

## Builder Theme: I am a builder when I use my words to encourage others.

"If you see something beautiful in someone, speak it."
-Ruthie Lindsey

### **School Contact Information**

- 385-351-3090
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- Press 2 for Junior High Office & Secondary attendance
- Press 3 for High School Office

### WV2 & WV3 ★

### February 19-23: NO SCHOOL - Mid-Winter Break

Check out our enrollment advertisement video, featuring some of our incredible students: <a href="https://vimeo.com/906089774?share=copy">https://vimeo.com/906089774?share=copy</a>

**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.

We have launched a new initiative to help protect our students from the harms of social media (Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, etc.) 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-9uHtj 64PTJEUyHpOqLrooAHM4U-FhzbIvns1dWf0IRp76cMzR19\_mA6w1sd\_h6sLmTSTiigZPzpczmtU20M29Xt rfs A&utm content=267316862&utm source=hs email

Then, please join our Facebook Group - <u>Minimize Tech-Maximize Happiness</u>, where we will share ideas with each other on how to navigate the world without smart devices for our children!

## **Elementary** ★

CARPOOL/WALKING PASS REMINDER: If you have a student with a walking pass they are required to walk to the address on file. We are no longer allowing students with walking passes to be picked up on the street. Students will be required to cross at the crosswalk and proceed to the address on file. Any students caught being picked up on the side of the road will have their walking pass revoked as this goes against the agreement you signed when your student received their pass and creates a safety issue. If you plan to pick up your student with a walking pass, please use our carpool to do so. You may also park in our parking lot and come into the school to check your student out. \*Checkouts are not allowed within 10 minutes of a dismissal unless it's an emergency.\*

\*\*\*\*\*\*ALL students must be sent to school with proper winter attire. Please ensure you send your student to school with a winter coat and proper footwear.\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

# Secondary ★

Saturday School: Saturday school will be held on the following dates for term 3:

3/2/24 3/9/24 3/16/24 3/23/24

**Yearbooks!** Secondary (grades 7-17) Yearbooks are available to purchase in the JH or HS Office. They are \$55. You can also purchase them online at <a href="www.yearbookordercenter.com">www.yearbookordercenter.com</a>. Our school code is 21137. Orders must be placed by March 31st. Don't delay, order TODAY!

# Special Education ★

## **USBE Special Needs Scholarship Opportunity**

School districts and charter schools are required by Utah law, 53A1a-704(10), to inform parents of students with IEPs enrolled in public schools, of the availability of a scholarship to attend a private school through the **Carson Smith Scholarship Program**.

**The Carson Smith Special Needs Scholarship Program (CSS)** provides tuition assistance for eligible special needs students enrolled in eligible private schools. The scholarship is for students who would

qualify for special education and related services in public schools, preschool through 12th grade (3-21 years of age), whose parents choose an eligible private school.

For more information on the scholarship, deadline schedule and funding schedule, please visit <a href="https://schools.utah.gov/specialeducation/programs/specialneedsscholarshipgrants">https://schools.utah.gov/specialeducation/programs/specialneedsscholarshipgrants</a>

# Compliance ★

### Counselor's office ★

### **Virtual Parent Empowerment Tuesday!**

Are there times that you feel you and your child aren't speaking the same language? Would you like better connection with your child? We will address these questions on Tuesday, February 13th at 7pm for our Virtual Parent Empowerment night. We will learn strategies and things to do to have clearer communication, correct poor communication, and connect with our loved ones. Join us on zoom at 7pm! All secondary students will receive tardy credits for the adults who attend this session. Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://uetn-org.zoom.us/j/83335675853">https://uetn-org.zoom.us/j/83335675853</a>

### Enrollment ★

For questions regarding Kindergarten - 6th grade enrollment, contact Ms. Guastella at <a href="mailto:hguastella@apamail.org">hguastella@apamail.org</a>

For questions regarding 7th grade - 12th grade enrollment, contact Mrs. Patterson at <a href="mailto:mpatterson@apamail.org">mpatterson@apamail.org</a>

**Re-Enrollment:** If you attended a Celebration of Excellence meeting, your student's re-enrollment is now available on your Skyward Family Access Account. Please log into Skyward and complete this in order to secure their seat for next year. Re-enrollment is due by February 16th. If you need your login information, e-mail <a href="mailto:mpatterson@apamail.org">mpatterson@apamail.org</a> or <a href="mailto:hguartella@apamail.org">hguastella@apamail.org</a>.

If you did NOT attend a meeting, you will need to attend one of the two FINAL meetings we will be having on Thursday, February 15th at 8:30am and 1:00pm in order to re-enroll your students for the 2024-2025 school year.

### Sistema Notes J

There are so many music-making opportunities happening in each of our classes which is SO exciting! As we are preparing for our upcoming Mid-Winter Break, please make sure that your student can access their Sistema Google Classroom. We will have practice videos for them to use over the break and would like to get them in the habit of practicing regularly at home.

Our Secondary Orchestra and Secondary Band students will be participating in a Blues workshop last week and this week with Dan Trahey from Peabody Conservatory (Baltimore, MD). These students will be performing for our students and their families this Friday, February 16th at 6 p.m. in the small gym. We would love for everyone to come show their support.

Our end of term no missing daytime homework incentive is having a Game Night on Friday, February 16th. Please continue to check your child's learning plan for homework and help remind them to stay current. We would love to see many of our students able to participate in this term's incentive! <u>Everyone who has no missing homework when reports are pulled on February 13th will be eligible to attend.</u>

Please remember that if your child brings their instrument home to practice you will be sure to send them with it to school the next day. It is important that they come prepared each day to class to continue their music learning and be successful in each of their classes after school. If your child comes to your car with their instrument, please take it inside your house. Do not leave it in the car as that can cause the instrument to break. We will begin to work on our end-of-year concert music in February and we want our students to get back into the habit of regular practice and participation in their Sistema classes.

We would like to ask you to check your child's fingernails regularly as well. To play music well, they will need to keep their fingernails short so that they can play their instrument easier and not cause damage to their instrument.

With the cooler weather comes sickness. As a reminder, if your child has to miss Sistema because they are sick, going on vacation or if they have a previously scheduled appointment, you need to call the Sistema office to let us know they will be missing that day. Our phone number is 385-351-3090, ext. 1139 where you will leave a message if we do not answer. You may also email Mrs. Christensen at <a href="mailto:tchristensen@apamail.org">tchristensen@apamail.org</a>.

As this term is extremely short, we have added our events below. Please make a note of the following on your family calendar:

- Wednesday, February 14th: Students bring Bach Bucks to school to count
- Thursday, February 15th: Sistema Bach Buck Store
- Friday, February 16th: Sistema No Missing Daytime Homework Incentive
- Friday, February 16th 6 p.m.: Sistema Blues Concert in Small Gym
- February 19-23: No School/No Sistema: Mid-Winter Break

### Character Development ★

Questions can be emailed to wv2amassadors@apamail.org"

For Volunteering opportunities please email us at <u>wv2ambassadors@apamail.org</u>