

ARAPAHOE DRUM BEAT



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Vision Statement

A leading school where excellence and tradition meet innovation

Mission Statement

To provide: a community of collaborative learning, rich culture, and meaningful relationships that prepares each student for their future

Arapahoe UIP Goal

100% of Arapahoe students will graduate prepared for meaningful post-secondary opportunities

Dear Arapahoe Parents,

April 2018

The April edition of the Drum Beat is always an exciting one because it is the first time we include our new Warriors who make up the **Class of 2022!** All families of current eighth graders who will attend Arapahoe next year, as well as our current ninth through twelfth grade families, are invited to view this newsletter. We do this so you may be aware of the important dates and events relevant to freshman students; and more importantly, so you can read about high school life as it exists at Arapahoe. The Arapahoe faculty is well aware of the importance of the transition from middle school to high school, and this newsletter is another effort to communicate high school expectations and events to assist with this transition. Please pay particular attention to upcoming dates found throughout this newsletter. In August, every Arapahoe student will receive a copy of our **Arapahoe Student Planner**, which not only contains the Arapahoe Student Handbook, but has become a popular, successful tool for learning. Students are taught how to use it and are expected to carry it at all times.

Many important state assessments are right around the corner. In this issue of the Drum Beat, you will find important details about the upcoming standardized tests for our students. All **freshmen** will take the **PSAT-9** on **Wednesday, April 11**. All **sophomores** will take the **PSAT-10** on **Tuesday, April 10**. All **juniors** will take the **Colorado State SAT** or the **SAT + Essay** on **Tuesday, April 10**, and the **Colorado State Science CMAS** on **Wednesday, April 11**. The results of these assessments help guide our faculty in setting goals for Arapahoe's academic school improvement and professional development each year. They are also helpful in identifying appropriate academic interventions for individual students. We are thrilled for our sophomores and juniors to have a **free opportunity** to take the PSAT 10 and SAT respectively. In their junior year, the sophomores will have the opportunity to take the PSAT to try to qualify for National Merit Scholarship opportunities. Results from the SAT taken as juniors can be used for college and scholarship applications in the senior year. Many colleges and universities will take the best scores on the SAT, so the State SAT results can help individuals identify areas where they can better prepare through additional coursework to try to improve their scores. **We encourage and expect our Warriors to do their very best on these important exams.** As parents, you can help by ensuring students get plenty of rest, eat well, and attend school each day of the testing period.

On the Friday before spring break, Arapahoe welcomed **over 80 guests from the Arapaho Tribal Nation** to help celebrate and renew our relationship with the special people for whom our school was named. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to interact with many of the Arapaho people. They shared their traditions and culture with us through classroom visits, and they danced with us and for us in an all-school assembly. We were honored by their visit, and hope to be able to make the trip to the Wind River Reservation in Riverton, Wyoming, with students and staff next spring.

Certainly, an exciting time in the high school year is **Prom!** It is coming quickly; this leads to many questions by parents and students. It will be held this year on **Saturday, May 5, 2018, from 8:00-11:00 p.m.** at **Mile High Station**. Prom is a very special and formal dance that is sponsored by the junior class to honor the seniors. Because this dance is so special, students tend to assume that it is necessary to spend large amounts of money to ensure the evening is memorable. Parents, please know that Arapahoe High

School does **NOT** endorse the idea of spending an outrageous amount of money on Prom, but rather does endorse the idea that Prom is an opportunity for students to join together in a positive environment for an evening of dancing and celebration with friends. We encourage **all seniors to attend**, whether or not they have a date. Appropriate attire for this formal dance is "dressy dresses" for girls and suits or sport-coats and slacks for boys – clothes such as they would wear to any formal occasion in their lives. Dining out is, of course, an option. However, a popular choice in recent years is for the parents of several couples to prepare and serve dinner in one of their homes. Students have reported this is great fun for them, as well as for their parents.

