



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

School Calendar – WV2 Campus

October 11, 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>

Saturday, October 12 Attendance School 8am

Mon.-Fri. Oct. 14-Oct. 18 Fall Break No School

Monday, October 21 JH Boys Basketball Tryouts 3:30pm
 Tuesday, October 22 8th-12th Grade College Visits
 Wednesday, October 23 11th Grade Overlook Hike 12:30pm-5pm
 Wednesday, October 23 College Fair 12pm-3pm
 Wednesday, October 23 HS Girls Volleyball Senior Night
 Thursday, October 24 College Logo Day
 Wear a shirt/blouse representing your favorite college!
 Friday, October 25 K-3 Field Trips

Tuesday, October 29 FAFSA Parent Night 6pm
 Wednesday, October 30 8th-11th Grade PSAT
 Wednesday, October 30 Senior Sunrise 6am-10am
Wednesday, October 30 All School Early Dismissal 12PM/12:15PM (Elem PTCs)
Thursday, October 31 All School Early Dismissal 12PM/12:15PM
 Friday, November 1 No School - Professional Development all staff

Looking Ahead.....

Tuesday, November 5 Picture Make-up Day
 Friday, November 8 Spirit Wear Day
 Monday, November 11 Veterans Day Reception 11:45am
 Monday, November 11 Veterans Day Assembly 1pm
 Monday, November 11 HS Boys & Girls Basketball Tryouts
 Wednesday, November 13 Red Cross Blood Drive
 Wednesday, November 13 7th Grade Care Center Visits
 Thursday, November 14 5th Grade Beach Bash 12:40pm-3:30pm
 Thursday, November 14 Secondary Parent Teacher Conferences 3pm-7pm
 Friday, November 14 Secondary Parent Teacher Conferences 12pm-4pm
 Friday, November 14 Secondary Early Dismissal 12pm



Hello American Prep Families,

Our Builder Theme for the month of October is “I Am A Builder When I Am Perfectly Honest.”

Being perfectly honest means sincerely telling the whole truth in a way that could not be better. We have wonderful students at American Prep who are willing and eager to work toward and demonstrate perfect honesty. We hope you can make honesty a theme at your home this month. Exposing “fibs” and examples of dishonesty is important for our children. They need to clearly see the line between honesty and dishonesty at home as well as at school. Dishonesty is such a plague of our culture in our time. We hope to make a positive difference in our world by working with you to develop hundreds of VERY honest citizens!

Substitutes Needed

We are looking for APA parents to become substitute teachers for our schools! We have found that our amazing parents make the very best substitute teachers! They know the “APA way” and love our students, which are the two most important traits of a successful substitute teacher! We provide all training, and the pay is \$80-90 per day! This is a great time of year to become a substitute teacher - save up for those holiday plans in advance! We provide in-depth, paid training so you will feel comfortable in your duties. **APA is a FUN place to work! We’d love to have you on our team!** Maybe you can only commit to one day per week - that would be fine with us! Or work every day - whatever suits your schedule! We need substitute teachers every day and we would really appreciate your help. Also, please tell your family members and friends about this opportunity!

Order Elementary School Pictures

You still have an opportunity to go online and order pictures at www.bellphoto.com. Go to www.bellphoto.com, click on the PREPAY link, enter the online code: apawv2es2019, follow the prompts to complete your order. Contact Bell Photographers with any questions at 801-479-4624. There are many packages to choose from as well as purchasing items a la carte!

Academic Update: Reading University

The goal of the Reading University program is to instill a love for *independent reading* in our students. Our RU booklist provides value-based literature and varied informational texts that reinforce positive character traits, strengthen vocabulary, and enrich our curriculum.

Students are required to read a specified number of books each term from the Reading University book list and according to their grade level requirements:

- Students may read books at grade level, one grade level below their level, or at any level above their grade level.
- Students in Kindergarten and First Grade have the option of self-reading or being read to.



- Only books that are on the RU list qualify for this program.
- Students may not read a book for credit more than one time.
- Books read to students in school do not qualify for RU credit.

Since the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year, 1000 books have been added to the RU list! Work is being done to continue to add more. Please visit <http://aparu.weebly.com> to see a few of the new books highlighted, news of RU and to find current, printable lists. Remember that students may read one grade level down, their current grade and all grade levels up. Students may also read one “free choice” book per term to count toward their Reading University requirements. Keep reading!

