



# AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

## School Calendar – WV2 Campus

November 30, 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>

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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	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
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Tuesday, December 11	HS Girls Basketball @UMA Camp Williams
Tuesday, December 11	Choir Concert
Wednesday, December 12	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade La Fiesta 1pm-3:45pm
Wednesday, December 12	HS Girls Basketball vs St Joseph @Vivant Arena
Wednesday, December 12	HS Boys Basketball vs St Joseph @Vivant Arena
Thursday, December 13	HS Boys Basketball vs UMA Riverton
Thursday, December 13	HS Girls Basketball vs. UMA Hill Field
Thursday, December 13	Sistema Winter Concert 5pm
Friday, December 14	HS Boys Basketball @Tintic
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Monday, December 17	HS Boys Basketball @ Freedom Academy
Tuesday, December 18	HS Girls Basketball vs. Dugway
<b>Wednesday, December 19</b>	<b>Early Dismissal – 1:10pm/1:25pm</b>
Thursday, December 20	HS Boys Basketball vs. Pinnacle
Thursday, December 20	HS Girls Basketball Tournament
<b>Friday, Dec. 21-Wed., Dec. 2</b>	<b>Winter Break – No School</b>
Friday, December 21	HS Boys Basketball vs Altamont



**Hello American Prep Families,**

**Our Builder Theme for the month of December is “I Am A Builder When I Look for Ways to Serve Others (Kigatsuku).”**

Kigatsuku is a Japanese word meaning “an inner spirit to act without being told what to do”, or in other words, “see a need, meet a need”. It’s simple; we don't need to go out of our way; we don't need to schedule it; we don’t need to travel to other countries. We only need to look around us and see how we can help the person right in front of us. Opportunities for *kigatsuku* are everywhere – at school, at home, in the grocery store, and yes, even on the roads!

There is something so deeply rewarding about this builders theme as we watch your children fall into the rhythm of *kigatsuku*. Imagine the energy and influence of an entire community of *kigatsuku* as we work toward something better than just ourselves. Imagine doing it without reward or compensation. Imagine what we could accomplish if we did the simplest thing- see a need, meet a need.

Students, as we look around us this month, and throughout our life, let’s remember to have Kigatsuku or a strong desire to act, or help, or make good choices, WITHOUT being told what to do. Throughout this month, I would love to have you write me notes of ways you have served or seen Kigatsuku by others.

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

**ROCK THE SOCKS!** Did you know that 30% of Utah’s Homeless are children? Let’s show them we care! We accept new or gently used and laundered socks of any size, color, or style. Your students can drop off donations in their elementary homeroom or secondary 4<sup>th</sup> period classroom. The drive starts today! Thank you for your generosity!

**2019-2020 Priority Enrollment Deadline: December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

It's that time of year where we begin enrollment preparations for the 2019-2020 school year. If you have additional children that you would like to be considered for priority enrollment at American Prep, click on the **New Siblings** link below. **This application is for SIBLINGS ONLY of students currently attending one of our American Prep schools. Not cousins, neighbors etc.** You must complete the link below by Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> to be considered for the lottery in January. Don’t miss this opportunity for your child to be considered for the sibling & priority enrollment lottery for the 2019-2020 school year.

**New Siblings (including Kindergarten that will turn 5 before September 1<sup>st</sup>) and Staff Students**

<https://goo.gl/dvm2FX>

**Request a Transfer or Withdraw your student for 2019-2020**

<https://goo.gl/SF45Lv>



### **Volunteer Science Fair Judges Needed**

On December 5th at 10:30 we will be having our annual school science fair. We are in need of parents who can be judges for the student's science fair projects. If you are available please contact Mr. Winegar at [jwinegar@apamail.org](mailto:jwinegar@apamail.org). Thank you for being willing to help.

### **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 also.

### **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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Jr. 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade band & orchestra concert will be held on Thursday at December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. The JH band & orchestra concert will also be held on Thursday, December 6 at 7pm with the HS concert following at 8pm.

The Winter choir concert will feature our 5<sup>th</sup> grade choir as well as JH/HS choirs and will be held on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Mark your calendars for a great show! See you there!

### **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.

### **Board Member Needed**

The Governing Board is accepting applications for seats on their board. We invite any interested person to apply. Although all board members have historically been parents of students (or former students), applicants do not have to be parents of students at the school, but could also simply be interested community members.

The Board's mission is to ensure the successful operation of American Preparatory Utah campuses. The board is responsible to the State of Utah for ensuring fidelity to the school's charter (the Board's contract with the State), for proper financial operations, oversight and accounting of the schools, and for school operations that comply with the requirements in the laws and rules of the state of Utah and the federal government, as applicable.

The Board seeks individuals to apply who are committed to the mission of American Preparatory Academy, who have some experience and understanding of the school model, and who can commit to attendance at all monthly meetings of the board (with few exceptions).

