



# American Prep-West Valley 1 Campus Newsletter

## -- "School's Starting Soon" Edition--

### August 1, 2022

Website @ <https://westvalley1.americanprep.org/>

## Upcoming Events

\*Newly added to this newsletter calendar

- August 1\* Registration opens for Sistema, our Afterschool Music Program for grades 2-6. Visit the Afterschool page on the website to apply. <https://westvalley1.americanprep.org/after-school-programs/>
- August 1-5\* Training Week for APA Staff at West Valley 2 Campus  
*Office will only be open on Thursday and Friday of this week.*
- August 8-12\* Preservice Week for APA Staff  
*Office will be closed on Tuesday for off-campus training.*
- Friday, August 12\* 1-3pm MEET & GREET OPENHOUSE  
*Class lists will be posted at 1:00. Bring your family and... Come find your classroom! Meet your teacher! Pick up your 2022-2023 carpool tags! Choose and sign up for volunteer committees! Complete lunch forms! Drop by for a few minutes any time between 1:00 and 3:00pm.*
- Wednesday, Aug 17\* FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!  
8:15 Start time – drop-off at the curb between 7:50-8:10.
  - 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades will meet their teachers in the gym.
  - Kindergarten students will meet their teachers in the multipurpose room for the first day, then in the gym.2:25 1<sup>st</sup> Dismissal / 2:50 2<sup>nd</sup> Dismissal  
(Remember Wed & Thurs are both “early out” days)
- Wed Aug 17-Fri Aug 26\* 2:25-2:50 Academic Extended Day/2<sup>nd</sup> Dismissal  
*During the first 8 days of school, all of our new-to-APA 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students (and kindergarten siblings of these students) are assigned to AED/2<sup>nd</sup> dismissal. “New Parent” classes will be held during this 2:25-2:50 time as well.*



- Wednesday, Aug 17\* 2:30-5:30 First Day of Sistema for Registered 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders
- Friday, August 19\* Our first Spirit Wear Day!  
*Students can wear an APA-logoed shirt/T-shirt with their uniform pants, shorts or skirt on Spirit Days. This is optional fun, of course. Spirit Days happen on the first Friday of the month.*
- Friday, August 19\* 6:00-8:00pm. Parent “Back to School” Orientation.  
*This is a fun and informative evening just for parents—and one of our “mandatory” parent meetings. Please make arrangements so you can attend this “parent only” event.*
- Friday, September 2 Spirit Wear Friday!
- Monday, September 5\* Labor Day. No school attendance.
- Friday, September 9\* 3:30-5:30pm. “Lights On” family event.  
*Bring the whole family! Food & fun, signups for Friday Clubs, great info from community partners—get this on your calendar!*
- Thursday, Sept 15\* Constitution Day Commemoration.  
*More to come about this special day!*

**Happy August!** Hello to our American Prep-West Valley 1 families and a warm welcome to our new families coming to APA for the first time. We hope you are enjoying your summer break—having fun times with family and friends, relaxing a little, reading a lot and doing some of your favorite things! School is just around the corner—we look forward to seeing you on Friday, August 12 for the Meet & Greet (1-3pm) and Wednesday, August 17 for the first day of school!

### **Employment Opportunities @ APA**

Our best employees so very often come from our American Prep community! We are anxiously trying to fill a few open positions at our campus and are hopeful that you—or someone you know—could be of one of APA’s newest employees!

**Part-time Lunchroom Worker**—4 to 5 hours a day during school hours @ the West Valley 1 campus. Hoping to find someone fluent in both English and Spanish.

**Classroom instructors/aides**—if you want a rewarding job where you KNOW you are making a difference in the world, this is for you. Assisting in the classroom, working with our amazing teachers and students, being trained on our reading and math programs, having the same vacation schedule as your student, medical benefits...this might be the job you’ve been waiting for!



**Substitutes**—we are always so grateful to have trained substitutes! Work as many or as few days as fits your schedule.

Details and applications can be found on the website under careers—but if you are interested in any of these positions, please also contact our school director, Mrs. Laura Leavitt ([lleavitt@apamail.org](mailto:lleavitt@apamail.org) or text 801-244-6624) directly as training opportunities are starting THIS WEEK.

### **Remind Me Again...Start Times and Dismissal Times**

Start Times: Monday-Friday / 8:15am  
(Best to arrive by 8:10 so your student can be IN class by 8:15 when attendance is taken.)

Dismissal Times: Monday 3:25 (1<sup>st</sup> dismissal) / 3:50 (2<sup>nd</sup> dismissal)  
Tuesday: 3:25 (1<sup>st</sup> dismissal) / 3:50 (2<sup>nd</sup> dismissal)  
Wednesday: Early out day / 2:25 (1<sup>st</sup> dismissal) / 2:50 (2<sup>nd</sup> dismissal)  
Thursday: Early out day / 2:25 (1<sup>st</sup> dismissal) / 2:50 (2<sup>nd</sup> dismissal)  
Friday: 3:25 (1<sup>st</sup> dismissal) / 3:50 (2<sup>nd</sup> dismissal)

At the beginning of school (first 8 days/Aug 17-26), new 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students (and their kindergarten siblings) are assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> dismissal to allow some extra time and help with their teachers. “New Parent” discussions will also be held during this time—pertinent topics each day to help your family get off to a successful start at American Prep.

Students are assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> dismissal by the Academic Directors based on academic need.

### **Uniforms—Do a Quick Check!**

We know you like to get things right the first time—so here are a few pointers as you get your student’s uniform ready for the first day of school.

1. Review the uniform guide. If you don’t have a hard copy, it can be found on the School Website, under Parent Library/Parent Resources.  
<https://www.americanprep.org/topic/uniforms/>
2. Pull out last year’s uniforms and check to see if they still fit correctly and if they are in good condition. Holes or tears will need to be mended, stains removed and hems may need to be let down.
3. If your student says, “It will be okay. I (or “people in my class”) wore those all the time last year and no one said anything about it,” be suspicious! Better double check to make sure it is in line with the uniform guide. Here are some don’t-get-tricked examples.
  - Shoes. All black. Most comfortable, low heeled styles work—but they need to be all black. Black with white soles? Black with colored stripes or insignia? Nope. Just black.
  - Boys khaki uniform pants. These need to be uniform style pants. Not khaki



jeans. Not khaki joggers. Not khaki cargo pants.

- Girls navy uniform slacks. These are dress slacks. Not navy leggings or skinny jean style pants.
- Hair accessories or head scarves. Remember that these should be non-distracting and in colors that match the uniform: navy blue, red, white or black.

APA uniform items (and APA spirit wear) can be purchased from the online store.

<https://www.americanprep.org/product-category/spirit-wear/>. Also, the last pages of the uniform guide list other places uniform items can be purchased.

<https://www.americanprep.org/topic/uniforms/> For example, the True Value Family Store on 4860 S. Redwood Rd typically has a well-stocked uniform section.

### **West Valley 1 Parent Advisory Council**

We have one vacancy to fill for our 2023 Parent Advisory Council. If you are interested, please reach out to Rebecca Dailey at [landtrust@apamail.org](mailto:landtrust@apamail.org). Our returning council includes the following parents:

Laura Orwin  
Rheim Penman  
Isabel Fabian  
Celeste Lopez  
Sophia Anderson

Information on our current Parent Advisory Committee and Land Trust duties can be found on our website at <https://www.americanprep.org/land-trust/>  
We look forward to serving you for another year.