



# AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

September 6th, 2024

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, September 11th

Friday, September 13th

Saturday, September 14th

Tuesday, September 17th

Wednesday, September 18th

Wednesday, September 25th

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

Fall Festival (5-8 PM)

Welcome Back Dance (6-8 PM)

Constitution Day

8th Grade W.O.R.K Party (12:30-2:45 PM)

11th Grade Overlook Hike (12:30-4:30)

### Virtual Parent Empowerment Night

**Cell Phone and Internet Safety:** Join us on Tuesday, September 10th at 7 pm for a night of social media and internet information. We will examine our personal internet use and habits and learn how to help the teens in our lives navigate the world wide web with purpose. We will review recent studies that link mental health with cell phone usage. This is appropriate to watch with your students. Your campus will provide an incentive. Join a Zoom Meeting. <https://uetn-org.zoom.us/j/82744706370>

Meeting ID: 827 4470 6370



## **10th Grade In it to Win it**

10th grade In It to Win It is on Wednesday, Sept. 11th! We will be playing team-building games from 12:30 pm - 1:50 pm. This event is on campus. Students will participate in a series of short games (cup stacking, relays, oreo eating, etc) while competing against their classmates for prizes! This event is going to encourage teamwork and healthy competition.

## **After School Clubs**

After School clubs are starting back up. National Honor Society is everyday after school in room #323. This is a club that provides free tutoring to students. Dungeons and Dragons meets Thursdays from 2-4 PM in room #322. Lego Club meets Fridays from 3-4 PM in room #121.

## **Welcome Back Dance**

The Welcome Back Dance will be on Saturday, September 14th from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. All high school students are invited to attend! Tickets are \$5 each, and will go on sale at the front office.

## **-Reminders-**

### **Constitution Day Celebration**

Our annual Constitution Day celebration with our live reading of the U.S. The Constitution will be read on Tuesday, Sept. 17th at 8am.

### **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**



American Prep recognizes that parent and family engagement is key to student achievement. We provide many opportunities for parents and family members to participate in, and stay informed of, their student's academic achievement.

American Preparatory Academy trains staff annually during pre-service and teacher academy on how to communicate, build meaningful connections, and otherwise involve parents/families and the school. These topics are reinforced during professional development opportunities throughout the year as needed.

Additional details regarding Parent and Family Engagement are available in the annual Parent-Student Handbooks (PSHB) which are distributed annually, posted on the school websites, and available in Spanish at our West Valley campuses.

For the full District Parent and Family Engagement Policy, please refer to this [link](#) on the Policy page of the [americanprep.org](http://americanprep.org) website.

## **School Parent & Family Engagement Policies**

School Parent Involvement Policies vary slightly by campus and are located within the Parent-Student Handbooks <https://www.americanprep.org/parent-student-handbooks/>. These Handbooks are distributed annually to parents and are now accessible on the APA website under the Parent Library drop-down tab. West Valley Parent-Student Handbooks will be available in Spanish.

## **Mandated Assessments & Opt-Outs**

American Preparatory recognizes that Standardized Testing is an essential tool for measuring student learning and teacher success. The data obtained from these assessments may be utilized by teachers and administrators to review student academic progress, plan instruction, and share with students and parents. Summative assessments allow for data to be used in public reporting about school quality. Parent's may opt-out of most state standardized tests by submitting a Parental Exclusion form to the Academic Director. You can learn more about the state assessments administered at American Prep and find the testing schedules for your student's campus by following this link:

<https://www.americanprep.org/state-assessments/>

## **8th Grade W.O.R.K Party**

The 8th grade W.O.R.K. (Wonderful Opportunities to Render Kindness) Party will be on Wednesday, Sept. 16th, from 12:30 pm - 2:35 pm. (Late dismissal!) Students can wear their Friday polos and nice jeans. (No holes!) We are looking forward to this opportunity to perform service at parks and other city locations in the Draper area!



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