The application for consideration is attached to this electronic version of the newsletter. All applications will be reviewed by the board members. Interviews will be conducted by the Board upon invitation. Thank you for your consideration of this volunteer opportunity!

### **School Lunch**

Online ordering is open for the month of December and January! If you have been trying to log in and receive an error message, please email [lunch@apamail.org](mailto:lunch@apamail.org) or visit the lunchroom for assistance. The link for online ordering can be found here: <https://www.americanprep.org/school-lunch-program/> Beginning January 4<sup>th</sup>, we are offering the muffin and breadsticks every week. These are the two most popular lunch items!

### **Elementary News**

#### **Uniform Addition for K-6 Girls**

As winter weather is coming on, we find a need to clarify our K-6 uniform policy and we have also made some *changes*. Please see below!!

##### **1. Baby, it's cold outside!!!**

COATS: Please remember to send your children with a coat for outside play, with gloves and hats when appropriate. If they don't have the proper clothing, they won't be allowed outside!

##### **2. These boots were made for walkin'!!!**

BOOTS: Every year we have questions about boots. Once the snow hits, students may want boots to wear on the playground. If they are snow boots, that is great - we will ask that students change into shoes when they come inside but snow boots can be really great on the playground - warm, skid-proof, etc! Unfortunately, the "dress boots" many girls wear have VERY slippery soles and don't do well in snow or ice. They really were made for walking in climate controlled hallways! But not so much for a slippery playground! Please consider that our



playgrounds sometimes do have snow on them.

### 3. **BRRR!**

**PANTS FOR GIRLS:** Currently our K-6 girls can wear navy pants under their skirts, but we are expanding that option to allow K-6 girls to wear navy pants *instead* of their skirts if they wish. In an effort to help girls in K-6 to stay warm, they may wear navy pants instead of their skirts **or** under their skirts, whichever they choose. We have attached the updated uniform guide for K-6 girls. Please note that there are 2 styles of navy pants that are allowed.

We are excited to have a healthy and happy winter. Thank you for preparing your children for the upcoming season of snow and wet weather.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Ambassador Event**

On **December 6th from 12:40 - 3:30 PM**, we invite all the **6th Grade students** to join us for a celebration! At this event we will teach students how to be a respectful guest, how to use their voice, how to set a table, and polite ways to serve and dine with others.

\* **Note:** This is a required event and will be included as a part of each student's citizenship grade.

**Parents!** Volunteers are needed and welcome! We need volunteers to help team leaders to help students rotate between stations, and assist with setup and cleanup. You are going to love to be a part of the activities we have planned. If you are available to help for any amount of time, please contact Jamie Jackson at [jjackson@apamail.org](mailto:jjackson@apamail.org).

### **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:

- 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!

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

### **High School Basketball Games at Vivint Arena**

Our boys and girls HS basketball teams have an exciting opportunity to play in the Vivint SmartHome Arena on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>! Students who have no Fs, Ds or NGs will have the chance to see the game if parents or guardians complete the permission slip to ride the bus to the arena during the school day. Students will return around 3pm. We will also have a performance by the APA dance team! We encourage all parents to come and support the teams as they play against St. Joseph's school. Families may also purchase tickets to the Utah Jazz game against the **Houston Rockets** that evening for a discounted price at <https://groupmatics.events/event/apawestvalley>. Tickets are valid for both the high school game in the afternoon and the Utah Jazz vs. Houston Rockets game. All tickets must be ordered in advance, no onsite ticket sales on day of game. Contact Mr. Argyle with questions at [margyle@apamail.org](mailto:margyle@apamail.org).

### **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.

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**

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!

**Kirsten Adams** – (Secondary Foods & Nutrition) received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Utah majoring in Health Promotion and Education, with a minor in Nutrition. Kirsten Adams previously received her Associates of Occupational Studies at Scottsdale Culinary Institute, earning a Le Cordon Bleu Culinary Arts Degree. Kirsten started her 10-year culinary career at Walt Disney World, Florida, and has continued to hold positions such as Chef de Partie, Assistant Manager, and General Manager. She owns her own small



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catering business and enjoys participating in community markets. Mrs. Adams loves sharing her knowledge with others by helping others discover their own skills at cooking.

**Emilee Barker** – (4<sup>th</sup> grade) Emilee received her Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition with a minor in psychology from SUU. During that time, her love for helping children develop through proper nutrition and positive interactions. She started with APA as an instructor and immediately fell in love with teaching. She is currently working towards a Master degree in Education.

**Brogan Bateman** - Ms. Bateman received her Bachelor of Science from Brigham Young University with a major in Economics and a minor in Business Management. She began her professional experience working in the finance industry but knew that teaching was always something she wanted to try. Her love of learning continues to grow as she has the privilege to help that same love grow in her students. The inspiration of her two family members who also teach high school math, has nourished her desire to educate the youth. She greatly looks forward to the day she can go back to school and get her master's degree.

