



# AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

Sep. 17th, 2021

DRAPER 3



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, September 18th

Shakespeare Showcase (5-9:30pm)

Wednesday, September 22nd

10th Grade In It To Win It (12:30-1:50pm)

Thursday, September 23rd

Dance Company Auditions (2:15-3:45pm)

Thursday, September 23rd

New Parent Orientation (7-8pm)

**Friday, September 24th**

**EARLY DISMISSAL - Parent Teacher Conferences**

Friday, September 24th

Parent Teacher Conferences [By Invitation] (1-4pm)

Friday, September 24th

Fall Festival (5-8pm)

Wednesday, September 29th

8th Grade Barn Event and BBQ (12:30-3:30pm)

Friday, October 1st

Spirit Day

### Required Meeting for New Parents

There will be a meeting on Thursday, September 23rd that is required for all new APA parents. This does not include parents that have 7th graders that are new to D3, but have attended another APA campus. If you are brand new to APA this year, please come to the D3 Multipurpose Room (on the 3rd floor) at 7 P.M.



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## **Constitution Day**

Today 12 dignitaries of the community joined with our students in a live reading of our beloved Constitution. The students demonstrated a profound respect for our nation through their eloquent reading. We are so grateful to all the leaders, students, and staff that made this event possible. Happy Constitution Day!

## **10th Grade In It To Win It**

On Wednesday, September 22nd, 10th grade is getting the wonderful opportunity to have fun and get to know each other in our "In It to Win It" event. We will be hosting games and activities where the students will be competing to win great prizes and cheering each other on! The event will take place at our campus during 4th period with normal school dismissal time. Students should come to school in their Friday uniform attire (blue polo) and get ready to win some games!

## **Now Hiring: Kitchen Crew**

4546 S. Atherton Drive #101 Taylorsville

Shifts 7am to 4pm Monday - Friday

Pay: Depending on Experience

Knowledge, Skills, Abilities & Terms of Employment

- Prepare and prep menu items according to the recipes provided.
- Proper portion control to ensure consistency in all menu items.
- Chop, package, and prepare vegetable
- Food Handlers certificate (may be obtained within 30 days of employment)
- All days of the school year with regular attendance required

American Preparatory Academy is an equal opportunity employer

Go to <https://www.americanprep.org/careers/> to apply online.

## **Fall Festival**

The Fall Festival will be held on the soccer field at Draper 3 on Friday, September 24 from 5pm to 8pm. Wristbands for students and your younger children who don't attend school at APA can be purchased in advance for \$7 or at the door for \$9. The wristband gets your student an all-access pass to bounce houses, a game truck, laser tag, photo booth, and carnival games. You can also purchase a family pass for \$30 for all of the students (and your younger children who don't attend school at APA) in your immediate family. Family passes are only available in advance and will not be available at the door. Other activities include face painting and a dunk tank. Clubs and organizations will be selling popcorn, bake sale items, soda, cotton candy, and snow cones. These other activities and items for sale are not included with a wristband purchase, but will be available to purchase at the event.

We will also be selling meal vouchers for \$5. Get your choice of a hamburger, cheeseburger, or hot dog with chips and a bottle of water for just \$5. The choir is also selling a slice of pizza and a drink for \$5. Meal vouchers must be purchased in advance.



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We are in need of many volunteers to make events like this a success. We are also looking for a few donations. To sign up to volunteer your time or to make a donation, please go to <https://www.americanprepfoundation.org/2021fallfestival>. You can also purchase your meal vouchers and wristbands here.

If you'd prefer to purchase wristbands and meal vouchers at your campus, volunteers will be at the Draper 1, Draper 2, and Draper 3 campuses from 7:30am to 8:30am this Friday, September 17 and also Tuesday, September 21 and Wednesday, September 22.

