

#### **School Contact Information**

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- Academic Office 385-351-3090 x1130
- Press 1 for Elementary Office & Elementary attendance
- Press 2 for Junior High Office & Secondary attendance
- Press 3 for High School Office

### **Important Dates** ★

Friday, October 4th - Elementary ONLY Early Dismissal Friday, October 4th - Family Carnival 4:30pm - 7:30pm October 14th-18th - Fall Break/No School

#### WV2 & WV3 ★

#### **SAVE THE DATE! FAMILY CARNIVAL**

Friday October 4th from 4:30 to 7:30 is our FAMILY CARNIVAL! All West Valley 2 and 3 families are invited. We will have fun activities (such as bounce houses and carnival games) as well as delicious meals and treats. Money raised from the event will go to our WEST VALLEY THREE teams and organizations, as well as to needs at OUR CAMPUS. Presales will run from Friday September 27th to Tuesday October 2nd. Fliers will come home next week.



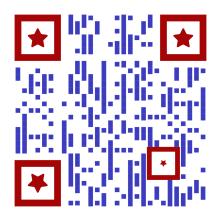
We are creating a STRONG Family Support Organization (FSO) here at our West Valley 2/West Valley 3 campus. The FSO will be in charge of organizing/helping with fundraisers, holiday parties, Staff Appreciation Week, setting up meals for our teachers on Parent Teacher Conference nights and any other fun, morale boosting activities for our campus. In the past, our Admin have been in charge of doing all of this since we do not currently have an FSO, so this will be life changing for our campus! There are no time requirements for this, you may participate as little or as much as you'd like. Time spent working on FSO events/activities will count as volunteer hours. If you are interested in being a member of our FSO, please sign up here: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948A9A723A3FBC34-51459341-family">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948A9A723A3FBC34-51459341-family</a> If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Guastella at <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948A9A723A3FBC34-51459341-family">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948A9A723A3FBC34-51459341-family</a> If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Guastella at <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948A9A723A3FBC34-51459341-family">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948A9A723A3FBC34-51459341-family</a> If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Guastella at <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948A9A723A3FBC34-51459341-family">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948A9A723A3FBC34-51459341-family</a> If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Guastella at <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948A9A723A3FBC34-51459341-family">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948A9A723A3FBC34-51459341-family</a> If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Guastella and time will be announced within the next two weeks.

# WV2 Elementary ★

Please check with our front office to ensure you have at LEAST two phone numbers/contacts on Skyward for your students so incase of an emergency, we are able to reach someone to pick up your student. As a reminder, if a student has a fever or is vomiting, they MUST be picked up immediately. Please contact our front office to put a trusted emergency contact in Skyward if you do not have one on file already. This is mandatory.

Log your volunteer hours at this link or scan the QR code:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfsXID0F0ZQmEzq9u9cqYCDkoyeNDkfs71N2VZepoX8mY4 S8g/viewform?usp=sf\_link



# WV3 Secondary ★

#### Saturday School

Saturday school will be available for the following dates for term 1 tardy corrections:

9/28/2024 10/5/2024 10/12/2024

Students must arrive by 7:50 in full M-TH uniform and with work to do. If students do not have any school work to work on, they may bring a book to read for the time they will be attending. Saturday sessions will end at 11 and students will be asked to leave the campus at that time. The time served during Saturday school will not be accounted for unless the fee has been paid or a fee waiver has been approved. Please note that if students are not following the expectations, they will be asked to leave.

# **Compliance** ★

#### **Professional Qualifications**

Our parent surveys consistently express confidence and overwhelming satisfaction with our teachers at American Prep. In accordance with state regulation, all APA teachers are licensed through one of three licensing paths: Professional, Associates and LEA specific. Parents are welcome at any time to request information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers including: 1) whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction or whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; 2) the baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and 3) whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

## **District Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

American Prep recognizes that parent and family engagement is key to student achievement. We provide many opportunities for parents and family members to participate in, and stay informed of, their student's academic achievement.

American Preparatory Academy trains staff annually during pre-service and teacher academy on how to communicate, build meaningful connections, and otherwise involve parents/families and the school. These topics are reinforced during professional development opportunities throughout the year as needed.

Additional details regarding Parent and Family Engagement are available in the annual Parent-Student Handbooks (PSHB) which are distributed annually, posted on the school websites, and available in Spanish at our West Valley campuses.

For the full District Parent and Family Engagement Policy, please refer to this <u>link</u> on the Policy page of the <u>american prep.org</u> website.

