



# AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

## School Calendar – WV2 Campus

August 23, 2019

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>

Monday, August 26	After School Programs Begin
Tuesday, August 27	HS Boys Baseball @St. Joseph 4pm
Tuesday, August 27	JH Boys Soccer vs Monticello
Tuesday, August 27	HS Volleyball @Cyprus
Wednesday, August 28	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Minute to Win It 12:45pm-3:45pm off campus
Wednesday, August 28	JH Girls Volleyball @Dual Immersion
Thursday, August 29	First Fire Drill
Thursday, August 29	JH Boys Soccer vs Dual Immersion
Thursday, August 29	JH Cross Country
Thursday, August 29	HS Girls Volleyball vs Rockwell 5:45pm
Friday, August 30	HS Baseball @Maeser 2pm

<b>Monday, September 2</b>	<b>No School – Labor Day</b>
Tuesday, September 3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Sistema Cohort Meeting 6pm
Tuesday, September 3	HS Baseball @Rockwell 4pm
Tuesday, September 3	JH Boys Soccer @ Excelsior
Tuesday, September 3	HS Volleyball vs UMA Hillfield 5:45pm
Wednesday, September 4	JH Girls Volleyball vs Spectrum
Wednesday, September 4	JH Cross country @Athlos
Thursday, September 5	JH Boys Soccer vs Spectrum Academy
Thursday, September 5	HS Volleyball vs Waterford
Friday, September 6	<i>Spirit Wear Day!</i>
Friday, September 6	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Unity Walk 8am-3pm
Friday, September 6	HS Baseball @UMA Hillfield
Friday, September 6	HS Cross Country Murray Invitational

### Looking Ahead.....

Monday, September 9	JH Girls Volleyball vs Channing Hall 5pm
Tuesday, September 10	HS Baseball vs St Joseph
Tuesday, September 10	HS Volleyball @St Joseph
Tuesday, September 10	JH Cross Country
Tuesday, September 10	JH Boys Soccer vs McGillis



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Wednesday, September 11	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade W.O.R.K. Party 12:45pm-3:45pm
Wednesday, September 11	JH Girls Volleyball @ICS 5pm
Thursday, September 12	JH Boys Soccer vs Monticello
Thursday, September 12	HS volleyball @LCA
Thursday, September 12	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade United Way Day 8am-12pm
Friday, September 13	HS Baseball vs. APA Draper 4pm

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<b>Wednesday, September 18</b>	<b>Secondary Early Dismissal 12pm</b> (Intervention PTCs)
Thursday, September 19	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade FriendSHIP Event 12:45pm-3:45pm
Friday, September 20	Land Trust Meeting 1:30pm
Friday, September 20	Student Government Leader Tailgate Event 3:30pm-5:30pm @Centennial Park
Friday, September 20	HS Boys Baseball Game

## **Hello American Prep Families,**

As our first school week comes to a close, we would like to thank each of you for your patience and enthusiasm throughout the week. The school year has started out GREAT! Already, our students are working smarter and looking smarter. They are demonstrating respect for self, peers, and staff. As we pass through classrooms, it's exciting to see and hear the higher level of learning that began on the first day of school and has remained strong through the end of the week. We are excited about our excellent team of teachers and staff this year. It was so great to see so many of you at the Back to School Nights/Parent Orientations this week.

We hope you enjoyed your time at school and that you learned some helpful things you need to know in order to have a great year this year with your students. We have appreciated all the positive feedback from parents and students. Have a delightful weekend. We're looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday for another marvelous week at American Preparatory Academy.

### **School Phone Number**

**385-351-3090**

Press 1 for elementary office

Press 2 for Junior High office & Secondary attendance

Press 3 for High School office

### **Builders Theme: Our theme this month is Be A Builder**

Many of our wonderful parents and staff have been great examples of this theme over the past month as we have all worked together to get our school up and running. We are now hoping to inspire our students to enjoy being a builder! We also ask during the month of August & September that our families memorize the Builders Poem. All students are memorizing this poem in school.



**PARENTS – Please memorize this poem during the months of August and September.** It is so great for your children to see that you are on board with the “builders” theme for our school. It is SO AWESOME to see our students embrace the builders philosophy and you can feel the happy, positive outcome when you are in the school. Thanks parents, for reinforcing the builders themes in your homes!

### **Builders**

I saw them tearing a building down,  
A gang of men in a busy town.

With a yo heave ho and a lusty yell,  
They swung a beam and the sidewall fell.

I asked the foreman if these men were as skilled  
As those he would hire if he were to build.

He laughed and said, “Oh, no indeed,  
Common labor is all I need,

For they can wreck in a day or two,  
What builders have taken years to do.”

So I asked myself, as I went my way,  
Which of these roles am I to play?

Am I the builder, who works with care,  
Measuring life by the rule and square;

Or am I the wrecker who walks the town,  
Content in the role of tearing down?

I’ve made my decision; I’ll start today,  
I’ll be a builder in every way.

