



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

School Calendar – WV2 Campus

September 29, 2017

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>

Thurs-Sat., Sept. 28-30	Shakespeare Competition
Saturday, September 30	Saturday School 8am
Monday, October 2	Hearing Screenings for new students and K-3
Tuesday, October 3	Parent University 6pm-7pm
Wednesday, October 4	K-3 grade Picture Day
Thursday, October 5	4-6 grade Picture Day
Thursday, October 5	Land Trust Committee Meeting 11am
Thursday, October 5	6 th Grade FriendSHIP Activity 12:40pm-3:10pm
Friday, October 6	Spirit Wear Day!
Saturday, October 7	Saturday School 8am

Wednesday, October 11

Early Dismissal (12PM/12:20PM) ALL Students

Elementary grading day

Wednesday, October 11	No Sistema/No Collegium Hall
Wednesday, October 11	7 th -11 th Grade PSAT
Wednesday, October 11	Performing Arts Concert 7PM
Thursday, October 12	6 th Grade Science Assembly 12:50pm
Friday, October 13	HS Baseball 2A State Semi Finals
<i>Friday, October 13</i>	<i>End of Term – No Sistema/No Collegium Hall</i>
Saturday, October 14	Saturday School 8am

Mon.-Fri. October 16-20

No School – Fall Break

Mon.-Fri. October 23-27	College Week
Tuesday, October 24	7 th -12 th Grade College Tours
Tuesday, October 24	UCA Governing Board Mtg 4:30 @APS offices
Wednesday, October 25	College Apparel Day
Thursday, October 26	College Fair
Thursday, October 26	Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences 3pm-7pm
Thursday, October 26	FAFSA Night 5:30pm-7pm
<i>Friday, October 27</i>	<i>No School – Elementary Students – PTC 8am-1pm</i>

Monday, October 30	Spirit Wear Day!
<i>Monday, October 30</i>	<i>Early Dismissal (12PM/12:20PM) ALL Students</i>
	<i>Professional development for staff</i>
Thurs-Sat. Nov. 2-4	Musical <i>Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella</i> 7pm
Monday, November 6	Closing Night of <i>Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella</i>
7pm	

Hello American Prep Families,

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

It's been a great week at American Prep! Our students and teachers are the embodiment of our Builders Theme – Building with enthusiasm. Thank you to our great parents who are also enthusiastically supporting your children, assisting them to complete their homework, ensuring they are prepared for school each day!

You may wonder why enthusiasm is so important to us at American Prep – well, in our Parent Student Handbook you will find the following is one of our Foundations:

“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.”

So you can see, we understand that enthusiasm is a key component to our success as a school, and more importantly the success of your student! We commit as staff members to bring enthusiasm to our work each day with your students, because we know it will result in higher effort being put forth by your child, and greater success! We appreciate so much our parents who also bring enthusiasm to us in our interactions and help us put forth our best efforts!

Volunteer Opportunities

1. Start collecting Box Tops today! Send Box Tops with your student to help our school. It's fun to see classrooms compete to collect the most Box Tops and win a prize.

2. Reading University Volunteers Needed

Do you love to read? Are you interested in what's out there in children's literature? Are you interested in helping the Reading University program? We need readers to preview possible additions to the RU list. Please contact apareadinguniversity@gmail.com for more information in signing up for this committee.

3. Volunteer for the 6th grade ambassador event. Contact Ms. Nash at mnash@apamail.org for additional information or see below.

Hearing Screenings – K, 1st, 3rd Grades & new students Monday, October 2nd

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 2nd. 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 University Tuesday, October 3rd at 6 PM

Join us on Tuesday, October 3rd for Parent University from 6pm to 7pm. This parents-only event will feature guest speakers from the Weber State University, as they discuss scholarships, financial aid, the college application process, and more. Parent University will also count toward your parent volunteer hours, and secondary parents may earn tardy removal options for your student! Refreshments will be served. If you have any questions please email Mr. Guido (rguido@apamail.org). This event is made possible by our GEAR UP grant.

Elementary Picture Day Wednesday October 4th & Thursday, October 5th

Bell Photography will be at American Prep on Wednesday, October 4th for Kindergarten – 3rd grade and Thursday, October 5th for 4th-6th grade to take pictures of our wonderful elementary students. They will take individual and class pictures. Order forms will come home in communication envelopes today. You may also order and pay online at www.bellphoto.com You may also pay by check or money order to Bell Photographers using the envelope/order form found in the communication envelope. We will also have extra envelopes/order forms available at the front office. We look forward to seeing many smiling faces!

