



Builder Theme: I am a builder when I am perfectly honest.

“Anyone who doesn’t take truth seriously in small matters, cannot be trusted in large ones either.”
- Albert Einstein

Upcoming WV2 & WV3 Events ★

- Wednesday, October 4th: 7th Grade Ambassador Event 12:40pm - 3:00pm
- Friday, October 6th: K-6th Grade Early Dismissal - 12pm 1st Dismissal and 12:25pm 2nd dismissal
- October 16th - 20th: Fall Break/School Closed

School Contact Information

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- Press 2 for Junior High Office & Secondary attendance
- Press 3 for High School Office

WV2 & WV3 ★

Carpool: We have received feedback from our community regarding morning carpool issues along 3600 West in front of the Granger-Hunter water district. We are seeing an increase of parents dropping their students off along 3600 West. This is causing congestion to regular traffic flow into our parking lot due to stopped cars and an increased number of pedestrian traffic. More importantly, we do not have personnel available to serve as a crossing guard across the driveway. This puts your students at risk. We ask that you do not drop off along 3600 West and use our carpool system as it has been implemented. Thank you for your cooperation.

Cell Phones, Tablets & Smart Watches: Devices with cellular capabilities are NOT authorized for student use from the time they enter the building in the morning, until they exit the building for dismissal/pickup. During carpool, while waiting at the curb, students are authorized to text and call ONLY. Cell phones and watches with cellular capabilities must be stored in backpacks at all times and will only be authorized to be taken out once the students exit the building at dismissal. Additionally, smart devices are NOT authorized for student use at any time while inside the building after hours. Students always have access to our school phones if they need to contact their parent or guardian and families can always call the school if they need to relay a message to their student.

"Minimize Tech/Maximize Happiness!" campaign. We are launching a new initiative to help protect our students from the harms of social media and smart devices. Please visit the link below to learn more. https://www.americanprep.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Minimize-Tech_Maximize-Happiness.pdf?utm_campaign=Campus%20Updates&utm_medium=email&hsmi=267316862&hsenc=p2ANqtz-9uHtj64PTJEUyHpOqLrooAHM4U-FhzbIvns1dWfOIRp76cMzR19_mA6w1sd_h6sLmTSTiigZPzpczmtU20M29Xtrfs_A&utm_content=267316862&utm_source=hs_email

Then, please join our Facebook Group - [Minimize Tech-Maximize Happiness](#), where we will share ideas with each other on how to navigate the world without smart devices for our children!

Elementary ★

Uniform Infractions: We have had many students wearing light blue shirts to school. As a reminder, light blue shirts are only allowed in secondary. Khaki pants for girls are **only** allowed on Fridays. Monday-Thursday girls can wear navy pants, or plaid/navy jumpers. 4th- 6th grade white shirts **can not** be polos. Your student must wear a white button down broadcloth or cotton collared dress shirt with white or clear buttons. Sleeves can be short or long.

Please review our K-6 uniform guide here:

<https://www.americanprep.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Uniform-Guide-2023-24-Elementary-7-19-3-pm.pdf>

Elementary Chess Club - At this time we do not have any staff that can host the elementary chess club. If there are any parents who would like to volunteer for this position, please contact Trina Christensen at tchristensen@apamail.org.

Secondary ★

Uniforms: We sincerely appreciate the effort to help maintain and build our positive culture. We wanted to reiterate specific aspects of the uniform policy a small percentage of students are struggling with. The longer students are out of compliance with uniform, the more likely it is for other students to copy those trends that are not in alignment with our policy. We also want to remind families and students that if students do not fix their uniform problem, they will not be permitted to enter class.

- "Hair that is an unnatural color or extreme styling is distracting and not allowed." Students that come with unnaturally colored hair will be asked to fix the hair in a reasonable time frame or they will not be permitted into class.