### **Elementary Communication Envelopes and Volunteer Hours**

Next week, you will receive your **Communication Envelope** for the first time. It will come home every week with the youngest elementary student in your home. Please take a few minutes and review the material in the Envelope taking special notice of the **Newsletter**. This newsletter contains a calendar, explanation of upcoming events, and important information from our Directors. After you have emptied the envelope, initial and date that you did receive your envelope and record any volunteer hours you may have served during the week with a



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permanent marker (sharpie) in the spaces provided, then return it to your student's backpack so we can refill it next week. They will be logged on the volunteer spreadsheet. We could not provide the amazing programs we do without you as parents so willingly giving of your time to help out. Thank you!

PLEASE, if you did not receive a laminated manila Communication Envelope with your youngest or only student's name and teacher, please email the elementary office at [kwright@apamail.org](mailto:kwright@apamail.org) so one can be prepared for your family.

## **Welcome New Office Staff**

Please stop by and meet some of our new staff members in the offices at American Prep! We are excited to welcome Ms. Corinne Hurst who will be working with Ms. Wright and Mrs. Hymas in the elementary office. They are all here to assist students, parents, and staff with many needs. They make a great team in our elementary office. Stop by and say "Hi!"

Ms. Nicole Jaynes is happily engaged in working with secondary students, parents and staff. Ms. Jaynes assists with student nametags, attendance, spirit wear, dress code challenges, and much more! She would love for secondary parents to stop by and say "Hello!" Her office is located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor in the main secondary entrance.

Mrs. Meredith Patterson continues to assist secondary students, parents and staff in the High School office. Together, Mrs. Patterson and Ms. Jaynes will work side by side to provide exceptional service to all!

Feel free to stop by and give a warm welcome to any of our office staff!

## **School Safety**

Our first fire drill of the year will be held on Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> around 10am. We will have monthly fire drills as well as occasional lock down and evacuation drills. We also invite the West Valley Police Department to occasionally bring the police dogs to our campus to check for drugs. We do all we can to keep APA a safe environment for all students, but we request your help. If you or your student(s) know of anything happening against school rules, we ask that you let us know immediately. We appreciate the entire APA community helping to make this a great place!

## **Visiting American Prep**

Please remember that anytime you need to come to school; even if it is to deliver a lunch or a docket; you must stop by the office to sign in and get a visitor's badge. You will be asked to return to the office if you are not wearing a visitor badge. We have quite a few new staff members who would not know if you are a parent to one of our students or someone dangerous. Please help us keep all of our students and staff safe.

## **Elementary Show What you Know Assemblies (SWYK)**

Every Wednesday morning, K-6 students meet in the gym when they arrive at school, and we have an assembly. Students and staff recite the Pledge of Allegiance and sing the 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> verse of The Star-Spangled Banner. Classes



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perform poems, songs, and other things that “show what they know”. **Parents are always invited to attend!** The assemblies only last a few minutes, from 8:00 to about 8:25. Come join us any Wednesday! You will be amazed at what our students can show you!

## **School Schedule**

School begins at 7:55 AM (tardy bell rings at 8AM). Doors will be open no earlier than **7:30AM**.

1<sup>st</sup> dismissal is at 3:10PM and 2<sup>nd</sup> dismissal begins at 3:35PM. See the daily school schedule below:

Monday 8:00AM-3:10PM (1<sup>st</sup> dismissal) & 3:35PM (2<sup>nd</sup> dismissal)  
Tuesday 8:00AM-3:10PM (1<sup>st</sup> dismissal) & 3:35PM (2<sup>nd</sup> dismissal)  
Wednesday 8:00AM-**2:10PM** (1<sup>st</sup> dismissal) & **2:35PM** (2<sup>nd</sup> dismissal)  
Thursday 8:00AM-**2:10PM** (1<sup>st</sup> dismissal) & **2:35PM** (2<sup>nd</sup> dismissal)  
Friday 8:00AM-3:10PM (1<sup>st</sup> dismissal) & 3:35PM (2<sup>nd</sup> dismissal)

## **From the Elementary Academic Office**

It's great to be with your students! We are in the process of finishing assessing new students in grades K-6 to place into Reading and Math groups. The first few weeks of school we call the groups “Maybe Groups” because we are anticipating changes in group placement. If you have any questions after placement, please feel free to contact Mrs. Woolston for grades K-3 at [ewoolston@apamail.org](mailto:ewoolston@apamail.org) or Mrs. Rodriguez for grades 4-6 at [jrodriguez@apamail.org](mailto:jrodriguez@apamail.org).

## **Pick Up and Drop Off (Carpool)**

We want to thank all the families that are following the carpool rules. A few reminders:

- Please remember to put your cell phones away while the carpool line is moving.
- Walking passes are for students that are walking home, NOT to the gas station or somewhere else to avoid the carpool process.
- Carpool cards must be displayed in your vehicle front window to help us know where to direct traffic and what students you are picking up.
- Unless you have business to take care of inside the school, we ask that you do not park and walk your student(s) inside or pick them up from inside. Students have had this first week of school to learn where they gather in the mornings, and elementary students are walked out together at the end of the day. Parking and getting out of your car slows the carpool process, as we have to stop traffic for you crossing the crosswalk and backing your vehicle out of the stall. Please help the carpool process become efficient and safe by dropping and picking up your student(s) at the curb at the correct time.
- Pull all the way forward. We know it is tempting to stop right by the doors to let your student out. This slows the process for everyone behind you. Please pull all the way forward.



