



AMERICAN PREPARATORY
ACADEMY

LAS VEGAS

**September Builders' Theme:
I am a builder when I build with enthusiasm
September 7, 2017**

Las Vegas - School Calendar

Friday, September 8th	Student Picture Day*
*Due to picture day, Friday, September 8th will NOT be a casual/blue polo Friday	
Wednesday, September 13th	7th Grade Leaders 4 Life Event
Friday, September 15th	Spirit Day****
Friday, September 15th	12:15 Dismissal
Monday, September 18th	NO SCHOOL Prof. Dev. Day
Wednesday, September 20th	8th Grade Barn Event

******Spirit Day - Students are allowed to wear any of our APA Spirit Apparel shirts, (no hats please). Students still need to wear their uniform socks, shoes, and skirts/pants/jumpers. The Spirit Store is open every Wednesday from 8:30AM - 2:00PM. To purchase online, click on this link: <http://www.americanprep.org/store/>**

August K-6 Builder Award Recipients:

K-Hatch AM	Reese Allred	K-Hatch PM	Kaden Atkinson
K-Rambow AM	Kylie Moren	K-Rambow PM	Gavin Turpin
1st-Call	Madison Hegle	1st-Freer	Rachel Craven
1st-Gomez	Megyn Brannon	2nd-DeJesus	Fenet Ajema
2nd-Hayes	Joel Hurley	2nd-Johnson	Collin Chung
2nd-Martinez	Daria Tanasa	2nd-Rafferty	Kaleb Daigre
3rd-Gardner	Sophie Cain	3rd-Nunn	Ezra Blum
3rd-Robison	Isabella Marcolongo	3rd- Winters	Lace Hardiman
3rd-Telfer	Jayzell Marquez	4th-Bergquist	Tessa Zierse
4th-Burgess	Olivia Mongie	4th-King	Diane Benny
4th-Hambleton	Michael Striano	5th-Maston	Naia Diamant
4th-Rivenbark	Abigail Luel	5th-Carter	Dawson Perkes
5th-Conti	Aleana Aionaaka	5th-Tooker	Brnton Dieu
6th-Baber	Cameron Lodigiani	6th-Gibson	Dylan Mullally
6th-Holloman	Eden Craven	6th-Wallace	Kaitlyn Pierson
6th-Ryan	Jacob Gammerdsiri	6th-Lindquist	Vincent Palma

September Builder Theme: Building with Enthusiasm!

APA is such a great place to be! Our students are A-W-E-S-O-M-E! Our teachers and staff are A-MA-ZING! Our parents are OUT-STAND-ING! Perhaps as you just read the previous sentences, the chants and cheers we do here at school come to your mind. If they didn't, ask your children if they know these school cheers so they can teach them to you. These cheers bring enthusiasm to our day. The rhythmic chants that flow from classrooms and breakout rooms are an affirmation of excited learning. They affect emotional animation and energy as well as being quite contagious. Ask your children to teach you a few of our cheers so that you can bring this same enthusiasm into your home.

Academic Update

We encourage all families with elementary students to purchase "What Your ___ Grader Needs To Know" for the grade their child(ren) are in. This book will be referenced on your students' learning plans during the year, pointing you to sections to read together at home. There are also wonderful literature selections and poems that you can read any day! The books can be found used from \$6-10 on Amazon, new from bookstores or online for \$15. They are compiled by E. D. Hirsch.

SCHOOL NEWS (K-12th GRADES)

Getting Ready for the Builders' Carnival

We are looking forward to another fun Builders' Carnival this year on October 6. At this time we are reaching out to our wonderful APA community to see if you have a business that would like to sponsor a game or food booth, donate raffle baskets, donate prizes, or have connections to a dunk tank or inflatable slide or obstacle course. Please let the FSO (Family School Organization) know if you have any connections or interest in participating in this way by emailing FSO@apavegas.org. Thank you.