**Tiffanie Brown** – (Kindergarten) received her Bachelor of Science degree from Utah State University with a major in Family and Human Development with an emphasis in Early Childhood Education. After 6 years of teaching in a therapeutic school setting, she took a brief time away and worked as a caseworker with children in foster care; however, her passion for learning and desire to help children drove her back to teaching. She shares her passion for teaching with two of her sisters who are also educators. She looks forward to the day when she can return to school and pursue a master's degree.

**Henry Cáceres – (Band)** Dr. Cáceres holds a Bachelor's Degree in Music Performance and Music Education from the Universidad de Chile, a Master's Degree in Music Performance and a Doctors Degree in Music Performance with a minor in Orchestra and Band conducting from the University of Utah. He has performed and taught music in the most important venues in Chile, South America and Europe such as, Universidad de Chile, Teatro Municipal Santiago de Chile, Teatro Universidad de Concepción-Chile, Teatro Teresa Carreño, Venezuela, Assisi, Italy, Stony Brook University-New York, among others. He is currently working on getting his teaching licensing (A.P.T.)

**David D'Agostini – (Drama)** Mr. D'Agostini received his Bachelor of Fine Arts from Brigham Young University with a major in Music Dance Theatre, and his Masters of Fine Arts in Dramatic Arts from the University of San Diego. He has worked professionally as an actor in California, New York City, and Utah, and has been the managing director of two successful theatre companies. Having himself benefited from the experience and expertise of many top theatre and film industry professionals over three decades of work, Mr. D'Agostini is excited to now teach and mentor students in the dramatic arts at American Preparatory Academy.

**Laura Fernelius** – (4th grade) Received her Bachelors of Science from Brigham Young University-Idaho where she studied Spanish Education and Teaching English as a Second Language (TESOL). She also received her Masters of Science in Management and Leadership from Western Governors University. She has always had a love



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for languages and cultures and helping minorities and underrepresented individuals achieve their dreams. She currently teaches night classes to immigrants and refugees, in addition to teaching at APA, and feels tremendously honored to participate in the educational journey with each of her students, young and old.

**Christie MacAvoy** – (2<sup>nd</sup> grade) received her Bachelor of Arts from Bob Jones University with a major in Elementary Education, and a minor in Psychology. She has taught 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in Virginia and Missouri. Her love of children’s literature, has given her a passion to share the joy of reading with her students. Along with teaching young learners how to love reading, she aspires to write her own books for children.

**Brittany Morettini** – (Kindergarten) received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Hawaii with a major in Political Science. She has worked as a substitute teacher in California and taught in Hawaii. At another time she worked in the customer service industry but felt at home in the classroom. Brittany comes from a family of educators including elementary and high school teachers. She recently got her Master’s in Psychology.

**Mary Anne Rojas** – is a graduate from SUNY Oneonta with a Bachelor of Science in English and Africana & Latino Studies. Ms. Rojas competed with the Oneonta Poetry Slam Association for four years, travelling and competing in The College Union Poetry Slam Invitational around the United States. She received her Master of Arts in Transnational Studies with a concentration in Caribbean & Latino/a Studies at the University at Buffalo. Ms. Rojas attended la Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán Facultad de Ciencias Antropológicas. in Mexico for anthropological research and afro-diasporic literature.

**Tawni Romero** – (3rd grade) received her Masters Degree in School Counseling from the University of Phoenix. This is her 3<sup>rd</sup> year teaching at American Preparatory Academy, teaching both 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and Kindergarten. Both her mother and father were teachers and coaches at the Junior High and High School level. For 15 years, she worked in the travel industry before putting herself through college. She loves sports, especially Hockey and Football. Her favorite thing is spending time with her 3 boys.

**Michael Romney** – (ballroom dance) received his Bachelor of Science from Brigham Young University with a major in Family Studies and a minor in World Dance. He then received his Master of Fine Arts in Dance from the University of Hawai’i Mānoa. He has worked as adjunct faculty at Brigham Young University in the World Dance department where he taught many styles of dance and was assistant director of the International Folk Dance Ensemble. Michael also enjoys working in the community as a performer, director and choreographer of Theater and Musical Theater. He is enthusiastic about working with the students at APA and hopes he can share his experience in a way that brings understanding and joy.

**Melissa Smith** - (4th Grade) received her Bachelor of Science from Utah State University with a major in Literary Studies. Her love of reading and learning is what has driven her to the field of elementary education.

**Sarah Tripp** – (Math Teacher) Is one semester away from receiving her degree in Mathematics Education from Western Governors University. She has worked as an elementary instructor at APA’s Draper campuses for 2 years before coming to West Valley 2. At another time she worked in an accounting office, and as a small business





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manager, but always knew she belonged in education. Her love of teaching others and learning new things has kept her actively pursuing a job in which she could share her knowledge with others. She looks forward to the day when she can go back to school and get her master's degree.