



AMERICAN PREPARATORY  
ACADEMY

LAS VEGAS

**September Builders' Theme:  
I am a builder when I build with enthusiasm  
September 14, 2017**

**Las Vegas - School Calendar**

Friday, September 15th	Spirit Day****
Friday, September 15th	12:05/12:15/12:35 Dismissal
Saturday, September 16 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Volleyball Game
Monday, September 18th	NO SCHOOL Prof. Dev. Day
Wednesday, September 20th	8th Grade Barn Event
Wednesday, September 27th	9th-12th Grades Tailgate Party and Lunch
Friday, September 29th	9th-12th Grades Homecoming Dance

\*\*\*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 Reading University Winners**

K-Hatch AM	Richard Galvis	K-Rambow AM	Cecily Schelin
K-Hatch PM	Jacksyn Barnhart	K-Rambow PM	Trent Lew
1st-Call	Tyler Sterling	1st-Freer	Liam Maganis
1st-Gomez	Elijah Marez	2nd-DeJesus	Claire Englehart
2nd-Hayes	Jesse Chommontha	2nd-Johnson	Braiden Holford
2nd-Martinez	Liad Preisach	2nd-Rafferty	Katelynn Morgan
3rd-Gardner	Hidaya Nabil	3rd-Robison	Hailey Fore
3rd-Nunn	Gianna Marcolongo	3rd-Telfer	Noah Vitug
3rd- Winters	Reese Nakagawa	4th-Bergquist	Leaya Kebede
4th-Burgess	Jamen Ganzon	4th-Hambleton	Hanna Hoang
4th-King	Liliana Celaya-Bejarano	5th-Maston	Karla Chen
4th-Rivenbark	Nolawi Shwangzaw	5th-Carter	Kyra Hee
5th-Conti	Roman Simi	5th-Tooker	Marseille Smith
6th-Baber	Nathan Aragones	6th-Gibson	Ari Feiler
Holloman	Vivian Lin	6th-Wallace	Joseph Carroll
6th-Ryan	Jolie Shah	6th-Lindquist	Lauren Cates

## **September Builder Theme: Building with Enthusiasm!**

As we reflect on Building with Enthusiasm this week, please ponder this poem. The author, Mr. Larson gives us the perfect recipe for wholehearted enthusiasm. I like that he focuses on recognizing our strengths and then most importantly, he encourages us to reach out and give to others.

### **Promise Yourself**

by Christian D. Larson, teacher and author

To be so strong that nothing  
can disturb your peace of mind.  
To talk health, happiness, and prosperity  
to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel  
that there is something in them  
To look at the sunny side of everything  
and make your optimism come true.

To think only the best, to work only for the best,  
and to expect only the best.  
To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past  
and press on to the greater achievements of the future.  
To wear a cheerful countenance at all times  
and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize  
others.  
To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to  
permit the presence of trouble.

To think well of yourself and to proclaim this fact to the world, not in loud words but  
great deeds.  
To live in faith that the whole world is on your side  
so long as you are true to the best that is in you.

## Academic Update

Here at APA, our classroom management system is school wide! Every teacher uses CHAMPS. CHAMPS is the proactive and positive approach to classroom management implemented in each and every classroom at APA.

How does CHAMPS work?

The students are taught to meet expectations by detailing each classroom activity and transition using the CHAMP's acronym. Here is the CHAMP's acronym along with questions explaining the purpose of each letter in the acronym.

Conversation: Can students converse during this activity? About what? With whom? For how long?

Help: How do students get your attention for help? How do students get questions answered? What should they do while they wait for the teacher?

Activity: What is the expected end product of this activity? What are the students trying to achieve?

Movement: For what reasons can students get out of their seats during this activity? Do they need permission to do so?

Participation: What behavior shows that students are participating or not participating?

Success: When CHAMP's expectations are met, students will be successful.

For example: Here are the CHAMP's expectations for Teacher Directed Instruction times:

- C – none
- H – no questions during direct instruction
- A – listening and learning
- M – none
- P – look at the teacher or book; verbal and written responses when prompted; track when requested; follow directions immediately

There are many benefits to the CHAMPS model. Such as:

- Teachers establish clear expectations with logical and fair responses to misbehavior, thus reducing student anxiety about expectations.
- Teachers have tools to motivate students to do their best.
- Students are taught how to behave responsibly and establish respectful and civil interactions.
- Each classroom is safe and welcoming.