Arapahoe High School is fortunate to have one of the most outstanding **After-Prom** parties anywhere. Led by co-chairs Katherine Hahn and Heather Hill, our wonderful and generous PTO operates the party from **midnight until 4:00 a.m.** at a very reasonable cost to our students. This year's theme is "**Lights, Camera, Arapahoe!**" The AHS After-Prom is an extremely viable and enjoyable alternative to the expensive commercial hotel activities some of our students choose. Once again, this year's PTO After-Prom celebration will provide many hours of music, games, entertainment, and good food in a safe, alcohol-free, well-chaperoned environment within our high school. We expect the students to remain at After-Prom until at least 4:00 a.m.; otherwise, we telephone parents. After Prom is a SAFE alternative to unstructured activities. For the past several years, many groups of students have designed **matching t-shirts for After-Prom**. Please note that Arapahoe High School **does not encourage this** and that this year, **each student who purchases a Prom ticket will receive a 2018 Prom T-shirt from the junior class!** We view additional After-Prom t-shirts as unnecessary and an added expense. However, if your son or daughter chooses to participate in this activity, please help us ensure that **all t-shirt designs are school appropriate. All t-shirt designs must be pre-approved** on either **Friday, April 20** or **Friday, April 27 in the cafeteria during both lunches**. T-shirts with offensive slogans, innuendos, pictures, or diagrams will not be allowed.

The Class of 2018, academically, is one of our strongest graduating classes ever! In addition to 15 National Merit and Commended Scholars, Griffin Hampton has also been awarded one of the prestigious **Boettcher Scholarships**. This scholarship is awarded to only a select few of the best and brightest students in Colorado. We can all be very proud of our outstanding scholars, and we look forward to hearing of many more scholarships and awards that will be offered to our graduating seniors this spring. Students are encouraged to visit our **Post Graduate Center** and get information about the numerous scholarship opportunities available. Upon request by students or parents, our parent Post Grad Center volunteers, led by the program coordinator, **Kristin Hall**, will help conduct scholarship searches. Last year's graduates were awarded just over \$21 million in scholarship money.

It is not too late to improve those semester-two grades. Our variable schedule, which was created by the Arapahoe staff more than fifty years ago, provides students time during the school day to **meet with teachers in departmental offices** to receive additional academic assistance, become involved in discussion with adults, clarify assignments, or just get to know a significant adult better. **Unscheduled time** also affords students time to visit the **library, meet with counselors**, as well as **get a jump on homework**. Unscheduled time is a privilege providing students some control over the school day. The self-discipline learned from making good use of unscheduled time is long-lasting and necessary for students heading for college. Arapahoe graduates attending college continually return to share with us their confidence gained due to the experience of variable scheduling.

Our **Academic Study Center** has effectively provided tutoring for students requiring additional academic support. This center reinforces achievement by keeping students in classes while giving the student an opportunity to work on various assignments in a supportive environment during an unscheduled hour. It is available every period, every day, either on a drop-in basis or as a pass/fail course for elective credit.

JUST A REMINDER. . . With spring break behind us, and sunny, warm days approaching, it often is a challenge to remain on task. The final weeks of the school year are academically very important to all students. This is the time of year classroom activities, and **expectations have not been reduced**, but rather require student focus on preparation, daily attendance, performance, and a commitment to achieve. If there are any indications that the academic standards, homework, and out-of-class assignments at Arapahoe High School are lessening because of warm weather, parents are encouraged to contact the appropriate teacher. I am sure parents will discover the reverse is true. Seniors need to

remember that college acceptances can be revoked if a significant decline in semester grades occurs.

Safety is a major focus during all of our special end-of-the year activities. Last February, I sent out an email containing information on a particular vape pen called a Juul. They have grown increasingly popular among students in just a year. While the Juuls we have found thus far during student searches only contain nicotine, Juuls and other vaping devices have the potential to be manipulated to contain THC, the active chemical in marijuana. This [flyer from LPS](#) contains images of Juuls and other devices used most commonly by students. In an effort to greatly deter students from carrying and/or using these devices, we are **tightening the consequences for possession** of these devices on our campus. Beginning **Monday, April 16, 2018**, students caught in possession of a Juul, or other vaping devices, will face a **minimum of a one day suspension**. Further offenses will result in more significant consequences. The first offense for active use of tobacco (including electronic/vape devices) during the school day will continue to result in a minimum of a one day suspension.

