



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

School Calendar – WV2 Campus

September 28, 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>

Saturday, September 29	Saturday School 8am to 11am
Monday, October 1	4-6 Grade Field Trips 4 th Grade: Bean Life Science Museum @BYU 5 th Grade: Camp Floyd 6 th Grade: Olympic Oval & Living Planet Aquarium
Monday, October 1	JH Soccer vs. Excelsior 4:30pm
Monday, October 1	JH Volleyball @Dual Immersion 4pm & 5pm
Tuesday, October 2	Parent Night (Preventing Substance Abuse) 6pm
Wednesday, October 3	Hearing Screenings (see below)
Wednesday, October 3	HS Cross Country @Titan 3pm
Wednesday, October 3	HS Baseball @Wasatch Academy 4pm
Wednesday, October 3	HS Volleyball vs. Rowland Hall 5:45pm/7pm
Wednesday, October 3	JH Volleyball @Monticello 4pm/5pm
Wednesday, October 3	JH Soccer vs. Spectrum 4:30pm
Wednesday, October 3	JH Cross Country State competition 5:30pm
Wednesday, October 3	StemFest for secondary after school students
Thursday, October 4	6 th Grade FRIENDship Event 12:40pm-3:10pm
Thursday, October 4	HS Volleyball vs. Rockwell 5:45pm/7pm
Friday, October 5	Spirit Wear Day (4-12 grades)
Friday, October 5	1-3 Field Trips 1 st Grade: Natural History Museum 2 nd Grade: Wheeler Farm & This is the Place Monument 3 rd Grade: Jordan Landfill & Water Treatment Facility
Saturday, October 6	Saturday School 8am to 11am

Monday, October 8	Fall Choir Concert 7pm
Tuesday, October 9	FAFSA Completion Open House 5:30pm-7:30pm
Wednesday, October 10	12 th Grade Senior Sunrise 7am – 10:30am
Wednesday, October 10	7 th Grade 12PM Dismissal
Wednesday, October 10	8 th & 9 th Grade PSAT test & 12PM dismissal
Wednesday, October 10	10 th & 11 th Grade PSAT/NMSQT test 8am
Wednesday, October 10	10 th Grade 12PM Dismissal



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Wednesday, October 10	11 th Grade Overlook Hike 12:30pm-4:30pm
Thursday, October 11	10 th Grade BBQ Social (GPA Reward) 2:30pm-4pm
Thursday, October 11	HS volleyball
Thursday, October 11	Advanced Fall Preview Concert 7pm
Friday, October 12	End of First Term – all students
Friday, October 12	Spirit Wear Day (K-3 Only)
Saturday, October 13	Saturday School 8am-11am

Looking Ahead.....

October 15-19

No School – Fall Break

Monday, October 22	School Resumes 8am
Monday, October 22	Beginning of Second Term
October 22-26	College Week
Tuesday, October 23	Secondary College Visits Day
Wednesday, October 24	College Fair
Thursday, October 25	Elementary PTCs 3pm-7pm
Friday, October 26	Elementary No School PTCs 8am-1pm
Wednesday, October 31	All Students Early Dismissal 12pm/12:20pm Staff Professional Development

Hello American Prep Families,

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

APA is such a great place to be! Our students are A-W-E-S-O-M-E! Our teachers and staff are A-MA-ZING! Our parents are OUT-STAND-ING! Perhaps as you just read the previous sentences, the chants and cheers we do here at school come to your mind. If they didn't, ask your children if they know these school cheers so they can teach them to you. These cheers bring enthusiasm to our day. The rhythmic chants that flow from classrooms and breakout rooms are an affirmation of excited learning. They affect emotional animation and energy as well as being quite contagious. Ask your children to teach you a few of our cheers so that you can bring this same enthusiasm into your home.

Parent Student Handbook Spotlight

Electronic Free School Nights

American Prep recommends that families adopt a “no TV, no Video games” policy Monday through Thursday. There has been lots of research showing that it is not good for students to watch television and play video games on a daily basis. Lack of physical exercise is resulting in obesity in epidemic proportions in our country, even in



our children. We encourage our families to provide opportunities for their students to exercise through play and study during the weekday evenings.