Student on-task behavior increases and results in higher rates of student achievement.

## **SCHOOL NEWS (K-12th GRADES)**

### **Carpool News**

Dear APA Families,

We would like to thank you for a great start to our carpool school year! As many of you may have noticed our student pick-up times have dropped from an hour and 48 minutes to about 50 minutes on average. What an amazing accomplishment to get our students quickly and safely into the vehicles in less than an hour! We are so grateful and thank you for all of your cooperation.

We are confident that with your help we will be successful in meeting our goal to lower the pick-up time to around 35-40 minutes as long as you continue to follow our carpool rules. The key to a successful carpool is for you to keep guiding your students to quickly come out of the school once dismissed from class, to locate the correct colored loading zone and stay focused on identifying their vehicles without getting distracted. Please discuss with your student about learning to enter their vehicle in a quick and safe manner to avoid having to stall the carpool process.

### **New drop-off time**

As a reminder our drop off time in the morning begins at **7:25 a.m.** Please take advantage of this new schedule to avoid long lines while dropping off your student/s. Again, ensure your student/s are aware of how to quickly and safely get out of the vehicle. A prompt drop off will help speed up the carpool time and get the students in class before 8:00 a.m. Have your student/s ready to go with their backpacks and lunches once your vehicle is at a complete stop by the curb.

### **Pick-up times and waiting early by the school**

Please see times listed below and remember that your pick-up times are also listed on your carpool tags.

Mon., Tues., Friday.

1<sup>st</sup> release is at 3:05 p.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> release is at 3:15 p.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> release is at 3:30 p.m.

Wed., Thursday.

1<sup>st</sup> release is at 2:05 p.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> release is at 2:15 p.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> release is at 2:30 p.m.

### **Mark your Calendar**

This Friday is an early release time for all students at respectively 12:05pm, 12:15pm, and 12:30 p.m. Monday there is NO school.

### **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](mailto: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 a.m.-8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 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](mailto:cindy.mayo@apavegas.org) for secondary students or [faun.nelson@apavegas.org](mailto: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.

## **APA Eagles Volleyball Games Saturday**

Come out and support our Volleyball teams this Saturday! ALL GAMES ARE HOME AT APA.

**7th & 8th Grade Team B** 9 a.m. @ American Prep HOME

**7th & 8th Grade Team A** 11 a.m. @ American Prep HOME

**5th & 6th Grade Co-Ed TEAM** 1 p.m. @ American Prep HOME

### **Entry Fee:**

\$1 for each entry. 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:**

Entry fee, snack shack and line judges are needed for the games on Saturday. If you would like to get some volunteer hours, 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/30eof45ada82da5f58-fall>

Thank you in advance for volunteering and supporting our wonderful school. If you have any questions, please direct them to [activities@apavegas.org](mailto:activities@apavegas.org).

### **Yearbook Grades 7th-12th**

Our first yearbook club meeting will be Thursday, September 17th 2:15 - 3:15 p.m. This will be an informational meeting for students and parents.

Parent pick up will be at the front of the school in the north side parking lot. Students will get dismissed from the meeting and parents can pick their students up curbside. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Braybrooke at [adrian.braybrooke@apavegas.org](mailto:adrian.braybrooke@apavegas.org).

### **Musical Theater Club**

Musical Theater Club has started and our registration is **CLOSED** for this session. Please keep an eye out for the next session that will start after Fall October Break.

## **SECONDARY NEWS (7th-12th Grade)**

At this time we would like to thank those who volunteer their time at our school. We especially would like to thank the parents and staff who volunteer to help us with our sports and clubs. It is incredible to us as we see the hard work that is put in to provide these opportunities to our students. To coaches, leaders, and all volunteers, thank you!

Last week we highlighted our character development program. As a “part 2” to that highlight we would like to remind everyone that our fourth period class is our character development period. At times we will have silent study time when homework can be completed. However, this class is for character development and this is the main priority for that designated period of time.