### **School Parent and Family Engagement Policies**

School Parent Involvement Policies vary slightly by campus and are located within the Parent-Student Handbooks <a href="https://www.americanprep.org/parent-student-handbooks/">https://www.americanprep.org/parent-student-handbooks/</a>. These Handbooks are distributed annually to parents and are now accessible on the APA website under the Parent Library drop-down tab. West Valley Parent-Student Handbooks will be available in Spanish.

## **Mandated Assessments and Opt-Outs**

American Preparatory recognizes that Standardized Testing is an essential tool for measuring student learning and teacher success. The data obtained from these assessments may be utilized by teachers and administrators to review student academic progress, plan instruction, and share with students and parents. Summative assessments allow for data to be used in public reporting about school quality. Parent's may opt-out of most state standardized tests by submitting a Parental Exclusion form to the Academic Director. You can learn more about the state assessments administered at American Prep and find the testing schedules for your student's campus by following this link: <a href="https://www.americanprep.org/state-assessments/">https://www.americanprep.org/state-assessments/</a>.

#### Counselor's office ★

September is **College Savings Month** and our annual **Make Your Mark** bookmark design scholarship contest for kids in Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. This year, we have raised the scholarship awards to **\$2,000**! Please spread the word through your channel. I've attached ads that you can share.

Here is the link to the entry form and rules: Make Your Mark Contest - my529

#### 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

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# **Character Development** ★

#### **Elementary:**

Tuesday October 1st: 5th grade Friendship Event.

We Love Volunteers. If you have already done your fingerprints and would like to volunteer, please email me right away at <a href="mailto:tfetzer@apamail.org">tfetzer@apamail.org</a>



### Secondary:



🎉 Secondary Students and Families 🎉



Get ready for the Fall Fest on Friday, October 25th run by our 12th grade student government leaders! Join us for an evening of games, food, and fun—all to raise money for our Aggie the Eagle mascot! 🦅 We will have a bounce house, face painting, races, and more!

Sales will start on Monday, September 30th in the Character Development Office (Room 234). We will only be accepting **CASH** at this time:

- Entry will be \$10 for 1 ticket or \$15 for 2 tickets if you buy them together Outside guests and family are welcome to join us!
- We will have pizza, sodas, popcorn, and desserts! Food will range up to \$5

Let's show our school spirit, Go Eagles! \*

# Sports ★

#### Sistema ★

We hope that you have been enjoying the music coming from your house as our students have began to learn their instruments. Please encourage your students to practice often and be happy for the little things that they learn on their instrument.

As a reminder, every elementary student MUST be signed out each day by completing the Google Form <u>here</u>. Please also note that anyone wanting to check out an elementary-aged student MUST be at least 18 years old. Our check out is getting much better - thank you for completing this form every day that you come to pick up your child.

We have our Staff and Student Showcase coming up this Wednesday, September 25th at 5 p.m. If your child will be participating they will come home with a flier stapled to the front of their learning plan today.

We sent home missing work reports last week. **Our first no daytime missing homework incentive will be Friday, October 11th where we will be watching "Inside Out 2."** If your child comes home with a missing work report, please help them to complete their missing work so that they can participate in our incentive. As a part of this incentive, we will be having a popcorn bar. We need your help to provide the popcorn and toppings for this fun event. You may sign up <u>here</u>.

We are also happy to announce that the school has started their **FREE ADULT ENGLISH CLASSES** once more! Please join them in room 207 M, T, F 2:30-3:10 p.m.



We are looking forward to an amazing week! If you have any questions or if your child will be missing Sistema because they are sick, please contact Mrs. Christensen <a href="mailto:tchristensen@apamail.org">tchristensen@apamail.org</a>.

**DONATIONS NEEDED!** Please help us to spread the word with your family, friends, neighbors and employers. No donation is too big or too small and is tax deductible. Help us to keep our program free for our families for many years to come. Here is the link to share <u>here</u>. Thank you for your support!

Our community partner the Suzuki Association of Utah would love to have as many of our families join their organization as possible. Membership is only \$5! Please see the email below:

Dear Parents,

It was so much fun to meet with you at Parent Orientation to talk about becoming a member of the Suzuki Association of Utah. I'm so sorry the online registration wasn't working. It is working now, and the link for that registration is here:

### https://suzukimusicutah.org/el-sistema-partnership

Please let us know you have any additional questions about the Suzuki Association. We're excited to work with El Sistema students, teachers and families.

Have a great day!!

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