



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

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** The asterisk throughout the newsletter indicates information that is new.*

School Calendar – Salem Campus

March 16, 2023

Tues., Mar. 21

NOON DISMISSAL

Looking ahead.....

Mon., Apr. 3- Fri., Apr. 7

*NO SCHOOL, Spring Break

You will find all events, updates, and extracurricular activity schedules on our campus calendar at www.salem.americanprep.org.

*March Builders Theme: I Am a Builder When I Quickly Acknowledge Mistakes and Humbly Make Amends

As we have practiced this month's builders' theme, we have found that it gets easier and easier each time you truly admit to making a mistake and then look for the best way to make amends for that mistake. It is rare that students intend to do harm to one of their friends; sometimes they just get caught up in the moment. They could accidentally hit someone with a ball at recess or harm a fellow student while they are playing basketball. A student could have used words that unintentionally hurt another student's feelings. We have found most students are very receptive and open to the concept of admitting their mistakes and trying to make amends for those mistakes.

What do we do to try to make things better? We quickly acknowledge that we made a mistake. We then follow through just as quickly with an idea to make the situation better without using the phrase, "I'm sorry but. . ." After we have apologized and have made the appropriate amends, we must then leave it in the hands of the other person to quickly accept our amends. Keep practicing this theme in your family and see how much easier it gets each time you do it. This is a skill that everyone can master.

2023-2024 Required Reenrollment Meetings for Returning Families

It is that time of year again! Our reenrollment process has officially started for next school year. There is a **mandatory** Celebration of Excellence meeting for parents of returning students in order to receive the reenrollment information for next year. Only one parent/guardian needs to attend. During this meeting, we will talk about updates to school policies, upcoming plans, etc. Please plan to attend one of the following meetings:

Wednesday, March 22nd at 8:30 AM

Tuesday, March 28th at 6:00 PM

This meeting is **required for all families that are currently enrolled**. Please arrive before the meeting begins. Doors will be closed when the meeting begins, and **parents will not be admitted late**. If you do not attend one of these meetings, your spot will not be reserved for next year, and you will have to resubmit your child's name through the lottery for a seat next year. A lottery will be pulled after these meetings, and remaining seats will be filled with new families.

If you are not planning on returning, please fill out this quick form so we can update our records: <https://forms.gle/qcboQk2BoZMoboDw7>



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***Lost and Found**

Our lost and found is located in front of the elementary office. Please encourage your students to check for lost items in this area. All items will be donated or discarded on the last day of the term, March 31, 2023.

***Ambassadors**

The last stationed event for our 7th-9th grade students is our Passport to Confidence. Our students will have lunch with Mrs. Denning. They will not need to bring a lunch. During lunch, we will be practicing the art of breaking bread, how to properly manage a salad, and how to eat soup properly. This event is designed differently than our other stationed events. We are excited to present this part of the event with a hands on experience instead of show and tell. We will need about 7 parents to help with this event. The food stations are quick set up, serve and reset, so many hands will help us to be quick with our hungry students. Please email Mrs. Denning if you are available to help at ldenning@apamail.org.

The Ambassador program works on professionalism through a well-designed program that teaches through events and culminating balls where students can practice the skills they have been learning throughout the year. As we head into our ball season, we want to make sure we answer as many questions as we can. The main question is about what your student should wear. Below is a quick reference.

Ladies:

- ◆ Dress, skirt
 - Length needs to be at the knee
 - When your daughter bends down to touch her toes, see how far the skirt climbs in the back
 - Slips are strongly encouraged. This helps the skirt stay in place as well as not see through.
- ◆ Professional slacks (yes, girls can wear dress slacks – remember this about looking professional – Belt needs to accompany the slacks)
- ◆ Shirts or the top of the dress should be
 - at least three of their fingers off the shoulder when they cross their arms
 - cover the bodice line
 - when they have their arms in the air, the shirt should not creep up
- ◆ Shoes should be comfortable, but not a tennis shoe

Gentlemen:

- ◆ Slacks
 - No outside pockets
 - No rivets
 - Belt or suspenders – If you choose to wear these, it is not necessary to wear a belt
- ◆ Button down shirt
- ◆ Tie, bolo, or a bow tie
- ◆ Socks (these can be fun – but please ensure the ties and socks are not offensive)
- ◆ Dress shoes – no tennis shoes



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Please look for more information in the near future. You can always contact Mrs. Denning at ldenning@apamail.org if you have questions.

Upcoming events:

- Mar 30 7th-8th grade Passport for Success event (ball prep event)
- Mar 31 Parent Waltz night (7:00-8:30pm)
- Apr 10 & 13 Ball dress check (Emailed pictures will also be accepted. They are due no later than the April 13th. If there is any question about the outfit, a student may need to bring it in.)
- Apr 20 7th Grade Masquerade Ball – time TBA Draper 2 campus
- Apr 21 8th Grade Masquerade Dinner and Ball - time TBA Draper 2 Campus

We are coming to the end of the year with our events. Volunteers are always appreciated, and volunteering is a fun way to get your volunteer hours. The more volunteers we have, the more smoothly our events run. Please contact Mrs. Denning at ldenning@apamail.org or (801)234-9436 if you have questions or are interested in participating in our events.