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Spirit Wear Days! Friday, October 6th

We've got SPIRIT, yes we do

We've got SPIRIT, how 'bout you?

Did you know that the first Friday of each month students may wear spirit wear items? We also choose other days during the month as designated Spirit Days! Watch newsletters for details.

We now have a spirit wear store located in the Jr. High office. We have hoodies, t-shirts, baseball caps and baseball tees available for purchase in the office. You may purchase your spirit wear at the school or check out all our spirit wear options online: <http://www.americanprep.org/product-category/spirit-wear/>

The following days are upcoming designated spirit wear days:

Friday, October 6	Spirit Wear Day for K-12 grades
Monday, October 30	Spirit Wear Day for K-12 grades
Friday, November 3	Spirit Wear Day for K-12 grades

Spirit wear is a fun way to show school pride and increase spirit at American Prep.

Thank you for your Blood Donations!

We are so proud to be part of such an amazing community! Thank you students, parents and staff for your donations. We had so many donors lined up and willing to give that the Red Cross did not have enough supplies to accommodate everyone. We met and exceed our donation goal and look forward to our next blood drive in February. We would encourage you to sign up in advance for the February drive. The Red Cross will bring more supplies if our donors sign up in advance. We are so proud of all those who were willing to participate in this event to save lives! Thank you!

Parenting the Love and Logic Way – Community Event

This FREE 4-session course teaches participants how to raise responsible kids and enjoy parenting. Participants will learn how to end power struggles and prevent arguments. Classes will be October 12, 19, 26, November 2 from 6:30pm-8:30pm in West Valley. To register, please email parker.chapple@wvc-ut.gov

Parent Student Handbook Spotlight

Class celebrations are centered around culminating activities that follow our units of study in history and science. Although we teach about many of our nation's holidays in our curriculum, we do not use academic time in class to celebrate them. Listed below are some of these holidays and the ways they are acknowledged:

Birthday Celebrations—Teachers will most likely mention a student's birthday during the school day of their birthday and have a special way of acknowledging that student. Parents may bring a treat for class members at lunch time. This is not something that needs to be done, but if parents choose to that is acceptable. (Please see VII. Parent Involvement Policy: Birthdays and Other Events.)

Halloween—It is important for teachers and parents to remember that **we don't celebrate or even acknowledge Halloween.**

Veteran's Day—We celebrate Veteran's Day with a school-wide assembly where we honor our invited veteran guests. The students also participate in writing activities that express their respect and appreciation to our nation's veterans.

Thanksgiving Day—The Builder theme for the month of November focuses on being grateful and expressing that gratitude through word and deed.

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Religious Holidays (Christmas, Kwanza, Hanukkah, Ramadan etc.)— These holidays will be discussed as part of the curriculum and to help students understand what others in our school are doing and experiencing. We may sing songs from these or other similar holidays as part of the curriculum in our music classes.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—The contributions of Martin Luther King, Jr. are discussed around this day.

President's Day—We talk about Presidents around President's Day.

Valentine's Day—We focus on the Builder theme of “caring and sharing” during the month of February. We encourage students to show they care by doing good deeds for others all during the month. Often, the school participates in a school-wide service project during February.

Memorial Day – Students perform and participate in a school-wide assembly and learn about the meaning and history of this holiday. Students, parents and staff have the opportunity to participate in a “poppy fundraising drive” to benefit veterans.

Medications at School

Prescription medication, if needed during the school day, must be given to the office staff with the proper documentation (we have a form the Dr. needs to sign) and we will administer it to your student. If your student needs to carry an inhaler a form will need to be completed at the front office.

Non-prescription medication is not normally allowed at school (Tylenol, Ibuprofen, etc.) Please don't send them with your student. If you have a special circumstance, please be sure and let us know and we can discuss a solution with you.

Homework Lab Mentors Needed – pays \$10 an hour

We are currently seeking candidates for our "Mentor" position. Mentors will assist Jr. High and High school students with most subjects in the after-school homework labs at either of our two West Valley campuses.

Bilingual (English/Spanish) not required, but will be given preference. **This job pays \$10.00 an hour** and requires the following hours: M, T, F 3:30 pm-6:30 pm Th 2:30 pm-5:30 pm

Mentors only work during the school year (off during school vacations). Interested applicants should go to the website www.americanprep.org and click on the employment link. We also recommend emailing Curtis Lee at clee@apamail.org for additional information.

