



# AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

## School Calendar – WV2 Campus

November 16, 2018

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>

**Friday, November 16**

**Secondary Students – NO SCHOOL**

Monday, November 19

Kindergarten Pilgrim Play 12:50pm-2:45pm

Monday, November 19

JH Boys Basketball @Dual Immersion 4pm/5pm

Tuesday, November 20

HS Boys Basketball @American Leadership 4:30pm/6pm

Tuesday, November 20

HS Girls Basketball vs. Freedom Academy 4:30pm/6pm

Tuesday, November 20

Secondary Mid-Term Late Work Deadline

**Wed.-Fri., November 21-23**

**No School – Thanksgiving Recess**

Monday, November 26

JH Boys Basketball vs. Entheos 4:30pm/5:30pm

Tuesday, November 27

Future Doctor's Field Trip 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade 3:10pm-6:30pm

Sign up w/Mrs. Peterson in room 219

Tuesday, November 27

HS Girls Basketball @Westridge 7pm

Wednesday, November 28

HS Boys Basketball vs. UMA 5:30pm/7pm

Wednesday, November 28

JH Boys Basketball @Spectrum 4:30pm/5:30pm

Thursday, November 29

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Medieval Festival 1pm-2:30pm

Thursday, November 29

HS Girls Basketball vs. UMA 5:30pm/7pm

Friday, November 30

HS Boys Basketball vs. ICS 4:30pm/6pm

Monday, December 3

JH Boys Basketball @Monticello 4pm/5pm

Monday, December 3

Parent Night – Mental Health & Internet Safety 6pm-7pm

Tuesday, December 4

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parent Cohort Meeting 8:15am OR 6:30pm

Tuesday, December 4

HS Girls Basketball @Freedom Academy 4:30pm/6pm

Wednesday, December 5

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Rising Stars Event 1pm-3:45pm

Wednesday, December 5

Science Fair 10:30am-4pm

Wednesday, December 5

HS Boys Basketball vs. Mt. Vernon 5:30pm/7pm

Thursday, December 6

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration 1pm-3:45pm

Thursday, December 6

HS Girls Basketball @Dugway 6pm

**Friday, December 7**

**Spirit Wear Day**

Friday, December 7

K-8<sup>th</sup> grade Geography Bee 2pm

Friday, December 7

HS Boys Basketball @Gunnison 3pm/4:30pm/6pm

Saturday, December 8

HS Boys Basketball @North Sevier 10am/11:30am/1pm



## **Hello American Prep Families,**

### **Our Builder Theme is “I Am A Builder When I Express Gratitude in Word and Deed”.**

What a wonderful month we are having at American Prep! The Veterans Assembly was such a great way to continue our month showing gratitude in word and deed – with students writing letters, preparing songs, writing essays, and much more! Over 100 veterans joined us with their families and we spent a wonderful hour honoring them. The students sang patriotic songs, and we heard from inspirational speakers. Our veterans were presented with a note from a student and a commemorative pin that read “Honored Veteran 2018 American Preparatory Academy”. Please ask your student to share their thoughts and feelings about this special day and the important things we learned.

It’s easy to remember to use words like “Thank you” in showing gratitude, but there are so many others we can include: “You’re so kind to help me with my math”, or “I really enjoyed the lunch you packed for me today”. The challenge is showing gratitude in deed. A deed is an action that is performed intentionally. It takes a little extra effort. We can show gratitude by writing a note to someone, respecting school property and rules, and washing the dishes for someone that prepared you a meal. November is a great month to remember to show gratitude in both word and deed. We are excited to hear your stories and witness the showing of gratitude at home and school.

### **ROCK THE SOCKS: APA’s Annual Community Donation Drive**

ROCK THE SOCKS! Get ready for APA’s annual community donation drive. This year we’ll be gathering socks to benefit the Road Home. The Road Home is a place where families can find temporary shelter, food, clothing, and assistance in finding permanent homes. Let’s show them we care by warming their feet and hearts this season. The donation drive begins Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> and goes through Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Lost & Found**

Our lost & found is overflowing again! Please stop by the elementary foyer to check for any missing items. We will be donating lost & found items to a local charity on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Substitutes Needed**

We are currently seeking candidates for our substitute position. Interested applicants should go to the website [www.americanprep.org](http://www.americanprep.org) and click on the employment link.

### **Drop Off Table**

What do you do when your student forgets lunch or an assignment and needs you to drop something off for them? We have a "Drop Off" location in the elementary lobby as well as the secondary lobby. We do everything we can to avoid interrupting classes. Just let your student know that you will drop the item off at the table with their name on it and they can stop by between classes or during lunch to pick it up. We do not deliver to classrooms and will not interrupt academic minutes to allow you to deliver to the classroom either. This table is also used for dropping off lunches. **We prefer you order school lunch for your student or implement a**



system which ensures the lunch is in the backpack each morning, however we understand there may be rare occasions when a lunch is forgotten. The table may be utilized for these rare occasions. We are not responsible for items left at the drop off area. Thank you for your understanding. Please let us know if you need assistance in ordering school lunches. We are happy to assist!