## Draper Philharmonic Tickets for APA

American Prep Community, we have an incredible opportunity from our partners at the Draper Philharmonic & Choral Society. They have generously offered tickets to our entire APA community for their upcoming concert, "A Night on Broadway & the Silver Screen." This concert features many old and new favorites with various uplifting, energetic, funny, and tender songs performed by orchestra, choir, and professional-level soloists. Performance Dates are as follows:

- Abravanel Hall - Friday, October 8th - 7 pm
- Brighton High School auditorium - Saturday, October 9th - 7 pm

Tickets to this event typically cost \$18; however, the Draper Philharmonic & Choral Society are excited to share their performance and love of music with our APA families and faculty for free. The discount code they will use is **APAcamp**. Tickets are obtained by visiting our website [draperphilharmonic.org](http://draperphilharmonic.org) and clicking on the "Get Tickets" button under the "Concerts" link and choosing your preferred venue.

- For Abravanel Hall, the discount code must be entered by clicking on the small space at the top of the screen entitled "Promo Code" before seats are selected. A maximum of 8 tickets may be obtained online in one order. If more tickets are desired, another order may be initiated immediately after that, or families can simply call the ArtTix office at 801-355-ARTS (2787) for their entire order.
- For Brighton High School, the link on our website will take them to a site called "BuyYourTix." On this site, the discount code is entered after the seats are selected.

We hope our American Prep families can take advantage of this unique opportunity to experience an incredible live music performance and enjoy a night out as a family.

Our entire APA community wishes to express gratitude to our partners at the Draper Philharmonic & Choral Society. Thank you all!

## Event Review: United Day of Caring

This Wednesday the Seniors participated in the Day of Caring service project. Students put together folder games, threading toys, and seat padding for Stichting Hearts. The Seniors seemed to appreciate the opportunity and happily participated in the project.

## Event Review: W.O.R.K. Party

Last week our 8th Graders participated in the W.O.R.K. Party Ambassador Event where they had Wonderful Opportunities to Render Kindness. Our students worked on several neighborhood beautification projects located throughout the community. They weeded and picked up trash, and planted trees to make the area look nice. Our students did a great job following directions and working hard to make a difference!



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Many of the service project leaders commented that the students were able to accomplish in a couple of hours what it would have taken the city and staff a week to do! The city workers were very grateful for all that our students helped them complete.

In the Ambassador program we talk a lot about being good representatives. Each of our students were wonderful representatives of our school. Thank you for all of your hard work students!

Many thanks to Virpal Sidhu, Kathy Larrabee, Sariah Crafts, Karla Ramirez, Angela Klaus, Harmony Milham, Frank Keller, Josh Arye, Steven Arellano, Dinora Garcia, Nancy Davila, and Joseph Arulandam for supporting this event! We couldn't have kept so many students organized without your help!

## Event Review: Mighty Steps

Last Saturday, 20 students from the 11th Grade participated in the Mighty Steps for the Down Syndrome Foundation. They helped serve concessions, cheered on the walk participants, and got to know children with Down Syndrome. It was a very rewarding experience. We are so grateful for our volunteers' participation.

## **- Reminders (repeat information from previous newsletter) -**

## Upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences

Our upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Friday, September 24th. This will be an early dismissal day. **These conferences are by invitation only.** Teachers will contact the individual parents that need to come in to discuss their child's academic progress. There will be additional Parent Teacher Conferences in the future that are open to all parents.

## Draper 3 Dance Company

Would your student like to be on the Draper 3 Dance Company? We perform at school assemblies, basketball halftimes, Festival of Trees among many other performances around Utah. Auditions are Thursday, September 23rd from 3:30-5:00 pm in the D3 Multipurpose Room. 8th-12th grade only. Audition forms can be found in the Character Development office. Please have it filled out with a Parents signature when you come to auditions. Wear APA appropriate dance class attire and COME HAVE FUN WITH US!!! Contact Mrs. Mahoney for any questions. [kmahoney@apamail.org](mailto:kmahoney@apamail.org).

## MathCounts

All students who are interested in participating in MathCounts should apply by completing the [online application](#). [Click here to apply](#). There will be 2 MathCounts Information meetings on Friday, October 1:

- D3 students will meet at 3:00 PM



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- D2 students will meet at 3:30 PM

Students in grades 6, 7, & 8 are eligible for spots on the MathCounts team. The annual MathCounts competition will take place in February. The Draper MathCounts Coach is Ms. Kathy Woodcox - [kwoodcox@apamail.org](mailto:kwoodcox@apamail.org).

