to wear plain brown or black boots are encouraged to bring PE shoes on PE days.

Coats and More

Winter is coming and days are getting cold! Please make sure your child has warm clothing. Elementary students spend time outside at recess every day. Any outerwear worn for recess does not need to comply with the school colors but must be removed when entering the classroom. Please send your child with warm clothing for recess. Thank you!

Family School Organization

Get connected to our Elementary FSO! Check out the latest news and volunteer opportunities. Search Facebook "WV2 FSO - American Preparatory Academy".

Carpool Committee Needed

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.

Sistema News

We hope that you had an enjoyable Fall Break! As we have been going over our class records, we notice there are some students that have not attended Sistema regularly as expected. If you are not planning on your child attending Sistema regularly, please let Mrs. Christensen know ASAP. You are not automatically not registered if you don't attend. We order snacks for everyone on our records and would hate to be ordering more snacks than necessary. Her contact information is tchristensen@apamail.org. She will also be making personal phone calls as well to check on your registration status.

As a reminder we will not be having Sistema this Thursday, Friday or Monday as we have parent teacher conference and professional development for the teachers. We are excited for November and back to our regular schedule. We will also be starting our ensemble Friday groups. Your student will want to come on Fridays to participate as they will be lots of fun and you won't want to miss out on them!

Our Nurtured by Love parent classes will be beginning again mid-November. If you would like to attend the classes, please email Mrs. Christensen to be placed on the list. Her email once more is tchristensen@apamail.org. Thank you for your support - we love our Sistema students and families!

APA Performing Arts Concert

Come and experience the phenomenal talent at American Preparatory Academy! Thursday evening, October 27, 2016 at 6:00pm, we will have our top performing groups entertain and delight you. Our Dance Company, Advanced Drama, Ballroom Dance Team, Advanced Orchestra and Band, and APA Madrigals will perform. There will even be the added bonus of seeing and hearing the wonderful competition pieces APA performed at the Shakespeare Festival in Cedar City, Utah.

It will be a fantastic opportunity to see the high caliber and quality of talent found at our school! These students have worked hard and this concert is free to the public. Come and support our incredible performing students!



Secondary News

- Testing date: November 2nd
- Time: students need to be punctual. Being on time is important for testing to go ahead smoothly and on schedule. Students who arrive late risk losing the opportunity to test with us and this can lead to missed scholarship opportunities for college. Classrooms will begin filling out test information promptly at 8am. Please arrive early to ensure your student makes it to their assigned classroom on time.
- Please make sure your student has a good night's rest before and eats a healthy breakfast so they can perform at their best.
- Students will be provided all necessary materials for testing.

Please follow up with your students to make sure they communicate any further updates with you.

First Term Grades

Secondary students had final grades posted during fall break. We invite parents to log on to Aspire to see the final grade marks. Parents of students in 9th-12th grade should also verify that their student passed each class. An F or NG mark indicates they did not pass and did not receive credit in that course. Thank you for your support and please contact Mr. Peterson (cpeterson@apamail.org) or Mr. Winegar (jwinegar@apamail.org) if you have any issues logging in to Aspire.

Ambassador Information

8th Grade La Fiesta

Ay-yi-yi! Arriba, arriba! 8th grade students get ready for La Fiesta on Wednesday, November 9th. During this event, students will learn the importance of their GPA, respecting other cultures, ways to befriend others, and so much more! There will also be tasty foods, such as chips and salsa and a delicious soup. Mark your calendars, clear your schedules, and get ready to have a blast! **We NEED volunteers! If you can help on Wednesday, contact Melissa Baucom at MBaucom@apamail.org or call 385.351.3090 ext. 1234.**

Dynamic Duo Dance

This dance is put on by our amazing Student Body Officers! **It's on Saturday, November 5th, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Small Gym.** ALL 10th-12th grade students are invited to come as a couple or a group! Students should come as their favorite Dynamic Duos like Batman and Robin, Harry and Hermione, or a group of M&Ms! Dress code is a t-shirt and jeans. Buy your tickets today with Ms. Hammer in the Jr. High Office!



7th Grade Rising Stars

Last week at our 7th grade Rising Stars Ambassador Event, students were transformed into celebrities! Students learned the secrets of accepting invitations, practiced confidence techniques, learned how to properly accept awards, and practiced American Style cutting techniques with food. These students are going to have the skills to be confident in any professional situation that they come across. Good work students! You are super stars! **Huge shoutout to our amazing parent volunteers!**

6th & 12th Grade Science Assembly

This week, our 6th grade students learned all about science fair projects from our super smart 12th grade students. Our 12th grade students put on a skit, including Mr. Scientist, Dr. Data, Suzie Summary, and Harry Hypothesis, and performed a sweet science experiment. Then, our 6th grade students were able to ask them questions and prepare for their upcoming science projects. Thanks 12th graders, and good luck 6th graders!

Walking Passes After Dark

Student safety is important to all of us. The evenings are getting darker outside and to ensure that students arrive home safely, parents will need to pick up students participating in an after school program when it is dark outside. All parents must come into the building to check out your son/daughter.

Parents, if you would like to volunteer after school, please contact our after school director. We would love to see you after school! Su Veenstra, ext. 262