

November

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November 8th

Fingerprinting Event
3:00-5:00pm

November 9th

Parents Night Out
3:15-8:00pm

November 12th

NO SCHOOL-Veterans Day

November 14th

1st-3rd Field Trip

November 20th

Spirit Day***

November 21st-23rd

NO SCHOOL-Thanksgiving

*****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 APA Spirit Store will now be open every WEDNESDAY. Please use this day to drop in and purchase needed uniform and spirit items! We are open during two different time slots: 8:15 AM - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM



Monthly Builders Theme:

Expressing Gratitude through Word and Deed

Gratitude creates a “full”ness of life. I am fascinated at how my perspective changes when I focus on feeling grateful instead of entitled or resentful. All of a sudden what I have becomes enough...and more! This poem expresses gratitude from an “APA-like” perspective by focusing on feeling grateful for things we don’t have because of the opportunities for personal growth that are presented.

Be Thankful

Be thankful that you don’t already have everything you desire,
If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don’t know something
For it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times.
During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations
Because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge
Because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes
They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you’re tired and weary
Because it means you’ve made a difference.

It is easy to be thankful for the good things.
A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are
also thankful for the setbacks.

GRATITUDE can turn a negative into a positive.
Find a way to be thankful for your troubles
and they can become your blessings.

Author Unknown

All School News

Parents Night Out

The Parent Night Out Event will be taking place next Friday November 9th from 3:15 to 8:00 p.m. The event will include activities, games, drawing, *Just Dance* competition, photo booth and basketball. Cost is Five Dollars (\$5.00) per student per hour and this includes two slices of pizza and a drink. Please RSVP to Ms. Winovich (heather.winovich@apavegas.org), or Mr. Grealish (frank.grealish@apavegas.org), who are the Entrepreneur Club Advisors Please keep an eye out for a flyer with additional details that your student will be bringing home this week. Proceeds from this Event will be going to the Senior Class and Project 150 (a not for-profit focusing on helping homeless teens)

Fingerprinting and Field Trip

Due to heightened security measures and to ensure student safety, ALL regular (4 or more times a month) volunteers are required to be fingerprinted. For parent chaperones who would like to attend field trips, parents who have been fingerprinted will receive priority as we select our chaperones.

We will have another fingerprinting event here at the school to accommodate those who are interested on **November 8th (Today) 3:00-5:00pm**. Cost will be \$55.00 (only Cards will be accepted), which includes background check, badge and lanyard. Please RSVP at the below link. You will receive 5 volunteer hours for being fingerprinted on top of your hours from the field trip or other volunteer activities.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044AABAB23A5FC1-fingerprinting>

Any questions please email Becca.batista@apavegas.org

School Tours

School Tours will be held at 8:15am on the dates found below. We encourage you to invite anyone who may be interested in enrolling their children at APA in the future to attend.

November 29th

January 24th

January 31st

Project 150 Drive November 5th-30th

It's everyone's favorite time of year! Project 150 drive! Project 150 is a non-profit organization who helps homeless high school students stay enrolled and move onto college. Learn more about project 150 on their website: www.project150.org

This drive will run from November 5th-30th. We encourage everyone to participate and support this organization. We have set a school goal of collecting **30,000** items to donate. In order to accomplish this goal, we ask that every student brings **at least 10 items** to their class.

We are looking for the following items:

- Granola Bars
- Oatmeal
- Tuna & Crackers/Chicken & Crackers
- Protein Items (Vienna sausages, canned tuna/chicken, spam)
- Full size bottles of shampoo, conditioner, lotion, body wash, hairspray & hair gel
- Gender specific deodorants
- NEW Underwear (male and female, all adult sizes)
- Hooded Sweatshirts (male and female, all adult sizes)

Clubs

Pizza Thursday

Be sure to pre-order your Marco's pizza for Thursday near the secondary office every morning or at lunch. We currently offer Cheese and Pepperoni and the cost is \$2 per slice or 3 for \$5. This fundraiser is brought to you by your speech and debate team. If you have any questions please email Tiara Bergquist at tiara.bergquist@apavegas.org. Thank you for your support!

High School Speech and Debate

The high school speech and debate team will be competing this week at Foothill High School. We are in need of judges, and are offering double volunteer hours for parents that are willing to come judge for us. No experience is necessary. If you have any questions or would like to judge please email Tiara Bergquist at tiara.bergquist@apavegas.org. Thank you for your continued support for our team!