## **Clubs Currently Offered**

Below is a list of the after school clubs currently being offered at D3. This list does not include athletics or sanctioned activities, such as Debate or Drama. If you do not see the club that you are interested in, consider starting a new club. Talk to Mr. Durst ([bdurst@apamail.org](mailto:bdurst@apamail.org)) for more information.

### **Chess Club**

Chess Club provides a space for students to learn and/or improve chess skills in a fun, social atmosphere.

- How to Participate: Any interested D3 students are welcome to participate.
- Time Commitment: Meets every Thursday (2:00-3:00pm), in Room 124
- Fees: None
- Advisor: Jeremy Shimada ([jshimada@apamail.org](mailto:jshimada@apamail.org))

### **Dungeons and Dragons Club**

Come play Dungeons and Dragon and be a part of this exciting club.

- How to Participate: Any interested D3 students are welcome to participate.
- Time Commitment: Meets every Wednesday (2:00-3:50pm) except the first week of each month, which will be on Thursday, in Room 120
- Fees: None
- Advisor: Alicia Leitch ([aleitch@apamail.org](mailto:aleitch@apamail.org))

### **Game Designing Club**

Join the D3 Game Designing Club to learn about coding and software development. Learn a new skill and have lots of fun in the process!

- How to Participate: Any interested D3 students are welcome to participate.
- Time Commitment: Meets every Wednesday (2-3pm), in Room 325
- Fees: None
- Advisor: Kainalu Barino ([kbarino@apamail.org](mailto:kbarino@apamail.org))

### **Physics Club**

The goal of the Physics Club is to support students who are currently taking Physics Honors by providing opportunities for tutoring, group learning, and culminating activities.

- How to Participate: D3 High School (9th-12th grade) students are welcome to participate.
- Time Commitment: Meets every Monday (3-4pm) and Wednesday (2-3pm), in Room 231
- Fees: None
- Advisor: Jonah Kortsen ([jkortsen@apamail.org](mailto:jkortsen@apamail.org))

### **Stage Crew Club**

Stage Crew Club is perfect for any student who is interested in learning about and working in the behind-the-scenes world of theater. The club goal is to work together to design and create the technical elements of the current D3 Theater Productions. This will include designing and building sets, props, costumes, and special effects.



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- How to Participate: 8th-12th grade D3 students are welcome to participate.
- Time Commitment: Meets every Wednesday (2:30-5:30pm), in the D3 Multipurpose Room, Room 301
- Fees: None
- Advisor: Michael Romney ([mromney@apamail.org](mailto:mromney@apamail.org))

## **Videography Club**

The Videography Club is intended for those students who want to learn/have camera experience or other camera crew jobs (e.g., editing, directing, acting, etc). This club will be working as a team to create informative and uplifting videos.

- How to Participate: D3 High School (9th-12th grade) students are welcome to participate.
- Time Commitment: Meets every Thursday (2-3pm), in Room 325
- Fees: None

Advisor: Kainalu Barino ([kbarino@apamail.org](mailto:kbarino@apamail.org))

## **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**

At the conclusion of each school year, end-of-year assessment data is reported and organized into a Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA). The CNA includes demographic, attendance, and assessment data. Also included in the CNA are the results of the annual Parent Survey. This Survey evaluates, among other things, the satisfaction of parents with the quality of the academic program and their opportunities to participate in the schools. American Preparatory administrators annually invite selected staff and parents from each school to participate in a District/School Planning Meeting. This Committee reviews the Comprehensive Needs Assessment and analyzes areas for potential improvement. District/School Plans are developed with goals, action steps, and budget relationships. District and School Parent Involvement Policies are evaluated for effectiveness. School, Parent, and Student Compacts are also examined by this Committee for recommended changes.

## **School Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

School Parent Involvement Policies vary slightly by campus and are located within the Parent-Student Handbooks. These Handbooks are distributed annually to parents and will soon be accessible on the APA



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website under the Parent Library drop-down tab. The Handbooks can also be accessed via this link:  
<https://www.americanprep.org/parent-student-handbooks/>.

## **Yard Sale Choir Fundraiser**

Support the APA Choir department by visiting their massive yard sale! Funds raised will benefit Benefit Bella Voce & Chorum Vita Students The yard sale will take place on Sep. 18th, 8am to 12pm, at 9677 Quindaro Rd (475 E)..