Banker Hours and Location

We have now designated specific people, hours and location for receiving all money at the school. The "banker" can be found at the elementary office Monday-Friday from 7:45 am-8:15 am and 10:30 am-12:00 pm. The banker can receive money for all club fees, class fees, rental fees, PE uniforms, new dockets or name tags.

Infinite Campus

Infinite Campus links have been emailed out! Every parent/guardian will receive a separate link. If you had an account before, you will be asked to change your password. If you are logging on for the first time, the email will have all instructions on how to access your student(s) portal. You may also receive multiple emails, one for each student. All siblings should be tied to your account, so you only need to click on one of the links. Please be sure you can view ALL of your students on the portal. If you cannot, please email cindy.mayo@apavegas.org for secondary students or faun.nelson@apavegas.org for elementary students. If you have NOT received an email from the Infinite Campus Message Center, please first check your spam and junk folder, then email Cindy Mayo or Faun Nelson to validate the email address we have on file. This link to access and set up your account will only be valid until OCTOBER 1st! Please setup your account as soon as possible.

Student Health

We have LOTS of students visit our office each day and we would like to reassure all of our APA parents/guardians that our staff is trained to follow protocol and to record incidents while assessing the situation and determining the best course of action. If students have a temperature or are vomiting, parents/guardians will be called to pick up the student/s. If a student has a stomachache, headache, or other complaint, but no fever or vomiting is present, our staff will ask the student to sit, drink water, and rest for 10 minutes. If the student feels better, then he/she is sent back to class.

If a student has a runny nose, he/she is coughing, has red eyes, the staff will check personal record for allergies. If there are no allergies listed, the staff will most likely call parents for a pickup to avoid other students becoming infected if any viral/contagious case may be present.

Minor injuries reported by students that are not visible by staff will be treated with ice packs. If students appear to be ok and have no pain, they are usually sent back to class. If a student is in the office with a mild "injury" (they "hurt" their hand, arm, foot, leg) that is not visible, we will often put ice on the area and send them back to class. If it is something visible, we will call the parent to notify them.

APA Eagles Volleyball Games Saturday

This Saturday, September 9th, will be our first official league games for our APA Volleyball Teams. Game times and locations are as follows:

5th/6th Grade Co-Ed Team 2pm @ American Heritage 2100 Olympic Avenue, Henderson

7th & 8th Grade Team B 10am @ American Prep HOME

7th & 8th Grade Team A 12 noon @ American Prep HOME

Entry Fee:

\$1 for all admission. Staff admission is free with Staff ID. Students are free if they are wearing APA spirit wear or PE shirt. Please enter on the back side of the school and use the entrance with the ramp.

COME OUT AND SHOW YOUR EAGLE PRIDE AND CHEER ON OUR APA VOLLEYBALL TEAMS!

Saturday Volunteers:

We need volunteers for Saturday. If you would like to get some volunteer hours this Saturday, please use the sign-up link and sign up today! Remember all families are required to volunteer 20 hours for the school year. You can use these volunteer hours toward those 20 hours.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f45ada82da5f58-fall>

As always, we appreciate all of our families here at APA. Thank you in advance for volunteering and supporting our wonderful school. If you have any questions, please direct them to activities@apavegas.org

SECONDARY NEWS (7th-12th Grade)

This week we would like to take a quick “time out” to talk about some important aspects of American Preparatory Academy. American Prep is philosophically built upon two pillars. This week we would like to highlight one of those two pillars “Character Development.”

In a classical education school we believe that high moral expectations are vital to the success and growth of our school and citizenry as a whole. This expectation is inseparably connected with all aspects of our school. It is our expectation that students will strive to have the highest character in all of their interactions. The most noticeable part of our school which encourages these exceptions is our Character Development program and specifically the monthly builder’s themes. We are very lucky to have two full time employees dedicated to this end. Mr. Dugovic and Mrs. Hill are tireless in their efforts to model and encourage growth in our students. We appreciate your ongoing support of this part of our school.