School Lunch News

School lunch is being served! Our amazing school lunch team is working hard to make improvements and adjustments, thank you for your patience! If you have feedback, questions, or concerns, you can email lunch@apamail.org. Families who who qualified for free/reduced lunch during the 2017-2018 school year and have not completed a new application, must do so this week in order to maintain their free/reduced status. **All students who do not have a new application for the 2018-2019 school year will revert to full pay status beginning Monday.**

If you have not had a chance to complete the Free/Reduced lunch application, we invite ALL families to do so! It helps as our school seeks funding for the many programs that we provide here at APA. You can find the link here: <https://www.americanprep.org/school-lunch-program/>. You can also request a paper application from a lunch worker at the school or the office.

Lunch staff will be available Monday morning from 8am to 10am to help process applications, help with ordering food for October and to answer any questions.

Online ordering for October is now available.

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 almost met the Red Cross 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!

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 for students in 5th grade and older.

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.

NoroVirus – message from the Nurse

Over the past week I have received multiple emails in regards to the norovirus (gastrointestinal illness) that has been going around in neighboring school districts the past few weeks. I reached out to the Utah County Health



Department (for Salem Campus) & the Salt Lake County Health Department (for Draper & West Valley Campuses) & both of them stated that the number of reported cases has died down significantly, but that they are still receiving some reports of confirmed cases.

I thought I would forward on some educational information so you all have some reminders and additional steps that can be taken both by school and by parents/students to prevent the spread of norovirus (gastrointestinal illness). **The biggest thing** is the importance of cleaning surfaces sufficiently & having everyone wash their hands frequently.

For parents/students:

- Have children wash their hands when they get home from school
- Keep children home if they are feeling ill and for 48 hours after symptoms stop
- Norovirus can easily spread in the home

Most people will get sick from norovirus 24-48 hours after being exposed

If you have more than one bathroom in the home then one bathroom should be used for those ill and another bathroom used for anyone healthy

Clean and disinfect per the CDC guidelines after someone vomits or has diarrhea

<https://www.cdc.gov/features/norovirus/index.html> Video on how to clean: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TAkH4jakLYA>

If you have been sick don't prepare food for others until 48 hours after symptoms stop

Carpool Information & Reminders

- When dropping off and picking up pull all the way forward, as far as you can.
- No Honking – please do not honk to get the attention of your student. Remind them to be watching for you as your time is valuable and everyone wants the carpool process to go quickly AND safely.
- 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!

Recruit the Best and Retain the Best!

We all know that American Prep's greatest assets are our teachers and staff!

Research shows that the most important factor affecting student learning is his or her teacher. When students are placed with a high performing teacher three years in a row, gains in student achievement are significant and their chances of attending college are increased. Friends of APA has created a unique way to say "thank you" by forming the Builders Club.



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The Builders Club is a program that provides bonuses and staff compensation for our teachers. *We invite all our parents to become members of the Builders Club by making monthly donations for each student that attends APA.* We want to reward our teachers so we can retain them and provide an excellent education for our students well into the future. *To join the Builders Club, go to <https://www.americanprepfoundation.org/apa-builders-club> and complete the form.* If you prefer to donate in person each month, you can donate at the front office.

Elementary News

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!

Alma News <https://apa-wv2.getalma.com/>

ALMA is the online grading system that is used for Elementary. www.apa-wv2.getalma.com

Each parent who has provided an email account to the school, will have access to their students grades. This online grading system allows the parents to check their student's grades, missing assignments, and see academic progress.

As we have previously communicated you now have the ability to receive notifications for any missing assignment your child may have. We have enabled this for all parents. By default you will receive a weekly text message sent on Thursdays. Please note, if your account is not set up to receive text messages you will receive an email instead. The text message will come from **385-351-3090** and the emails will come from notifications@getalma.com.

If you wish to edit your notifications settings, log in to Alma. Click on "My Account" from under your name in the upper right corner. From there you will see your preferences for "Missing Assignment Notifications". Set your preference and be sure to click SAVE when you are finished in the bottom right corner.

6th Grade Friendship Activity

On Thursday October 4, our 6th grade students have their first Ambassador event! This event will teach them the value of being a good friend, some valuable dining etiquette skills and other awesome Ambassador skills. This event runs from 12:40pm until 3:15pm at the school. If you'd like to volunteer for this event, please contact Ms. Nash at MNash@apamail.org.



Community News

Free Skiing/Riding for Kindergarten - 5th Graders

Introducing our FREE Epic Schoolkids Utah Pack! The new Utah Pack is available for Kindergarten through 5th Grade students and includes:

- 5 days of skiing and riding at Park City – now the largest ski resort in the U.S.*
- 1 free first-timer ski or ride lesson, including equipment rental, during the month of January as part of Learn to Ski month.

