



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY
LAS VEGAS CAMPUS

November Builders' Theme:
Expressing Gratitude in Word and Deed
November 29, 2017

Las Vegas - School Calendar

Friday, December 1st	9th Grade Semi-Formal Winter Dance
Wednesday, December 6th	Builder Assembly
Friday, December 8th	K-6 All Missing Work Due/RU Log due
Friday, December 8th	SPIRIT DAY****
Wednesday, December 13th	4-8 School Spelling Bee
Wednesday, December 13th	5th Grade Holiday Concert 5:00 pm
Wednesday, December 13th	Secondary Winter Band Concert 6:00 pm
Wednesday, December 13th	Secondary Winter Orchestra Concert 7:00 pm
Thursday, December 14th	Musical Theater Auditions for 4th-6th grade
Friday, December 15th	Musical Theater Auditions for 9th-12th grade
Thursday, December 21st-Monday, January 1st	NO SCHOOL-Winter Break

****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 - 12:00PM. Spirit wear can be purchased online, at:
<http://www.americanprep.org/store/>

November Builder Theme: Expressing gratitude in word and deed

As November comes to a close, we would like to take a moment to express our gratitude to all of you in our American Prep family. Thank you for all you do to make our school such a wonderful place to come each day. We are grateful for the efforts you make day in and day out to bring your students to school on time, to have them dressed for success, and ready to learn! Thank you for signing learning plans and helping with homework and practicing math facts with such dedication that you say them in your sleep! Thank you for your willingness to volunteer. Each of you brings something unique to our school community and we appreciate your generous gifts of time and talent. We could not do what we do without your enthusiasm and support. It is a privilege to teach your children and we are grateful for this opportunity you have given us. Thank you!

Amazon Smile

This year as you are shopping for the holidays, remember to shop at [AmazonSmile](https://www.amazon.com/amazonsmile). When you shop at AmazonSmile, simply select APEF as the nonprofit of your choice and Amazon will donate a percentage of all purchases to American Preparatory Education Foundation. It doesn't cost you any money, just simply donates to our school. Thank you!

[SMILE.AMAZON.COM](https://www.amazon.com/amazonsmile)



4th Annual Holiday Giving Campaign

Looking for holiday gifts for your favorite APA teacher or staff member? Do you need friend or neighbor gifts?

Carry on the tradition! Donate to the Annual Holiday Giving Campaign to support teacher bonuses and receive scrumptious treats at the same time!

Visit www.americanprepfoundation.org/giving-campaign to donate and choose from a variety of yummy treats and gift baskets between \$5 - \$100. You or your student will be able to hand deliver the special gift with a personalized card and 100% of the proceeds will go to the APA staff appreciation fund.

All NEW and existing Builders Club members will receive an upgrade gift with their donation. For more information on becoming a Builders Club Member, visit:

<http://www.americanprepfoundation.org/>

School Fees can now be paid online!

We have created a way for all parents to pay for their students school fees by credit card on line. Skip the Banker Line and copy and paste the link below.

<https://secureinstantpayments.com/sip/cart/event.php?EID=2897>

Project 150

We just spoke with Project 150, and they are excited to see all the items that we have collected for them! They informed us that for the first time since Project 150 opened, in 2011, their food shelves are currently empty. Homeless high school students who could once go to Project 150 for their food now have no where to go. This was devastating news to us! We were going to deliver all of the items at the end of the week, but they will be coming over tomorrow to pick up a load just to fulfill the current need.

As you know during the month of November we have been collecting nonperishable food items for Project 150, but with the 2,000 high school students Project 150 helps, the food we have so far collected and will be donating will only last each student, 5 meals.

We are asking for everyone's help. Until this Friday, December 1st, please bring in as much food as we can.

This service project and fun contest for our school has now turned into a dire need! Please post this on your Facebook pages, put a box out at work, call your friends and family, contact your neighbors, and empty your cupboards. We need to give what we can, so that the students that we are supporting can finish high school.

Food items needed include juices, crackers, instant cup noodle soup, individual instant oatmeal, pop-tarts, granola bars, individual fruit cups and non-perishable items that can be carried.

Thank you so much for everything that has been brought in so far. Your support in this has been amazing! Let's make a final push to fill the shelves for these children in need.

As a final incentive, any and all classes that collect over 2000 items (That is ONLY 60 items per student) by Friday 12.01.17, will receive a PIZZA PARTY.