Many have come to realize that character development is interwoven with our behavior expectations, academic achievement, sports and clubs, and the expectations that we have for all our staff. We are grateful to be a part of the American Prep family that helps develop conscientious citizens who are proponents of their own thoughts and ideas (Secondary Mission Statement). As we go throughout this year, help us in discussing our builder’s themes at home and encouraging your students to achieve amazing character. The theme is listed monthly in our newsletter. This month in particular we are enthusiastic about being builders.

As a reminder, all high school students and families should have received a link to access infinite campus. With the updated “late work” policy it is more important than ever that you are aware of and on top of daily homework assignments. Please remember there is

homework assigned every day at American Prep. If you have not received that link or if you are struggling with the account, please contact the amazing Mrs. Mayo at **cindy.mayo@americanprep.org**. Please also remember that all high school students (9-12) should be transitioning to gray skirts and pants. We have recently received a shipment of gray skirts which can be purchased at the school for a discounted rate. A HUGE thank you to all those who worked hard and made multiple visits to Los Angeles to procure this amazing deal.

7th Grade Leaders 4 Life- September 13th

Attention parents and students! We are so excited to kick off this year with our 7th grade Leaders for Life Event! At the event students will learn how to demonstrate positive character traits, strong leadership by thinking out of the box, and respectful behavior. In addition, students will learn and review proper “meet and greet” protocol and will be taught how professional body language is a key factor in making a good impression. The event will be on September 13th from 12:40-2:00 pm, during the school day. We only need seven parent volunteers for this event. Parents if you would like to volunteer to help at this event please email Natalie Hill at natalie.hill@apavegas.org or volunteer on the sign up genius: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d48aea72caof58-7thgrade>

8th Grade Barn Event- September 20th

On September 20th all 8th Grade students will participate in the 8th Grade Barn Dance and BBQ where they will learn essential 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!

This event will take place during the school day from 12:40-2:00 pm. **Parents!** We are looking for 5 parent volunteers who would be available to chaperone at this event. If you are available to help, please contact Natalie Hill at Natalie.Hill@apavegas or sign up on the signup genius: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d48aea72caof58-8thgrade2>

APA Gamers' Club 7th- 12th Grade

What could be better than spending a few hours with your friends on a Friday afternoon? Spending a few hours with your friends *while* playing games with them! What could be better than *that*? Come and enjoy some hot and delicious pizza while doing so. YUMMY!!!

We are holding the first gaming session of the APA Gamers' Club for 2017-18 from 4:00-7:00 pm this Friday, September 8, in the High School Cafeteria here (at APA). Everyone in grades 7-12 is invited to attend and to bring his or her favorite board, card, or role-playing games (for those of you interested in playing chess, just bring yourselves as we already have chess sets at the school). Please make sure to label or otherwise clearly identify any games you bring to make sure they make it back home with you. Students

who wish to remain at the school until the gaming session starts should report to Mr. Brinsko's room immediately after their normal dismissal.

Feel free to bring your own (healthy, preferably!) snacks to eat and share. If you're interested in sharing a pizza with your fellow gamers, you can pre-order full Cheese or Pepperoni pizzas from Mr. Brinsko by e-mailing him at Tony.Brinsko@apavegas.org no later than noon on Friday (September 8). The pizzas cost \$10 each.

Friday, September 8 is your first chance to attend an APA Gamers' Club session this school year. So, c'mon out and play some new games with old friends or some old games with new friends!

"Life is more fun if you play games." — Roald Dahl

Speech & Debate High School

The High School Speech & Debate students will attend their first tournament this coming weekend at Basic High School. This "shadow" tournament will give all our novice speakers and debaters the opportunity to shadow experienced varsity competitors throughout the tournament. They will then have the opportunity to compete on their own at the Desert Oasis tournament September 22-23.

This weekends' upcoming tournament is also a great way for our APA parents to get involved. We need parents to help out at the tournaments as judges throughout the year and the shadow tournament is a great time for parents to get trained as judges. For those of you that work and are unable to volunteer during regular school hours, these Saturday tournaments are a great way for you to get in your volunteer hours. Please email lisa.cates@apavegas.org if you are interested in volunteering this year (you do not have to have a secondary student).