How to Register <https://amp.snow.com/utah>

- Parents, visit the Canyons Base Camp Season Pass office, Breeze Ice Rink or Canyon Mountain Sports in Park City with your child.
- The child(ren) must be present.
- Please bring physical copies of the child's photo, their Utah report card/transcript/school ID or birth certificate and proof of Utah residency (Utah state driver's license, utility bill or mortgage statement).
- Parents, don't miss out on the fun and buy your today. <https://www.epicpass.com/info/Epic-SchoolKids/Utah> <https://amp.snow.com/utah>

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- [Tell your friends](#), and hurry, the Epic SchoolKids Utah Pack is only available for a limited time.
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***Epic Schoolkids Utah Pack is available to Utah residents only. Holiday restrictions apply to ski days and restrictions apply to the free lesson. Click below for full details.**

<https://www.epicpass.com/info/Epic-SchoolKids/Utah> <https://amp.snow.com/utah>

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
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

September 29th - 8am to 11am

October 6th - 8am to 11am

October 13th - 8am to 11am

Aspire online grading system for Secondary students and parents to check grades

I wanted to send out a reminder about the importance of checking your student's grades on a regular basis. We all need to be accountable, it helps us stay focused and reach our goals. Please check your student's grades often.



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Give them praise for the hardworking they're doing. Help them get back on track if they're missing assignments or arriving late to class. We've included instructions for parents to receive their log in if you haven't yet created it. If you need help remembering a password or looking up your log in, please contact the school at 385-351-3090.

We want all of our families to be using Aspire at least weekly. If you are not currently using Aspire and need a username and password, first go to this link: <https://amerprep.usoe-dcs.org/Login.aspx> Once on the home page, click where it says "Request a Username" below the login box. You will need your student's four-digit ID number and their birthday. You can then setup your information. You can even have Aspire send you notifications on your phone or email if your student has missing work! Contact the High School or Jr. High office if you have any questions.

Senior Shirts

Senior shirts are now available for purchase in the high school office for \$15! The proceeds of these shirts will go towards the senior class gift to APA. They are approved spirit wear items, which means they can be worn the first Friday of every month, as well as other designated days throughout the month. These would be a great gift for your senior, or a great item for a parent to show support for your class of 2019 graduate! Stop by the high school office to get one today!

8th Grade Barn & BBQ

Last week our 8th grade students put on their cowboy hats and bandanas for all of the fun at the Barn Dance & BBQ Event! Our students did a wonderful job practicing skills such as listening during conversation, the importance of teamwork, how to seat a lady, and how having a positive attitude makes a big difference when the going gets rough! **Huge thanks to our parent volunteers!**

Sports News

HS Baseball

Our APA Eagles played their final home game this week as the bleachers were packed with families, students and staff cheering on the home team! The two seniors on the team, Erick Cordova and Brissa Morales, played well and made the team and school proud. The team took home a win with the final score of 8-3!

HS & JH Girls Volleyball

Both the JH and HS girls volleyball team are enjoying their season as the teams learn to work together and build an awesome volleyball program. The HS girls team appreciate playing under the bright new LED lights in the high school gym. Stop by and cheer on the Lady Eagles before the season ends!

Cross Country and JH Boys Soccer

The cross country teams and JH boys soccer team are working hard as they have meets and games with schools around the state. Check out the schedule at <http://westvalley2.americanprep.org/> and support your favorite APA Eagles team today!



As a reminder, your students cannot have any F's or NG's, and must have a 2.0 GPA or higher to participate in sports at APA. Go Eagles!

Fees

All fees are currently past due. Please stop by the office to pay fees for your student(s) in 7th-12th grade as soon as possible.

Parent Night (Preventing Substance Abuse) 6pm

Students and parents please come to our substance abuse night on Tuesday, October 2nd at 6 pm. There will be great discussion and information regarding substance abuse. Also students can get two tardies removed by attending!

Collegium Hall News

We would like to welcome all secondary students to attend Collegium Hall. Collegium Hall is a study hall that provides tutoring, snacks, and activities for your teens. Math teachers are available to tutor students in Collegium Hall.

Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays - 3:30-6:30 pm

Wednesdays & Thursdays - 2:30-5:30 pm

Clubs

In addition to Collegium Hall, there are many after school clubs available for students in 7th-12th grade. Stop by the after school office or email one of the after school directors for additional information.

If your student decides not to participate in an after school program, parents need to pick up students by 3:35 pm.

Collegium Hall Field Trip to STEM Fest

On Wednesday, October 3rd, Collegium Hall will be hosting an 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.