Fitness Room Donation Request

With our growing sports programs we are hoping to continue to improve our training facilities. As many of you know, weight training is becoming an essential part to having and maintaining a winning sports team. Our desire is to begin to develop a fitness room with workout/weight lifting materials. The fitness room would be available to our sports teams and also would hopefully add opportunities for more High School electives. We are in the process of getting a grant to help us obtain some of the more costly items as we hope to have a state of the art fitness room. In the meantime, we are sending this email as an "all call" to see if anyone has any workout equipment, free weights, benches, dumbbells, etc., that they would like to donate to our school. If you have any fitness items you would like to donate please contact our Athletic Director Mr. Darrell Larsen at darrell.larsen@apavegas.org.

Musical Concerts

*American Preparatory Academy Secondary Choir presents the first concert of the school year rejoicing in the holiday music. The concert will be held on Wednesday, December 13 at 6 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. The concert will include some of the holiday classics - "Jingle Bells" and "O, Holy Night" - and more modern songs like "Jingle Bell Rock" and "Mary, Did You Know?" Bring your family and friends and join us for an evening of festive music!

*Secondary Band and Orchestra presents *Holiday Miracles - Concert will be Wednesday, December 13th, 7:00 pm in the APA Gym FREE! Come out and support your APA Musicians/Music Teachers, witnessing the beautiful sights** & sounds of the season, that feature selections about the Miracles surrounding the Holidays: "White Christmas", "Sleigh Ride", "Frosty", "Polar Express", "Pastorale Symphony from MESSIAH".

**a visual surprise!!

ELEMENTARY ACADEMIC UPDATE (K-6):

Infinite Campus

Parents, you should now have access to your student's grades through Infinite Campus! If you are still unable to access infinite campus, please contact Dan Rivera (dan.rivera@apavegas.org) for help. Upon logging in, please make sure to check your contact information and update it accordingly.

Through Infinite Campus, you have access to your student's grades and attendance.

Grades are updated weekly by teachers so please work with your student(s) to help them stay on top of their work and improve their academic success.

Please remember, teachers may send home missing work reports, but it is vital that you are checking on your student's grades, attendance, and assignments on a weekly basis as well.

School Newspaper Forming

EXTRA! EXTRA! New club forming. Join our new school newspaper. This will be for grades 5th and 6th. Being in the newspaper club teaches writing skills and time management.

Contact us for more information at bianca.quaresma@apastudents.org or 702-209-8146!

Elementary Spelling Bee

We are so excited for our upcoming Spelling Bee!

Students in grades 1st -3rd will be having "grade level spelling bees" only. They will be using the Scripps format, which will be sent home with them on Tuesday, November 21st.

A classroom champion will be chosen from each class grades 1-6. Champions from grades 1-3 will be announced at the weekly assembly. Champions from grades 4-6 will participate in the school bee. Classroom spelling bees will be held December 4th-8th, so please help your student to prepare. The school bee will be held Wednesday, December 13th. We are excited to see how well the students will do!

If you have any questions please contact your student's homeroom teachers.

SECONDARY NEWS (7th-12th Grade)

Happy belated Thanksgiving to you all. It was a great break for a couple days. It was a little bit of a shock to our system to come right back and jump into all the work that has to be done. By now we have rolled out our first version of the Winterim catalog. As of this morning, we have closed enrollment. We have about 50 students who still have not selected classes. For those 50 students administration will select their classes. We will be sending out instructions to all students at the end of this week to make final adjustments to their Winterim selections. Until otherwise directed, please DO NOT attempt to pay for Winterim classes. Final selections for boot camps are being made today and if your student has been selected to participate, their schedule will reflect that. As our scheduling attention is now shifting to cover Winterim, please make sure that your student's remain focused on their academic pursuits. Semester grades and course credit depends on students successfully completing both quarter one and quarter two.

This is the time of year when students become somewhat complacent in their execution of some of our school policies. We have seen a sharp increase in class tardies and uniform infractions. Please remember that priority enrollment each year is dependent, in part, upon compliance to these things. If you are receiving letters requesting your student's presence at Saturday's Attendance school, your student MUST ATTEND. We are fortunate that this does not apply to the majority of our students but feel compelled to send this quick reminder to all.

9th Grade Winter Dance

The 9th Grade Winter Dance is Friday, December 1st from 6:00-7:30 pm. The dance will be held at the school. Students will enter and exit from the MAIN NORTH WEST entrance.

Students will have the opportunity to show off the dance skills that they have learned in their Ambassador Dance classes, play games, take pictures, and hang out with friends. This event is required and will be counted on all 9th grade students' Character Development grade.

Professional/Semi-Formal dress is required. Below outlines the proper dress for this event.

