

Parent Re-enrollment Meetings 2019-2020

Yearly Highlights.

Important Info.

Directors' Focus.

Carpool/Parking

- Running smoothly
 - Still have a few people coming outside of their times
 - The morning is different than the evening
- The back loop
- Construction starting in April (maybe)
- Access from 11950 South
- Parking during and after hours

Safety and Security

- After school events happen often in the school
 - Lockers should be locked but it is not required
 - Students staying late
 - Check in/out students
 - Check in/out guests
 - Cameras
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Secondary Program Growth

- ★ Student Population Growth
 - 2017: 461
 - 2018: 551
 - 2019: \approx 600
 - **Net Growth:** \approx 140 students
 - Annual Growth (17/18 - 18/19)
 - JH: \approx 45 students
 - HS: \approx 20 students
 - ***Average JH class size: 25.5***
 - ***Average HS class size: 16***

Director's Comments

- ★ Topics of note this year
 - Social Media
 - Our High School program
 - Distinctions
 - What does “Honors” mean?

10 Apps Parents should know about

- HIP
- Calculator+
- Snapchat
- Line
- Omegle
- Tinder
- Whisper
- Kik Messenger
- Vora
- Ask.fm

Source:

<https://www.learningliftoff.com/10-apps-kids-use-that-parents-should-know-about/>

HIP (Hide it Pro)

- **App type: Hide media**
- Disguised as a music manager
- Meant for hiding anything from photos and videos to text messages and other apps.
- The user sets a pin code and can then move files to the app and remove them from the phone (i.e., photos, messages, etc.).
- This, and similar hidden “vault” apps, helps kids hide inappropriate material from their parents.



Calculator+

- **App Type: Hide media**
- The calculator actually acts as the password input (PASSCODE followed by %)
- Same as other “hide it” apps. Purpose is to keep media from parents
- Other “hide it” apps include
 - KeepSafe
 - HPS
 - SA
 - And more...



Snapchat

- **App Type: Social Media messenger, file sharing**
- Send a photo or video from your phone and determine how long the person on the other end can see the image until it “disappears.”
- The caveat is that it will not disappear forever because recipients have the ability to take screenshots of whatever photo or video messages they receive. Although senders get a notification that a screenshot was taken, it doesn't stop the ramifications that may result.
- Other apps that allow private media sharing
 - Facebook
 - Twitter
 - Instagram
 - Tumblr
 - Tik Tok (musical.ly)
 - And more...



Line

- **App Type: messaging and file sharing**
- Free texts, video calls
- Users decide how long their messages will be visible (two seconds or a week).
- They also can be charged for in-app activities, but that would only be an issue if your child has access to a credit card.



Omgele

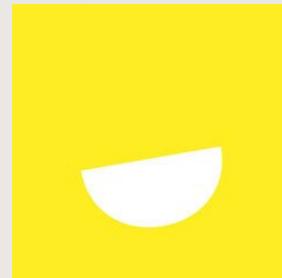
- **App Type: not an actual app, it's a website**
- Why is this perhaps one of the most concerning sites?
 - *Simply type omegle.com into any browser, and you can be connected via chat or video to a stranger.*
 - How many years have we taught our kids to not talk to strangers?
Now it's a click away
- There are MANY similar websites

Blendr	HOLLA	TinyChat
MeetMe	Monkey	Chatroulette
Fruzo	FaceFlow	iMeetzu
ChatRad	Live.me	YouNow

Plus many more...

Tinder & Yubo

- **App Type: profile rating and locating app (via GPS tracking)**
- That means if you turn on the “10 mile radius,” your search results will filter people within that range, making it far too easy for adults and minors to find one another.
- Like many apps it states you must be 18 or older to use but there is no verification process
- Yubo (Tinder for teens) - swipe left or right on a profile to reject or accept a profile. This connection links them to chatting, messaging, etc. via Snapchat or Instagram



Whisper

- **App Type: anonymous community app to share opinions**
- Users share what they “really think” about anyone or anything
- Despite being “anonymous” and even disabling geolocation
 - Other users can still see you city, state and country
 - The “nearby” section of the app shows posts from people in the same area
- Users can be exposed to: cyberbullying, explicit language, references to drugs, alcohol and violence, and other inappropriate material
- Because of the app’s use of geolocation people, strangers, can find your child and see their current location
- App promotes private communication and Sharing of pictures and personal information



Kik

- **App Type: videos, photos, GIFs and sketch exchange app**
- Privacy is a big concern with this app
- Users can receive messages from people they are not “friends” with
- No parental controls
- Can be password protected to prevent others, including parents, from seeing their activity on the app
- No verification process - opening up opportunities for anyone, including predators, to interact with minors

The Kik logo is displayed in a white rounded square with a thin grey border. The logo itself consists of the word "kik." in a bold, lowercase, green sans-serif font. The background of the slide features a faint, large-scale geometric pattern of overlapping triangles in shades of grey and white.

kik.