I also wanted to share a **new resource** with regard to **helping teenagers use technology, especially social media, responsibly**. This particular article discusses the "[Negative Effects of Snapchat for Teens.](#)" Snapchat is currently the most popular social media used by teenagers. While this article teaches readers about the negative effects of Snapchat, **many of the tips included also help parents guide their teenagers in the safe, responsible, and productive ways to use social media**. I am excited to invite you to the second event of this school year sponsored by the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office. Please see this [flyer](#) for information on the next **Arapahoe County Youth Education and School Safety (YESS)** program presented by our AHS school resources officers on Wednesday, April 18, 2018. I attended the first one last semester and found it to be very informative and relevant.

Once again, I would like to thank all Arapahoe parents and families for the continued support of our high school. Please contact us at any time with questions or concerns or just to say hello. Thanks for all you do.

Sincerely,



Natalie Pramenko

Principal

GRADUATING SENIORS

There will be a mandatory
Senior Class Meeting
in our Arapahoe Theater on
Wednesday, May 2nd during TRIBE
Important graduation information will be shared



PARENTS OF GRADUATING SENIORS

Please check your mailboxes! At the beginning of April, a letter will be sent home to graduating seniors and their parents with detailed information about graduation.

In the meantime, please refer to the **GRADUATION website** now to get a jumpstart on all things graduation related:

<https://sites.google.com/lps.k12.co.us/ahsseniorsgraduation/home>

Arapahoe Course Registration—A New Approach

We are proud to announce that, **we are changing course registration this spring in the best interest of student scheduling.** In an effort to streamline the scheduling process and honor the work time of teachers and counselors, **we will not host Arena Scheduling.** The following changes have been made:

Incoming Seniors (the class of 2019) will register during the school day, by appointment according to last name, on Tuesday, April 24 and Thursday, April 26. At that time, students will design their schedule with an AHS staff member.

Incoming Juniors (the class of 2020) will register during the school day, by appointment according to last name, on Tuesday, May 1 and Thursday, May 3. At that time, students will design their schedule with an AHS staff member.

Incoming Sophomores (the class of 2021) will be scheduled automatically by the computer according to their course requests. These schedules will be made live on Friday, May 18.

Incoming Freshmen (the class of 2022) will be scheduled automatically by the computer according to their course requests. These schedules will be made live in August.

In making this change, the AHS administration, counseling department, and department chairs were guided by the following rationale:

At Arapahoe, we honor the values of scope and sequence/scaffolding for students as they progress through their education. Underclassmen will wait to scope their choice in schedule until they are older and have different demands on their schedules, such as drivers' licenses and jobs. With maturity and experience comes a deeper, more informed understanding of how to design a schedule to best meet the needs and interests of students as they prepare for college.

Required courses for graduation occupy a significant portion of freshmen and sophomore schedules; thus there is inherently little room for choice in these years.

Computer scheduling underclassmen allows for a more natural balancing among sections. This creates the best learning environment for students and teachers, and helps us create a schedule that meets the needs of the students.

In the past, sophomores have been the last class to build their schedules in arena scheduling. At that time, many sections of classes have been closed, which caused a significant amount of undue emotional distress for both students and their families.

More information was provided to students when counselors made their annual registration visits to classes during the week of March 19 – 23, 2018.