Gentleman

Button up and Slacks
Belt and Tie
Dress Shoes

Ladies

Dress or Skirt and Blouse
Dress/Skirt must be with in 2 in of the knee
Dress/Blouse must have a modest neckline and sleeves
Dress Shoes

*Dress shoes must be worn throughout event. Please make sure they are comfortable and can be worn to dance in for two hours.

Want to volunteer? Sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d48aca72ca0f58-9thgrade2>

CLUBS AND ATHLETICS

APA Musical Theater

We are excited to announce all of the details for the first ever Las Vegas APA Musical! We will be performing School House Rock Live. Here are all of the dates and information below please mark your calendars:

Auditions are MANDATORY! They will be held

December 14th 2:15 - 5:00 4-6 grade in the Drama Room

December 15th 1:15 - 4:15 7-12 grade in the Drama Room. (This is a half day of school.)

Rehearsals will start after Christmas break on Thursdays from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Dress rehearsals - Tuesday May 8th and Wednesday May 9th

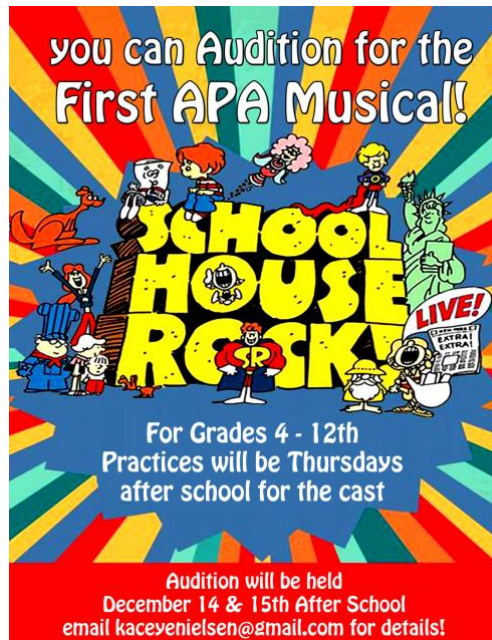
Performances - Thursday May 10th evening, Friday May 11th evening, Saturday May 12th Matinee and evening.

There will also be a mandatory parent meeting on Wednesday January 3rd at 6 P.M. at the school.

Please sign up for an audition slot here!

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0F48ACA928A13-musical

For full details and to get on the email list, please email kacevenielsen@gmail.com or text at 702.319.1633.



Speech & Debate Middle School

Our APA Middle School Debate team has been working so hard for their upcoming Speech & Debate Tournament scheduled for Saturday, December 9th at Robinson Middle School. Not only

do they have weekly meetings, but on Saturdays they are here at APA to prepare for their tournament. Mrs. Bergquist is the advisor for the Speech and Debate Middle School Team and is looking for volunteers to help at their upcoming tournament. Please email her if you are available to help and/or need hours toward your required 20 for the school year. tiara.bergquist@apavegas.org

Good Luck to our APA Speech & Debate Middle School Team!

High School Speech & Debate

The High School Speech & Debate students will be competing in the upcoming league tournament December 1st from 3-9pm at Rancho High School. As a team we are required to bring parent judges to these events and we need your help. Please volunteer a few hours of your time to judge one of our speech events. There is no experience required, all you have to do is listen to student speeches and decide which one you liked the best. If you are interested in helping out please contact Kimberly Abbott at kimberly.abbott@apavegas.org or Lisa Cates at lisa.cates@apavegas.org. For those of you that work and are unable to volunteer during regular school hours, these Friday/Saturday tournaments are a great way for you to get in your volunteer hours. Thank you in advance for your help.

APA Eagles Volleyball Teams

Volleyball 5th & 6th grade Team

The 5/6 grade volleyball team had an outstanding tournament playoff day last Saturday. They first beat the Doral Saddle Dragons 2 - 1, then defeated Pinecrest Cadence in only 2 games to advance to the finals! Things were looking great for the APA Eagles in their next and final game. The championship game found the APA Eagles against their rival, the Pioneer Goldstrikers. The Eagles lost the first game, but made a comeback by winning the second. It was a nail biter til the end! Unfortunately, the APA Eagles fell short, losing to the Goldstrikers by only 3 points in the final game. Great job players and coaches.

Volleyball 7th & 8th Grade Team

Volleyball 7/8 Co-Ed Team "A" finished the season undefeated winning the championship game this past Saturday! They lost the first game 25-16. With the help of Joshua McElroy's serves, APA won the second match(25-20) and third match(15-11).

Great Job on a successful season to all of your APA Volleyball Players! The coaches and players put in many hours to make this season an amazing one. Looking forward to the future. Go Eagles!!!