- "Slacks must fit the following description: Uniform style slacks (no denim or corduroy). Belted, pleated or flat front, long enough to cover top of shoe, short enough to stay off floor when worn with shoes, worn no more than 2" below waist, no cargo pants or outside pockets (patch pockets)...No tight-fitting slacks

(must be able to pinch one inch of fabric in front and back). Slacks may NOT be tapered." Students that are sagging their pants will be asked to fix their pants. If students do not comply with wearing the slacks properly, they may be asked to be picked up from school.

- "Skirts must be to the knee - touching the calf when the knee is bent to 90 degrees." If students do not comply with wearing the skirt properly, they may be asked to be picked up from school.

Please review the 7th-12th grade uniform guide here:

<https://www.americanprep.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Uniform-Guide-2023-24-Secondary-7-19-3pm.pdf>

Compliance ★

Counselor's office ★

Free Webinar With Love And Logic: Technology can be a wonderful tool for communication, learning, and healthy enjoyment. However it can also become a dark and destructive influence in the absence of necessary parental supervision and limits. Do you ever feel like your child's cell phone, game console, or computer is like a monster that has taken over your home? Here are some signs that technology use might be a problem for your kids:

- Do your kids become defiant and refuse to take a break from their phone or computer?
- Even if they are willing to take a break, do they become exceptionally irritable, depressed, or bored during that time?
- Do they lie to you about their technology use and sneak time during their break?
- Any of these classic withdrawal symptoms are possible signs that your loved one has a problem that can lead to serious consequences if left untreated.

Join Dr. Daniel Amen of Amen Clinics and Dr. Charles Fay of Love and Logic on October 5th as they team up to help us understand more of the effect that technology has on our children and how to set healthy boundaries and rules with them. It is an online presentation and isn't to be missed! Click here to sign up: <https://courses.loveandlogic.com/registration-technology-misuse-addiction>

Enrollment ★

For questions regarding Kindergarten - 6th grade enrollment, contact Ms. Guastella at hguastella@apamail.org

For questions regarding 7th grade - 12th grade enrollment, contact Mrs. Patterson at mpatterson@apamail.org

Sistema Notes ♪

Our students have been making so much progress with their music. If you have not heard your student play for you yet, please ask them to do so this week! We had an amazing Staff and Student Showcase this past Wednesday. Well done everyone that participated!

Thank you for helping your child to stay current with their missing work. We will be pulling missing work reports again this week to send home for a final push before holding our incentive before our Fall Break which is

quickly approaching! Those without missing daytime homework will be eligible to attend our FIRST no-missing homework incentive on Friday, October 13th. We will have a popcorn bar with this incentive and need some donations. You may click [here](#) to sign up. All donations are due to the Sistema office room 139 by Thursday, October 12th.

We have a few events taking place over the next couple of weeks. Please make a note of the following on your family calendar:

- **Thursday, October 5th- Sistema Ensemble Day:** As a reminder, our dismissal times are slightly different on Thursdays. Please refer to your dismissal times flier for reference.
- **Friday, October 6th - No Sistema:** Elementary will have an early dismissal (12/12:20) for elementary grading day.
- **Wednesday, October 11th - Bring Bach Bucks:** Please make sure to send your child to school with their Bach Bucks as we count them out the day before our store.
- **Thursday, October 12th - Bach Buck Store:** This is our first Bach Buck store of the school year. Please do not pull your child out early on this day as we only have our store open right before our term breaks. The next store won't be until Winter Break.
- **Friday, October 13th - No Missing Homework Incentive:** Every student with NO MISSING WORK will be eligible to attend this activity. They will be sent home on Thursday, October 12th with a ticket to the event if they are eligible to attend.
- **Monday, October 16-Friday, October 20th: No School/No Sistema - Fall Break**

Character Development ★

7th Grade Ambassador Event - On Wednesday, October 4th from 12:40-3pm 7th grade will have their first ambassador event! This event is called Rising Stars and students will have the opportunity to rotate through stations that will help them navigate phone courtesies, internet safety, decision making, and more! We are excited for students to participate in this event and expand their leadership skills!

- For Volunteering opportunities please email us at wv2ambassadors@apamail.org