## Elementary News

### Fresh Fruits & Veggies of the Week

A Persimmon is a unique fruit that tends to carry its own shape, texture and flavor. It is orange in color and has a sweet mixture of flavors often described as a pear/fig/brown sugar combination with a meaty texture to the fruit. Persimmons come in two main varieties known as FUYU (foo-yoo) and HACHIYA (Ha-chee-yah). The Fuyu variety is round and somewhat flat almost like a tomato whereas the Hachiya is taller and more oval shaped. Fuyus are known as the 'eating persimmon' whereas the Hachiyas are used mainly for cooking. Persimmons have been around for hundreds of years and are native to Japan. They were introduced to the US in the early 1900s.

### Sistema Notes

We absolutely love teaching our Sistema students and they are practicing SO hard to be ready for our upcoming concert next month! ***With that being said, we are working on our Winter Concert music, so please do not check out your students early from Sistema to help them stay current with their music. All students will need to stay for their instrument and singing classes daily so that they will be ready for our concert and not fall behind.*** Also, please keep in mind that our Thursday ensemble day is also preparing them for our winter concert. We look forward to seeing each of our students in attendance on ensemble days! Please make sure that your student(s) are practicing their new music every day so that they can memorize their pieces.

Have you "liked" our Sistema Utah Facebook page? If not, please like it today so that you stay up-to-date on our upcoming events and community events. @SistemaUtah is our page name.

We have a few "NO SISTEMA" dates coming up in addition to a couple of amazing activities for our students. Please make sure you update your family calendars with the following dates:

- Friday, November 16th 4-6 p.m. - Karate Specials Class in the MP Room
- Tuesday, November 20th 4 p.m. - Sistema Guest Artist "William Hagen in Concert" in Choir Room (for Sistema students only). *Sponsored in part by the Zoo, Arts and Parks Fund. **Please have your Sistema student attend this concert - this will INSPIRE them!***
- November 21-23 - No Sistema (Thanksgiving Break)
- Thursday, December 13th 5 p.m. - Sistema Winter Concert in the Small Gym. We have invitations at our Sistema front desk. Please invite your friends and neighbors! Parent volunteers are needed. Please sign up by going to this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B45AEA92DA0F49-sistema4>

Thank you for your support - we love our Sistema students and families!

## Afterschool News

We are happy to announce that Collegium Hall completed 2,534 homework assignments during the first term.



That is over 100 assignments per day! Thank you to all our hard working students for doing such a great job.

Please keep in mind we will not be having any secondary after school programs on 11/14 and 11/15 due to parent teacher conferences. Please make arrangements for your students.

### **Club Updates**

We are happy to announce that Decuriam Club, Latin tutoring club, will be starting on 11/13/18. It will be held every Tuesday in room 212 from 3:30 - 4:30 pm. Decuriam Club will be hosted by Mr. Coleman and Ms. Ball and is open for any students between grades 7-12th. Decuriam Club's goals are to enhance student enjoyment of Latin with cultural content and enable student success with rigorous & capable individual tutoring.

Speech and Debate Club is taking a break and will reconvene after Winter Break. We will make announcements when the club will be returning.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding after school, please contact Mr. Lee at [clec@apamail.org](mailto:clec@apamail.org)

## **News for Secondary Students & Families**

### **Sock Drive**

We are excited to participate again in our annual sock drive. This year we want to kick off the drive with fun and exciting games! Secondary will be having an assembly to kick off the drive. At this assembly, students will have the opportunity to participate in sock related games such as "The Sock Gauntlet" or Dodge ball with socks, Capture the flag, or target sock shooting. To be eligible to play in these games students will need to bring a pair of socks as their entry ticket. The socks will then be donated after the games conclude. Thank you for your contributions and enthusiasm!

### **Winterim Registration**

All registration will take place during 4th periods. Students will need to have all of their fees paid before they can register for Winterim. All additional Winterim fees must be paid by the deadline, or students will be removed from classes requiring fees.