Carpool Information & Reminders

- When dropping off and picking up pull all the way forward, as far as you can.
- Watch the carpool helpers - they will guide you where they need you to go.
- Please be ready. Each morning we see things that unnecessarily delay carpool. Even if it only happens 10 times, it is amazing how this backs things up. Learning plan signing, putting on shoes, loading backpacks, L O N G goodbyes, finishing breakfast, chatting on cell phones. All of these things are happening on the curb. If you are not quite ready to get out of the car, please park.

It's a great day and we want everyone to encourage each other. Smile and wave, it can make all the difference!

APA Performing Arts Concert – Wednesday, October 11th

Come and experience the phenomenal talent at American Preparatory Academy! Wednesday evening, October 11 at 7pm, 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 may perform. There may even be the added bonus of seeing and hearing the wonderful competition pieces APA performed at the Shakespeare Festival in Cedar City, Utah.

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5th Grade Ambassador News

Welcome Aboard the APA FriendSHIP was a success! Students were able to practice and master very important skills about being a true friend. How to write a thank you note, meet and greet, navigate a reception line and ask intelligent questions were some of the lessons taught during this event. Thank you to all parents for your support by making sure your student could attend this event. A big thanks to all of our amazing parent volunteers! These events would not be possible without you or your students! Please make sure you review our station quiz questions to see all of the amazing things they have learned!

Collegium Hall Field Trip to STEM Fest

On Tuesday, October 3rd, Collegium Hall will be hosting their first ever optional field trip to the annual Utah STEM Fest at the South Towne Expo Center! 7-10th grade students will have the opportunity to have first-hand experiences with over 100 hands on activities and booths. Stop by the secondary office to pick up a permission form - these must be returned to Mr. Lee ASAP to secure your spot. Regular Collegium Hall will still be available for those unable to attend.

Lunch News

We are excited to announce updates and changes to the lunch menu. Students now have two options every day, and many lunch entrées have been replaced with new options. If you have already ordered lunches for your student, please go online to <https://apalunch.h1.hotlunchonline.net> and check that your student wants the new lunch entrée. If they do not want the new entrée, you will need to click on the lunch entree and cancel the order. If they would like the 2nd lunch option, then you may now place an order for the new entree.

If you do not check the menu and make changes to your order, then your student will receive what is being served that day in the original lunch ordered spot.

If your student does not want a lunch, please do not order for them. We are having a lot of 9th-12th grade students not picking up their lunches that parents ordered for them. Ask your students what they want or if they want a lunch before you order.

To check your orders or order for October – December 2017 go to: <https://apalunch.h1.hotlunchonline.net>

If you have any questions email Mrs. Fowlks at: dfowlks@apamail.org or by phone at 385-351-3090.

News for Secondary Students & Families

Attention Parents of Senior Students

American Preparatory Academy counseling team HIGHLY recommends that you and your student tour one or two college campuses during our fall break, starting October 16th. If you're unable to attend with your student, we encourage them to network with other students and go as a group. In addition to getting a general tour we recommend setting an appointment to meet with the department your student is interested in majoring in (e.g. Chemistry, Engineering, Business). They can offer stronger advice and expertise about what your student should expect. Lastly, we suggest that you visit with the financial aid office to learn about cost of attendance plus what possible scholarships or work-study programs might be available. All these efforts help your family make the best choice about college. College applications are due the December 1st. Don't miss this great opportunity during the week to visit a college campus!

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

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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 \$5 and attend 30 minutes of Saturday School (see below).

Saturday School

Saturday School are set days and times to make up tardies. Secondary students who have more than three tardies in each class will need to attend Saturday School to remove the No Grade off their report card. Students need to stay for a half hour and pay \$5 for each tardy for the current term. When you decide to make tardies up the following term, the time and fee is doubled. Payment can be made at the Jr. High or High School office.

Saturday School starts at 8 am. You must be on time to make up tardies. Students must be in full uniform when attending Saturday School. We highly encourage students to eat PRIOR to attending. There is no food or drinks allowed in classrooms. During Saturday 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.

Saturday school hours will be posted in the secondary offices and/or 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 Saturday school.

Saturday School Dates & Times

October 7th - 8am to 11am

October 14th - 8am to 11am