



# AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

Feb. 5th, 2021

DRAPER 3



## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 8th - February 12th

Tuesday, February 9th

Wednesday, February 10th

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**February 15th - February 19th**

Wednesday, February 24th

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February 25th - February 27th

HOPE Week

JH Spelling Bee - First Rd. (in English classes)

12th Grade Virtual Supreme Court (12:30-1:50pm)

Make-up Picture Day

**NO SCHOOL - Mid-Winter Break**

7th Grade Virtual Capitol Trip (1-1:50pm)

JH Spelling Bee - Final Rd. (2-4pm)

State HS Boys and Girls Basketball Tournaments

For updates, additional event information, and athletic events, please visit our campus website at <http://www.draper3.americanprep.org>.

### **Link for Students That Will Not Be Returning Next Year**

Parents, if your student will not be returning to APA next year, please [click on this link](#) and fill out the short form. Our staff will contact you in order to confirm this decision. We appreciate your help in our planning for next school year.



## **Ballroom Team Opportunity**

Ladies--the ballroom team needs you! No audition required! We are looking for two ladies (8-12th grade) to join the ballroom team. We have a lot of fun together, and it's a great way to take a break from desks and books and get your blood moving! The class is 2nd period, contact Mrs. Phillips if you are interested ([jphillips@apamail.org](mailto:jphillips@apamail.org)). Parents--encourage your daughters to give it a try. It's a fun social experience and looks great on a college resume!

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

### **Tutoring Available**

Attention APA students and parents! Tutoring by the National Honor Society is held in room 323 every day after school for one hour. This is a simple way for students to get help with their homework. Tutoring is open to anybody. No registration needed. Just come up to room 323 for help in any subject.

### **Fabric and String Donations Needed**

The National Honor Society is collecting resources to create marble bags for refugees. We are looking for fabric and string. If you can donate, we would greatly appreciate it. Bring your donations to Ms. Garrett's or Ms. Hammond's office.

### **Check Grades on Skyward**

Midterm is approaching fast, so we wanted to remind parents that Skyward is the best resource for you to know what your student's current grades are. Here is a very brief video reminder of how to navigate through Skyward to check your student's grades: <https://youtu.be/XANNYDeJ2IO>

### **Accreditation Review**

Every 5 years, we are required to undergo an Accreditation Review. Cognia is the approved Accrediting agency for public schools across multiple states. The Review Team from Cognia that conducted American Prep's recent review represented decades of education experience in public schools districts and charters across multiple states. As part of their extensive review, Cognia conducted observations in multiple APA classrooms, examined over 400 documents, and interviewed 117 stakeholders, including board members, admin, teachers, parents, community members, students, and support staff. We are excited to announce that American Prep received an exceptional recommendation of Accreditation from its recent review. The Index of Education Quality (IEQ) is the numeric score given an institution at the conclusion of the Accreditation Review process. The 5-year average COGNIA IEQ score for institutions is 280. American Prep received an IEQ rating of 350 out of 400—far above average and indicating that APA “Demonstrates noteworthy practices producing clear results that positively impact the institution.”



Cognia specifically noted these powerful practices at APA:

1. The American Preparatory Academy (APA), directed by the chief executive officer (CEO) and the leadership team, tirelessly commit to the institution's purpose and direction.
2. APA's governing board established a comprehensive set of policies and procedures, including a strong code of ethics, allowing them to fulfill their roles and responsibilities for the institution and schools' direction.
3. APA schools provide a structured and positive culture that exemplifies the system's mission statement "...to ensure that each student achieves maximum academic proficiency and develops virtuous character and motivation for a productive citizenry."
4. APA exemplifies a data-driven system where teachers record, collect, analyze, and use both formative and summative assessments to update the curriculum and assess student learning.
5. APA provides staff members with professional learning activities based on data-driven needs assessments with a focus on collaboration and collegiality.
6. The system provides access to information resources and materials to support the curriculum and allocates human, material, and fiscal resources in alignment with the organizational purpose and improvement of student performance.

We are grateful to the staff, parents, students, and community members who contribute in meaningful ways to the culture and mission of excellence at American Prep!

## Test Data and School Report Cards Available

The 2019-2020 School Report Cards are available on the American Prep website's Parent Library under "Plans and Reports" (<http://www.americanprep.org/plans-and-reports/>). School Improvement Plans for our Title I Campuses will also be located at this site. If you have any questions regarding this data, feel free to contact your school administrators.

## JH Spelling Bee

We will be holding a Spelling Bee for our 7th and 8th grade students here at D3. The first round of the Spelling Bee will be held on **February 9th**, during English classes. The final round of the school Spelling Bee, which will include the top spellers from the first round, will be held on **February 24th, from 2pm-4pm**, at the school. One or two parents/family members can attend if their student makes it into the final round. Below are two important study guides for the students to study in order to prepare themselves:

[Spelling Bee Three Bee Study Words 2021](#)

[School Spelling Bee Study List 2021](#)

## Math Competition

High school students who are interested in taking the AMC 10/12 (American Mathematics Competition), please see Mrs. Stewart in room 125, or talk with your math teacher. The written multiple choice test will be given during school hours on **Wednesday, February 10th**. We have ordered a limited number of tests which are available on a first come first serve basis.