9th Grade Winterim Registration- begins Monday, November 19th  
9th Grade Winterim fees due by 12 pm- Wednesday, November 28th  
8th Grade Winterim Registration- begins Wednesday, November 28th  
8th Grade Winterim fees due by 12 pm- Wednesday, December 5th  
7th Grade Winterim Registration- begins Friday, December 7th  
7th Grade Winterim fees due by 12 pm- Thursday, December 13th  
Deadline to change any Winterim classes- Friday, December 14th  
Winterim Run-Through- Tuesday, December 18th

### **Highly Qualified Teachers**



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The USOE (Utah State Office of Education) sets standards to qualify teachers in the state of Utah to be highly qualified to teach. All of the teachers at American Preparatory Academy are considered highly qualified to teach by the state of Utah (USOE qualified).

At American Prep we hire the most capable people to do the best job for our students. The following teachers all meet the state's Highly Qualified requirements, but do not meet the Federal HQ requirements. We are required to report this to our parents each year, and we are happy to do so! Let us tell you a little about a few of our amazing staff members!

**Rodrigo Betancourth** - (Orchestra) began his musical studies at the age of 6 at the Antonio Neumane Conservatory in Guayaquil Ecuador where he graduated as a violin teacher, he was part of the first generation of Sistema in Ecuador, after being part of the Youth Orchestra he became a Sistema teacher and instructor of workshops, also participated in the Andean Countries tour, and Hannover - Germany. Received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Manabi-Ecuador with a major in Violin Performance and Pedagogy. He worked in The Guayaquil Symphonic Orchestra-Ecuador by 10 years. In addition, he is a Suzuki violin teacher certified until book 5 and with plans to become certified until book 7 in the following institute.

**Michael Christenson** - (Language Arts) received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Weber State University with a major in English Language and Literature. Most of his teaching experience has been in corporate environments but he has several years of experience as a substitute teacher in public, private, and charter schools. He writes fiction under the pseudonym Michael Darling and his urban fantasy series has been ranked #1 on Amazon. He has won awards for his fiction and he is frequently a featured presenter and panelist at Comic Con and writer's conferences. He hopes he will be able to encourage and inspire the next generation of writers through teaching Language Arts classes here at APA.

**Rachel Neil** - (Dance) received her Bachelor of Arts from Southern Utah University in Communication and Psychology. She has danced competitively since she was 3 years old and even competed and performed at a collegiate level. She has performed all across the U.S. including Hawaii and Alaska. Mrs. Neil has taught at 4 different dance studios and was even an adjunct professor at SUU teaching a ballroom dance ensemble. Dance has always been a huge part of her life and teaching dance is her dream come true.

**Brianne Peterson** - (Math) has always loved being a teacher, she started out as a dance teacher, where she taught ballet, jazz, hip hop and tumbling. She coached for many Utah high school drill teams and dance companies over a span of 15 years. While she was coaching she was attending Salt Lake Community College, where she received an associate's degree in general studies with an emphasis on mild to moderate special education. She continued her education at Western Governors University with a focus on secondary 5-12 grade Mathematics. She has been in a secondary math classroom either as a tutor, substitute or teacher for 10 years.



**Laura Schneider** – (Special Education) received her Bachelor of Science from Brigham Young University with a major in SPECIAL EDUCATION and minor in TESOL. She has worked as a special education teacher in Utah and Arkansas for a total of 10 years. She didn't get her degree until after all her children were in school. Her decision to become a special education teacher came because of her own children who have special needs and her desire to help them and other children with similar needs. Mrs. Schneider is from Argentina and is the 3rd in her family to graduate with a degree, she has a brother who also graduated from BYU, and her father who is a retired Pediatrician.

**Tiara Sondgeroth** - (Science) received her Bachelor of Science from North Central College with a major in Biology and a minor in Environmental Studies. In college, she tutored students and was a teaching assistant for the environmental/ biology labs. Always having a passion for students and their development, she decided to pursue a career in teaching after college.

**Beatriz Trejo** – Beatriz Trejo (Senior Seminar) received her Bachelor of Arts from California State University of Sacramento with a major in Child Development, emphasis in Social and Community Settings. Her original plan was to work in social work, but during her college years, she worked as a teacher assistant in California and found her passion in education. Being a first generation college student has inspired her to motivate other students to pursue higher education. She feels very fortunate to have found a position where she can do just that, as a College Access Advisor. She looks forward to starting her master degree in education in the upcoming year.

**Cassie Zizumbo** - Mrs. Zizumbo (2nd Grade) received a Bachelor's of Science in Communications, and a Bachelor's of Science in Psychology from the University of Utah. She did her psychology internship at The Children's Center behavior preschool, where she discovered that she was destined to be a teacher. Her love for the children and the positive behavior interventions there got her hooked! She has also worked as a music specialist and a substitute teacher prior to joining the APA Team. She has ten years' experience working with children, beginning with teaching dance, tumbling, and cheerleading. She has a few inspirational family members also involved in education, including cousins who are elementary school teachers and aunts and uncles who are college professors. She is so excited to go back to school to get her Master's Degree!