September Reading University Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized in the Wednesday assembly:

Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	6th Grade
Alexander Dixon	Jose Olmedo	Talha Kahn	Brody MacAvoy	Ivan Gaspar	Clover Chacon	Beverly Balderrama
Bridgett Padilla	Myla Ewell	Jaxyn Peterson	Ahtziri Sanchez Mendoza	Dahabo Mberwa	Anthony Martinez	Mayra Islas
Mateo Jarquin	Sophia Allsop	Jurzie Ekins	Gabriela Carrillo	Lautala Fangupo	Xavier Chavez	Braelyn Nobles
					Nathan Gomez	Troy Magana

Veterans Assembly – Looking Ahead

One of our favorite traditions at American Prep is our Veterans Assembly. Each year we hold a very special assembly around Veterans Day to honor those who have served our country. *We hope all our families will invite their friends and family members who are veterans (anyone who has served in any branch of the military or armed forces at any time) to come to the assembly and be honored by our school.* Each guest will receive a special gift and we will have a special program to commemorate the day. The assembly will be held on **Monday, November 11th at 1PM** with a special reception for Veterans at 11:45am. Invitations will be sent home in elementary communication envelopes in a few weeks. If you only have secondary students attending APA, please have them stop by the office to pick up an invitation to give to a veteran.

This event is primarily for our students to be taught, through example and through their own participation, how to respect and honor our nation's veterans. We also want to show our gratitude to those who have served or are currently serving. Unfortunately, space is limited. Having the entire student body and our honored guests in attendance in the gymnasium meets our fire code capacity. Veterans are invited to bring two guests and will receive nametags confirming their admission. Please RSVP regarding a veteran's attendance to Ms. Wright (kwright@apamail.org) or Mrs. Hymas (jhymas@apamail.org) at the front office via email or phone at 385-351-3090.



Thanks for helping us make this a great event for our students and community!

Shakespeare Competition Update

Dance Company A participated in the Shakespeare competition this past weekend at Southern Utah University. The dancers watched *Coriolanus*, supported the other APA performing groups, participated in 8 workshops taught by collegiate Professors, seniors attended a SUU dance scholarship audition, and they competed in two events.

Charly Hoang, Miriam Garcia, and Lexi Quarry competed a trio which won 2nd place! This is only the second time in APA history that we have placed in any event. They were in a category against fourteen other schools and did an awesome job, especially considering finding after school practice time was not an easy feat. I am super proud so I had to share the good news! I have attached the dance (based on King Lear) if you would like to see it.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1tneiG8a5wk>

Barn Event

Yeeha!!! On Wednesday October 9th our 8th grade students wrangled themselves together and 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! While there was a bit of horsing around, the 8th graders really came together and whopping good time! Parents, make sure to test your student's knowledge on the following station quiz questions!

- What color of ink do you use to write a FORMAL thank you note? (use blue or black ink)
- What is an open-ended question? (a question that requires dialogue, a response more than yes or no)
- How can difficult life situations affect us in a positive way? (it can motivate us to be positive and put forth our best effort, challenges make us stronger)

Senior Sunrise

The sun will rise on Wednesday, October 30th and the Senior Class will be there to see it! We are excited to depart from American Prep Academy at 6:50am. After bussing to the Ensign Peak Trail, located on 164 Ensign Vista Dr. Salt Lake City UT. 84103, the 12 graders will embark on their mile round trip hike. After the trek, the sunrise, and the beautiful view of the Salt Lake Valley, the Seniors will be treated to breakfast from 9am to 10am at the school.

Spirit Shirts for Sales

You get a shirt, you get a shirt, and you get a shirt! You can all get a spirit shirt while supplies lasts! These limited-edition spirit shirts will not be restocked once they are sold out. They cost a meager \$10 flat and add to your wonderful American Prep Academy wear with new style and pizzazz. These shirts are available to 7th through



12th graders looking for some more flare in their spirit wear. These shirts fund the Student Government officers as they put on dances and events for the whole student body. In summary, if you buy a shirt, it's like you helping yourself to help yourself help yourself. You can do this by stopping by your friendly neighborhood ambassador office, room 234.

College Week

College week is coming up on Monday October 21, 2019- Friday October 25th, 2019. Some things to look forward to: Our Kick-off assembly on Monday October 21st followed by our College visits on Tuesday, where the 8th-12th graders will visit a college campus and learn all about post high school life. Wednesday, they will receive more information about applications, scholarships, admissions and much more during the College Fair. Thursday will be College Games during lunch, and Friday will be "Share your College Story" where Teachers and faculty will share stories that will uplift and encourage students to attend college. College week is the week we encourage students to discover what college is all about and make plans to attend. We want our students to understand what is needed to go to college and how they can receive the resources they need to qualify.