Middle School Speech and Debate

There will be no meeting this week. The middle school speech and debate team will be competing on November 17th at Advanced Technologies Academy. Please wish them luck on their first tournament of the year! If you have any questions please email Tiara Bergquist at tiara.bergquist@apavegas.org

Elementary News

Birthday Celebrations

Teachers will most likely mention a student's birthday during the school day of their birthday and have a special way of acknowledging that student. At the request of our parents, we will no longer be allowing parents to bring any type of treat, candy, cupcakes, cookies, etc. to distribute to other students. Healthy snacks are welcome and encouraged. Please make sure they are individually wrapped for easy distribution. Reminder: American Prep is a LATEX-FREE school. No balloons for birthdays.

Box Top Winners

Congratulations to the following classes who collected the most box tops. You ROCK!

K-3rd winner is 3rd grade Mrs. Nunn

4th-6th grade winner is 6th grade Ms. Gibson

October K-6 Builder Award Recipients:

K-Hatch AM	Cristina Amado	K-Hatch PM	Shane Ibarra
K-Rambow AM	Emilia Torrance	K-Rambow PM	Carson Shaffer
1st-Abbott	Jayden Xu	1st-Freer	Christopher Zepeda
1st-Torres	Ryan Lukach	2nd-DeJesus	Jaxson Medina
2nd-Harris	Agam Batito	2nd-Gomez	Allison Greene
3rd-Call	Briggs Peterson	3rd-Deaver	Hermilla Ayele
3rd-Nunn	Benjamin Ferrer	3rd-Robison	Braiden Holford
3rd-Telfer	Elias Borboa	4th-Burgess	Ashely Suarez
4th-Gunn	Nicole Herrera	4th-Hayes	Venesa Rozniece
4th-Morano	Jannelle Castillo	4th-Rivenbark	Alyssa Spoletini
5th-Braybrooke	Ashley Seif	5th-Carter	Diane Benny
5th-Gibson	Bethany Haile	5th-Gwin	Rebekah Tefera
5th-Pruitt	Adrian Casa	6th-Conti	Jose Torres
6th-Gibson	Feliz Mau	6th-Holloman	Lily Hamm
6th-Ryan	Enzo Durand	K-3 Teacher	Ms. Castro
4-6 Teacher	Mrs. Morano		

Secondary News

Polo Clarification

We would like to take a minute to distinguish between our polo Fridays, which occur weekly on Friday only, and our spirit days, which occur about once a month. Polos days only occur on Fridays. If we do not have school on Fridays, we do not have a polo Thursday. On Polo Fridays, students are required to wear the same bottom half of their uniform as listed in the parent student handbook and a polo on the top. Polos must be clean, not faded, and without logos. The only exception to this rule is if a student were to purchase a polo from our spirit store with the American Prep crest or logo on it. On spirit days, which are listed in the calendar and in our newsletters, students may wear any item purchased in our student store which has the American Prep logo, crest or star. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS FRIDAY WILL NOT BE A POLO FRIDAY. Students must be in full uniform this Friday to participate in our Veterans Day assembly.

Basketball Lock in

On Monday, November 19th, our varsity girls and boys basketball teams will have their first home games of the season. The Girls' game will begin at 4:30. To encourage student participation, we will have a spirit day that day. In addition, we will hold a "lock in." We will permit students to remain at the school and go to the gym in preparation for the games. We will sell food, snacks and drinks that will support our sports and clubs. To amp up their school spirit, we will have fun games and play music. The lock in is figurative only and students can be picked up at any time. However, students will be required to remain in the gym during carpool and will not be available for pick up if they enter the gym at any time during carpool. We think this has the potential to be an amazing and fun event and look forward to all of our sporting events in our "winter" season.

Winterim Registration

Secondary students should have received their Winterim registration forms and a copy of the catalog during 4th period on Wednesday, November 7th. The registration date on the top of the form indicates when students will be able to register. All classes are on a first come, first serve basis. Each day during the registration window from Nov 13-Nov 20, an updated email will be sent to all students with the courses that are full. We recommend that students select several back-up courses and pay close attention to the grade levels and fees associated with the courses. Students with later registration dates may wish to wait to complete their form to ensure they are not selecting a class that is already full. Once the form is submitted, there will be **no changes made to selections**. All Winterim schedules will be dispersed when students return from the Thanksgiving break. Please do not pay any fees until you have received confirmation of enrollment - fees will be listed through the APA online banker on Friday, November 30th and are due by Tuesday, December 18th. For students in AP classes, please make note of the AP schedule listed on the front of the catalog and indicate AP for the appropriate period on your Winterim registration form.