Vora

- **App Type: dieting app**
- Track “fasting” activity
- Connect with other fasters
- Though intent may not be malicious concerns are:
 - Exposing to extreme fasting habits and persons
 - Pushing kids toward eating disorders, especially those already vulnerable



Ask.fm

- **App Type: Q&A community**
- Can ask others questions anonymously
- Consider all the possibilities, especially adding in the anonymity element
- Not monitored, meaning anyone can say anything as a fact or truth without dispute

The logo for Ask.fm, featuring the text "askfm" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font. The "ask" is in a standard weight, while "fm" is in a lighter, italicized weight. The logo is centered within a solid red square.

askfm

Now what?

Things parents can do:

- Monitor Screen Time:
 - Iphone- built in screen limits and tracking
 - Instagram- alerts on usage
 - Turn off the WIFI in your home (Disney Circle, Xfinity)
 - Docking station for devices
 - Make physical connections with your children that will release oxytocin and create connection (REAL connection). Hugs and Kisses!
 - Remember that the phone is yours, not theirs. If you pay the bill, the phone is yours. This can mean if your student is doing something inappropriate on your phone, it can come back to you.

What are the two pillars of APA?

Academic Rigor

- Academic rigor is intellectual discipline.
 - Students learn how to create their own meaning out of what they learn.
 - Students organize information so they create mental models.
 - Students integrate individual skills into whole sets of processes.
 - Students apply what they've learned to new or novel situations.
 - Academic rigor teaches kids to think for themselves.
 - It means that students **must work**, like an athlete at a team practice, to build their skills, understanding, and thinking power so that they can achieve at higher and higher levels.

Pillars of APA

Virtuous Character

- Virtue, by definition, is the moral excellence of a person.
- A morally excellent person has a character made-up of virtues valued as good.
 - Because of these virtues or positive character traits, he or she is committed to doing the right thing no matter what the personal cost, and does not bend to impulses, urges or desires, but acts according to values and principles.
- Virtues are universal and recognized by all cultures as basic qualities necessary for our well-being and happiness. Necessary because when we practice virtues and build the “character muscle,” we will attract what may have been missing in our life such as fulfilling relationships, achievement of meaningful goals, and happiness.

Appendix C: Parent Compact

PARENTS AGREE TO:

1. Ensure that my student attends school regularly and on time. Notify the school promptly in the case of my student's absence. As often as possible, schedule appointments outside of school hours (II. Daily School Operation: Attendance).
2. Abide by school policies and procedures regarding student drop-off and carpool (II. Daily School operation: Carpool).
3. Ensure that my student receives sufficient rest and has a nutritious breakfast and lunch (III. Health and Safety: School Lunch).
4. Ensure that my student arrives at school prepared for class with necessary materials and in appropriate dress uniform (IV. Academic Policies: Organization and V. Dress Code).
5. Abide by school policies regarding check-in/check-out procedures and visitor policies (II. Daily School Operation: Check-ins and Check-outs).
6. Review my student's homework and sign my student's learning plan each night (IV. Academic Policies: Organization).
7. Provide an environment in the home that will make it possible for students to engage in scholarly pursuits on a daily basis. This should include opportunities for exercise, study, homework, and reading. It may also include instrumental practice. Students should refrain from watching T.V. or playing video games Monday - Thursday (IV. Academic Policies: Homework).
8. Support my student's education through attendance at school meetings, Parent-Teacher conferences, and Parent Interventions when necessary (VII. Parent Involvement Policy: School-Parent Communication and VI. Code of Conduct: Parent Intervention Guidelines)
9. Support the American Preparatory Community by completing parent surveys and volunteering at least 20 hours per school year (VII. Parent Involvement Policy: Parent-School Communication and Volunteer Guidelines).
10. Use "Builder Behavior" within the American Preparatory community by being positive and encouraging with staff, other parents, and especially with students (IV. Academic Policies: Communication with Students and VII. Parent Involvement Policy: Parent-School Communication).
11. Inform and provide constructive input to appropriate staff at American Preparatory Academy in a timely manner should I become aware of obstacles to my student's education (VII. Parent Involvement Policy: Parent-School Communication).
12. Abide by other school policies and procedures as outlined in the Parent-Student Handbook and the Acceptance of Policy.

Online Registration Process

1. Pick up and make changes/correct mistakes on your student(s) profile sheet(s) and return to the office.
2. Use the code provided to complete online registration.
3. **Each student must be registered individually.**
4. Return necessary documents for files (7th grade immunizations, medication dosage, etc.)
5. Online registration deadline is Sunday, February 24th, 2019.