SGLs Fall Dance

On Saturday, November 9th, 2019 something very exciting is happening. As the brisk air creeps in, the leaves change color and begin to fall from the trees. Not only do we wait for the leaves to drop, we also wait for the beat to drop. That's right, the SGLs are planning the American Prep Academy's Fall casual dance. It will take place on the Saturday from 7-9pm. More details are coming, but for now just plan on "leaf"ing that night open on your calendar to dance the night away.

11th Grade Overlook Hike

On Wednesday, October 23rd, 2019 - 12:30 to 5:00pm. The 11th graders will be venturing off campus to the Salt Lake Overlook Hike. This hike will be located in Millcreek Canyon Road, Salt Lake City, UT 84124. This means it will be a late parent pick up. The Juniors will learn how to overcome obstacles and challenges through this trek. We will provide hot dogs and hot chocolate for the students after we come down from the trail. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to understand how obstacles in life can be used to become better, wiser and more experienced person. We often see the challenges and difficulties of life as a negative influence, but it can be used to become a better individual. *Permission Slips will be due on Friday, October 11th.

Attendance School

If your student has a No Grade (NG) in any class they should plan on participating in the Attendance School until the tardies or unexcused absences have been made up. Please see the parent-student handbook for detailed information about NGs and Attendance School procedures. <https://www.americanprep.org/parent-student-handbooks/> under the attendance section.

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 14th. 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!

College Week

APA will hold its annual college week October 21st-26th. We are excited to help students engage in activities that will help them set their sights and renew their goals of attending college. Experts tell us that attending college helps students to not only earn a better living, but they are also more engaged in their community and are more active in raising happy and healthy families. We have an activity every day, with the highlight activity of our College Campus Visit on Tuesday where every student in grades 8-12 will get to tour one of Utah's amazing Universities.

- **Monday:** College Week Kick-Off Assembly during 4th period
- **Tuesday:** College Visit Day. 7th grade will remain at school. 8th-12th grade will be off campus to visit colleges. Please send the permission form back asap. Lunches will be provided for 8th-11th.
- **Wednesday:** College Fair--College Reps will come visit with students individually as requested during 4th period.
- **Thursday:** College Logo Day and Lunchtime Game Day--Students may wear t-shirts or sweatshirts with a college logo on it with their khaki pants or skirts. Students should wear the regular uniform if they do not want to participate in College Logo Day. (including elementary students)
- **Friday:** Staff Story Day--The students will get to hear about their teacher's college experiences and ask pertinent questions during 4th period.

Do You See College in Your Future?

Utah State University STARS! GEAR UP is a federally-funded program that helps students (and their families) figure out what they want to do with their lives, and how they will get there. Our goal is to expand the college-bound culture in Utah. We want students to know that education after high school is achievable, accessible, and affordable. USU STARS! GEAR UP partners with communities, in schools where at least half of all students qualify for free or reduced-priced lunch. The program is cohort based which means that we work with entire grade bands at a participating school, starting in 7th grade, through high school, and into their first year of college. USU STARS! GEAR UP helps schools help their students. Tutoring, mentoring, after-school and summer programs help students improve school success. Career exploration, field trips, and college visits open up new possibilities. Academic planning events and financial workshops involve families. We also provide teachers with instructional support and training.

Please find the links to our videos outlining Gear Up below (in both English and Spanish!)-



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Spanish - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EzN3SNjn_bs
English - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZNI_rhqGvU4

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Brittany Shields, Gear Up Site Coordinator at bshields@apamail.org

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4TH Annual Holiday Boutique

APA's 4th Annual Holiday Boutique is soon approaching! We still need vendors and student vendors. Details, as well as the vendor and student applications, can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/apaboutiquevendors/>. The cost for a student booth is \$10.

We are also in need of many volunteers to make this fundraiser a success. Please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050548A5AB2EA7F49-4thannual> to sign up to help.

APA Business Directory

We are creating an APA business directory that will be available to all APA families. Thank you to those of you who have submitted your information. If you'd like to have your business included, please email me at mgoudge@americanprepfoundation.org, and I will send you the form. This is free advertising for your business and a great way for APA parents and staff to support other APA families.

Amazon Smile

Do you shop on Amazon.com? If you're like 90% of America's online shoppers, the answer is yes! By going to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/45-4568023> you can choose American Preparatory Education Foundation to be your preferred charitable foundation and Amazon will give us a percentage of your purchases. When you shop on <https://smile.amazon.com>, the prices remain the same. The only thing that changes is that your purchases help us. Be sure to always go to the Amazon Smile link when making your purchases. Thank you!

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