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- First dismissal students have blue or orange carpool cards and will be dismissed at 3:10pm on M/T/F and 2:10 pm on W/TH. Second dismissal students have yellow and green carpool cards and will be dismissed at 3:35pm on M/T/F and 2:35pm on W/TH. If you are second dismissal, please do not arrive early as we will still be helping our first dismissal families get to cars and get on their way. ☺

## **Character Corner**

Our new school year is off to a great start and we have already seen lots of builder behavior! We are excited to have the students continue to learn these great builder-like qualities. Ask your children if they've seen the lunch time chat video "Brick by Brick." Talk to them about what "bricks" they are getting in place in their lives. Kindness? Honesty? Diligence? Encourage them to focus on one "brick" until they have it mastered. As parents you can model builder behavior in lots of ways! Whether it's following the carpool rules, being on time, or speaking respectfully to other people, your children will learn how to be builders from your example. Thank you for being builders yourselves as we work together to help your children become builders as well! Here's to another great year!

## **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Instruments**

A reminder that 6<sup>th</sup> grade students need to have instruments ready to bring to school by Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Contact your child's homeroom teacher with questions.

## **School Lunch**

You can order lunch for September NOW: [Click Here to Order](#)

YOU MUST ORDER 48 hours in advance.

If you forgot your password try 1234. Otherwise, [email\\_lunch@apamail.org](mailto:email_lunch@apamail.org) and we will reset it for you. If your status was Free or Reduced last year you can still order lunch for this school year thru September 2019. Please click on the BLUE tab (Regular or Vegetarian). The grey tab is NOTE ONLY (explains what the menu item is for the day)!

REMINDER: Please apply for Free and Reduced Lunch for 2019-2020. A new application must be submitted every year.

Online Application

[2019-2020 On-line Lunch Application](#)

## **Aspire for Secondary**

We have a fantastic online tool for our secondary parents called Aspire. This program allows you to look up your student's schedule at any time to see their current grades, check if they have missing work, and to see their attendance. 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



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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.

## **8th Grade W.O.R.K. Party**

On Wednesday, September 11, all 8th Grade students will have the opportunity to provide community service at various locations in the area. The event will run from 12:45pm to 3:45pm. The goal of these projects will be to allow students to do physical, not so glamorous, work to help them realize that everyone has the responsibility to help out in their community. Hence the acronym W.O.R.K. which stands for Wonderful Opportunities to Render Kindness. Here APA not only teaches our students how to work hard, but also how to find opportunities to serve in their community.

\* Note: Signed permission slips are required and must be turned in to 4th period teachers by Friday, September 6, for full points.

\*\* This is a required event and will be included in students 4th period Ambassador Hour grade.

Parents! Volunteers are needed and welcome at this event! If you are available to help for any amount of time, please contact Andrea Arango at [aarango@apamail.com](mailto:aarango@apamail.com) or call the Ambassador Office at (385) 351-3090 Ext. 1234

## **9th Grade Unity Hike**

We would like to welcome the 9th grade back to school. To celebrate with them, we are having our 9th Grad Unity Hike on Friday September 6th. This all-day experience focuses on unifying our students and building their teamwork skills, so... Yes- Attendance is required for all students! They must also be on time so they don’t miss the bus! Please send your student with a water bottle. Supplemental water and snacks will be provided. Along with a positive attitude, students should come dressed in their polo’s, long jeans and comfortable walking shoes. We are excited to have a great time.

## **10<sup>th</sup> Grade Minute to Win It**

10<sup>th</sup> graders STOP! Take a minute. On Wednesday, August 28, 10<sup>th</sup> grade is getting the wonderful opportunity to have fun and get to know each other in our Minute to Win It Event. We will be hosting 12 games and activities where the students will be competing to win great prizes, cheering on each other, and sharing delicious food. The event will take place at the Lone Peak Park (10140 S 700 E Sandy, UT) from 12:45 – 3:45pm. We will have a late parent pick up at 3:35 at the school. Students must attend in full uniform.

\*\* This is a required event and will be included in students 4<sup>th</sup> period Ambassador Hour grade.

## **Student Parking Passes**

Do you have a student the drives to school? YES! Do they have a parking pass? NO? All student who drive to school are required to have a parking pass. If your student hasn't not filled out the paper work to get a parking





pass, please have them do so by Friday August 30th. Students who wish to buy a parking pass may do so for \$10 at the High School office.

### **Secondary Lockers - update**

We have worked hard to ensure all are working properly and ready for the year, but if your student has any issues please have them contact the HS or JH office with their locker number and the issue and we'll correct it promptly.

With the addition of 200 students in our secondary this year, we are working to expand classrooms and install additional lockers. 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will be allowed to use their backpacks for the first week or two of school while they get acclimated to the junior high experience. They will be given their locker combinations to begin practicing and additional lockers will be installed shortly after school begins. We look forward to helping make this a smooth transition for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students as we put the finishing touches in the building.