The following will outline the Winterim registration process:

- Fill out the provided registration form including your 2nd, 3rd, and 4th choices.
 - Please note that the catalog is listed in order of each period (the first group of classes is for 1st period, the second for 2nd period, and the third for 4th period. All students will have 3rd period study hall)
 - Not all classes will be provided for each period or for all grades.
 - Full classes will be emailed at the end of each day.
 - There will be NO online registration this year.
- Submit the registration form to Ms. Steiner on the date provided on your registration form.
 - Registration forms will NOT be accepted before your registration date
 - Registration forms must be turned in to the tray on Ms. Steiner's desk by 9:30am on your registration date.
 - Registration forms will not be accepted unless submitted as outlined above.

October 7th-12th Builder Award Recipients:

7 th Grade	Tindite Aboya	7 th Grade	Nathan Ly
8 th Grade	Sasha Morano	8 th Grade	Jordan Ta
9 th Grade	Mary Catherine Findlay	9 th Grade	Austin Keithley
10 th Grade	Lily Dobbins	10 th Grade	Arjay Angus
11 th Grade	Maya Vateva	11 th Grade	Nick Strohfus
12 th Grade	Giselle Signey	12 th Grade	Malik Harris

Athletics

Volleyball had a Great Senior Night

The Varsity Volleyball Season came to an end last evening with a second-round loss to top-rated Coral Academy in the NCSAA Charter League playoffs. The season proved to be a very positive experience for the Lady Eagles. Sporting a roster that featured 10 freshmen, the girls got decidedly better as the season went on. The contributions of our four seniors, Mary Gibbs, Haley Moore, Shanalynn Pangelinan and Nayeli Ramirez were appreciated and they will be greatly missed.

Middle School Volleyball season will continue however, as they surprised everyone by upsetting #1 seed, Somerset Sky Point, to move into the semi-finals. Their next game will be played next Tuesday against a foe yet to be determined.

With all our young players performing so well, the future looks tremendously bright for the volleyball program.

Volleyball Awards Next Thursday

Save the date - next Thursday, November 15th is the season-ending awards ceremony for both Middle School and Varsity VB teams. Coaches Meriah Jex and Megan Richardson are looking for volunteers to help with the set-up for the 7 pm pot-luck event. Finger foods and snacks will be appreciated and EVERYONE in the family is invited!

Tennis Has Started, but There's Still Room

If you haven't signed up for Tennis as of yet, you can still jump in. APA's newest sport has really taken off and there are a few spots remaining for the November program. You may go online to the "Online Banker" portal and make your payment in the Athletic Fees section under Tennis. The fee is \$150 and Coach McElroy (johnmcelroy10s@yahoo.com) or Coach Bliss (dave.bliss@apavegas.org) can get you set up.

Cross Country Dominates the Post-Season Awards

In spite of being in just their first year of existence, the Eagle Cross Country teams garnered three of the most prestigious awards for the recently-concluded season. For the 2018 season, the Eagle harriers captured the NCSAA "Team of the Year" awards in both the Varsity and the Middle School categories. They also had one of their team-members, freshman Booker Comin, selected "NCSAA Runner of the Year!"

If there was a Coach of the Year Award, our coach, APA parent Josh Melver, would have been a shoo-in! Great year boys!

High School Basketball Tryouts Complete

Both of the high school basketball teams, girls and boys, have just concluded their team tryouts. The three-day period was very competitive and both teams look to have great seasons.

There will be a mandatory meeting for both teams in the campus gym on Saturday, November 10th at 10 am for all selected players and their parents. Each player must be represented by an adult, as the coaches will be introduced and team expectations will be shared.

The tryouts for the Middle School and Elementary programs will be on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 10 am in the gym.

USA Swimming

Congratulations to Gavin and Caleb Gould for getting the award *Scholastic All-American* in the school year 2017-18 from USA Swimming. This award in recognition of their swimming ability and academic success. You guys are rock stars!