



American Prep-West Valley 1 Campus Newsletter

“Here Comes the First Day of School” Edition

August 16, 2022

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

Upcoming Calendar Events

*Newly added to this newsletter calendar

- Wednesday, Aug 17 **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!**
Please read through the updated info on morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up below.
- Wed Aug 17-Fri Aug 26 **Academic Extended Day for NEW 1st-6th Graders & New APA Parent Mini-Classes**
For the first 8 days of school, all of our new-to-APA 1st-6th grade students (and kindergarten siblings of these students) are assigned to AED/2nd dismissal. “New Parent” classes will be held during this 2:25-2:50 time also.
- Wednesday, Aug 17 2:30-5:30 First Day of Sistema for accepted 2nd-6th graders
- Friday, August 19 Spirit Wear Friday! *Read details below.*
- Friday, August 19 6:00-8:00pm. Parent “Back to School” Orientation.
This is a fun and informative evening 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! No Sistema on this day.
- Thursday, Sept 15* Constitution Day Commemoration.
More to come about this special day!

School Starts Wednesday! Let the '22-23 School Year Begin!

It was wonderful to see our students and parents at the Meet & Greet last Friday! Thank you for coming by to say hello and making us excited for the school year to begin! If you weren't able to come, please try to come by the school Tuesday between 8am and 4pm to find out your student's class assignment and to pick up your new carpool tags! You will need them for afternoon pickup on day one!



School Lunch—Did You Order in Time?

School lunches need to be ordered in advance. If you didn't order lunches on or before Sunday, August 14 at midnight, please be sure to send a home lunch with your student for the first day of school. Lunches are ordered four days out, so lunches ordered Tuesday, Wed, or Thurs this week won't start until Monday. Please provide a home lunch for your student until your lunch orders are active.

Morning Drop-Off & Afternoon Pick-Up—the Details!

Returning families know, and new families will learn--the first few days of carpool will invariably be the slowest of the entire year! Be patient, plan for extra time this week, and know that carpool will quickly become quite time efficient as everyone—parents, students and new staff—learn the procedures and follow them. *It is going to feel tempting, but please do not park and walk up to meet your students to “save time”.* Picking up in your car, at the appropriate spot on the curb, is the way we can best keep all of our students safe during carpool and easily identify the adults who should or should not be on campus at this time. Thank you for your cooperation with this. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Leavitt.

Here are carpool details for this week—please share them with everyone who may be picking up your student(s):

Mornings:

8:15 School Start Time – drop-off at the curb between 7:45-8:10.

- *Remember there is ONE lane of traffic for student drop-off in the morning. Stay to the right in one line, pull forward along the curb as far as you can, then have your children exit your car quickly and carefully on the curb side.*
- *1st-6th grade students will gather outside in front of the school until 7:55 when teachers will bring them into the building. After 7:55, arriving students will enter and go directly to their classrooms.*
- *Kindergarten students will meet their teachers in the multipurpose room for the first three days of school. Kindergarten parents—feel free to park and walk them in for those first 3 days, or drop them at the curb, whatever you need. ☺ When the teachers have your students wave goodbye, resist the urge to follow them to class! They are in good hands. The following week the kinders will gather with the other students.*
- *If you need to park and come into the building, please cross at the main door crosswalk where a staff member is posted.*

Afternoons:

2:25/3:25 1st Dismissal Student Pickup (Wed & Thurs are 2:25 days, Mon, Tues & Friday are 3:25 days)

- *Have your current 22-23 carpool tag visible in your front window before entering the parking lot.*
- *Pull into the correct lane—**orange (K) and blue to the left, yellow to the right.** Note: Ideally, we form these two lines out on Crystal Avenue. This works if the “yellow” cars drive on the shoulder and the “orange and blue” cars tuck in tight and hug the right side of the road, still allowing thru traffic on Crystal to flow smoothly.*
- *When you are in the parking lot, follow the direction of staff to cross over to the curb in the appropriate zone or to pull forward allowing more cars to reach the curb.*



- *Students should be waiting and watching in their carpool color zone. Please remind them this is their job.*
- *For everyone's safety, please be attentive and stay off your cell phones when carpool is active.*

2:50/3:50 2nd Dismissal Student Pickup (Wed & Thurs are 2:50 days, Mon, Tues & Friday are 3:50 days)

- *Important hint--don't arrive early! 2nd dismissal cars do not enter the parking lot until after 2:45/3:45 to allow the spaces along the curb to be open for 1st dismissal. Plan your arrival to be between 2:45-3:00 this week. If you are earlier than 2:45, enjoy a drive around the block and come back after 2:45. ☺*
- *Have your current 22-23 carpool tag visible in your front window before entering the parking lot.*
- *Pull into the correct lane—**pink and 2nd dismissal orange to the left, green to the right**. Note: We try to form these two lines out on Crystal Avenue. This works well if the "green" cars drive on the shoulder and the "orange and blue" cars tuck in tight and hug the right side of the road, still allowing thru traffic on Crystal to flow smoothly.*
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Where to Park for Academic Extended Day "New APA Parent" Classes

During the first 8 days of school (Wed. Aug 17-Fri. Aug 26) all of our new-to-APA 1st-6th grade students (and any kindergarten siblings of these students) are assigned to Academic Extended Day/2nd dismissal.

During these 8 days, the admin will be holding informative mini-classes during AED for our new 1st-6th grade parents. (Wed/Thurs 2:25-2:50 and 3:25-3:50 on Mon, Tues & Friday)

For parents coming to these discussions...don't try to park in the regular parking lot! You will surely get stuck in the carpool line. Instead, we will reserve parking spots for you at the north end of the school in the staff parking area. When the staff parking is full, we will have you park behind the school. There is a small, private lane just behind the school off of Crystal Avenue. Please wait until 3:15 to pull into the private lane. At 3:15 (when recesses are over) the north gate into the back play area will be opened and you can drive through and park on the basketball court. At the end of your class, you will pull through the south gate and join the 2nd dismissal pickup line to meet your student.

Employment Opportunities @ APA-West Valley 1

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

- **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.

- **6th Grade & Sistema Band Teacher**
- **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.

Details and applications can be found on the website under careers—but if you are interested in any of these positions, please come talk to one of the admin team. We would be happy to encourage you!

AfterSchool Sistema Music Program—Waitlist Available

Enrollment for Sistema, our award-winning afterschool music program for grades 2-6, is currently full. If you are interested in getting on the waitlist, you can fill out the application on the Afterschool page on the website. <https://westvalley1.americanprep.org/after-school-programs/>

Spirit Wear Days

Students can wear an APA-logoed shirt/T-shirt with their uniform pants, shorts or skirt on Spirit Days. Spirit Days happen on the first Friday of the month and at other announced days during the year. This is optional fun, of course, and students can always wear their regular uniforms. Spirit wear can be purchased from the online store: <https://www.americanprep.org/product-category/spirit-wear/>.

Uniforms

Teachers and instructors will be checking your student's uniforms this week to be sure they have all the right pieces and are wearing them correctly. They will send home a uniform reminder slip if something needs to be fixed. The uniform guide can be access on the APA website under Parent Library/Parent Resources <https://www.americanprep.org/topic/uniforms/>

Have a GREAT first week of school!

See you on Friday evening at the Parent “Back to School” Orientation @ 6 pm.