### **Carpool:**

This is a reminder to all parents to do the following. 1. Show up to the school ONLY at your designated time. If you are here early, please do not block streets, driveways, intersections or anything that would disrupt the flow traffic. 2. Obey all traffic laws. 3. Whenever possible, please move to the side of the road so as not to block traffic. 4. Let your students know that they must be prepared and watching for you. If they are not, you may be asked to go around and join the back of the line. 5. Remember to smile at those of us who have been in carpool each day in 100+ degree weather to this point this year. It is our pleasure to be out there with you. We have consistently been finishing under an hour each day in the afternoon. For morning carpool, please remember that we open the gates at 7:25 a.m. for drop off. Please come early to avoid lines and to make sure your student is not late to first period.

### **Eligibility forms:**

At American Prep, we maintain the highest standards for our students. With the addition of our clubs and sports, we would like to inform you of our eligibility process. All students must have all eight teachers sign off on their grades. Once this is completed a member of administration also must sign off on their behavior. If this is not completed a student is deemed ineligible and will remain so for a week. If your student participates in sports outside of school, you are welcome to participate in this. Please inform Mr. Hulet that you would like to utilize this for their zoned school or traveling team sport.

Our 10th and 11th grade students will all be participating in a practice PSAT test this upcoming Friday (September 15, 2017). The actual PSAT will be held at American Prep on October 11, 2017. A flier will be sent home with your students with more information about test prep activities and online resources to help students. The PSAT is integral in students ability to access colleges and college scholarships.

### **7th Grade Leaders 4 Life- September 13th**

On Wednesday, September 13th, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in the Leaders for Life Opening Ceremonies Event. At the event students learned how to demonstrate

positive character traits, strong leadership skills by thinking out of the box, and respectful behavior. In addition students learned and reviewed proper “meet and greet” protocol and were taught how professional body language is a key factor in making a good impression.

### **8th Grade Barn Event- September 20th**

On September 20th all 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students will participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> 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 p.m. **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/4090d48aea72ca0f58-8thgrade2>

### **9th-12th Tailgate Party and Lunch- September 27th**

During lunch on September 27th we will be having a Tailgate PARTY! Student Government has been hard at work planning a great time. Students are encouraged to bring cash to purchase lunch, drinks and snacks. If you would like to donate the following things, sign up here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d48aea72ca0f58-tailgate>

### **9th-12th Homecoming Dance- September 29th**

9th-12th Grade will be having a Homecoming Dance!

We will be having a themed dance on Friday, September 29th. The dance will be held from 3:15-5:00 p.m. We will start the dance right after school. Pick up for the Homecoming Dance will be at 5:00 p.m. at your students assigned curb. **PLEASE be on time to pick up your students!!**

**We will not be allowing dates from other schools, at this dance.**

Student Government asks that students come TO SCHOOL dressed in clothing representing your grade’s assigned decade (shown below):

9th grade students should dress in clothing representing the 1950’s  
10th grade students should dress in clothing representing the 1970’s



11th grade students should dress in clothing representing the 1980's  
12th grade students should dress in clothing representing the 1990's

Clothing **MUST** follow these guidelines:

- a. Clothing should be hemmed and free from excessive tears, rips, and holes, and **NOT SAGGING.**
- b. Clothing must cover undergarments and the back. **This includes not wearing leggings as pants.**
- c. **All clothing must cover shoulders. No exposed bellies or bare midriffs. Pants, dresses, or skirts must come to the knee. No sleeveless or see-through shirts or blouses.**

**The following are NOT allowed:**

- open toed footwear such as sandals or flip-flops.
- muscle shirts (**tank tops**)
- clothing that is overly tight, revealing, or extremely short
- **NO Shorts, leggings, or yoga pants**

We have a few things that we need volunteers for, if you are interested sign up here:

**To Donate Items:** <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d48aea72ca0f58-homecoming>

**To Help Clean Up:** <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d48aea72ca0f58-homecoming1>

### **9th-12th Grade Homecoming- Spirit Days**

9th-12th Grade Students will receive "spirit points" for their grade, for every student who participates in the following dress-up days:

Monday: Silly Sock Day

Tuesday: Different Tie Day

Wednesday: Free Shoe Day (All shoes **must** be closed toe)

Thursday: APA Spirit Shirts

Friday: Clothes for the Dance!

9th grade students should dress in clothing representing the 1950's

10th grade students should dress in clothing representing the 1970's  
11th grade students should dress in clothing representing the 1980's  
12th grade students should dress in clothing representing the 1990's

That week we will be tallying "spirit points" by grade. The grade with the most "spirit points" will receive a **NO UNIFORM DAY!**