Counseling Center Information

AP Exams

Please view AP testing information on this [website](#) for scheduled days and times of exams and locations. Students who have an AP exam are excused from school during the exam time. AP exams are administered at the Ames Facility at 7300 S Clermont Dr, Centennial ([map](#)) and Arapahoe High School. Student arrival time TBA at Pre-Registration. **All students registered to take an AP exam MUST attend one pre-registration meeting. Pre-registration meetings will be on April 17th and 18th in the Forum. Meetings will be held every hour, except fourth. Students must attend during an off-hour.** Each AP exam costs \$95.00. A billing statement from the AHS Bookkeeping Office reflecting the cost of the ordered exam(s) was mailed in March. Payment is due upon receipt of the billing statement and prior to April 20, 2018. **Checks should be made to Arapahoe High School. Questions about AP testing may be directed to one of our two AP Coordinators, Ron Lewis at 303-347-6015 or Katie Zimmerman at 303-347-6061.**

Senior Information—Attention Parents of Seniors

If your senior student received a **D** or an **F** on the first six-week grade report for second semester, please encourage your student to attend every class every day and to speak with the teacher of the class where the low grade was earned. If there are any questions, please contact your student's teacher.

Junior Information

Counselors met with Western Civilization classes on March 19th to discuss graduation requirements and to distribute AHS registration materials for the 2017-2018 school year to all juniors. Course requests for next year are due in Infinite Campus by April 12th. Then on April 24th and 26th, juniors will be meeting with staff at their assigned registration time to register for their 2018-19 classes.

Counseling Center Information, cont.

State SAT

All Juniors will be taking the SAT on Tuesday, April 10. **Juniors will be filling out their pre-registration information for the SAT during their April 4th TRIBE class.**

SAT Subject Tests

It is strongly recommended that students take the SAT Subject Tests at the end of their Junior year, especially if those exams are required by the college the student plans to attend. It is up to the student to check and see if the SAT Subject Tests are required for entrance.

Freshman and Sophomore Information

Counselors visited the Sophomore English 10 classrooms on March 20, and the Freshman English 9 classrooms on March 22 to hand out 2018-2019 registration materials and explain the class schedule registration process. Course requests for next year are due in Infinite Campus by April 12th. Then on May 1st and 3rd, sophomores will be meeting with staff at their assigned registration time to register for their 2018-19 classes. Also, all sophomores and freshmen will be pre - registering for the PSAT 10 and PSAT 9 in their April 4th TRIBE class.

Summer School Information

The Summer School Program will be held in conjunction with Arapahoe Community College again this year during June and July. Programs offered will be:

- Day Summer School Program
- Evening Summer School Program
- Online Summer School Program

Registration will begin the first week of April and deadline will be the last week of May. Course schedules are available in the Arapahoe Counseling Center or online. Any questions, please contact Arapahoe Community College at 303-797-5722.

Scholarship Scams

As college costs have continued to rise, so have the number of scams trying to take advantage of those looking for help to pay for college. When searching and applying for scholarships, students and their parents need to be aware of the types of scams and how to avoid them.

How to Identify Scholarship Scams

- Fees—If a scholarship application requires that the applicant pay a fee, this is very likely a scam. Institutions that award scholarships have no reason to ask for money; their goal is to give money away.
- Guarantees—If a scholarship service promises a “scholarship guarantee” or “your money back,” stay away!
- Unsolicited Scholarships—Unsolicited scholarship phone calls or letters should be met with skepticism. Never give personal information such as social security number, credit card, or bank account numbers to anyone over the phone or on an application.
- Too Good to Be True—Services that use the phrases “Guaranteed Winnings,” “Money Back,” “Everyone is Eligible,” “Unclaimed Money,” “We do all the work,” “You can’t get this information anywhere else,” are clues that they are not legitimate.

Other Financial Aid Scams to Avoid

· Fake websites—FAFSA.com or FAFSA.org are NOT official websites for completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. These sites and other financial aid websites tempt students to complete the online FAFSA through their site and charge the applicant money after they have entered personal financial information.

The only official website is www.fafsa.ed.gov and it is FREE.

· Loans with up-front fees—Although there are fees associated with legitimate government and private loans, the fee is almost always deducted from the disbursed amount. The borrower should not pay fees up front without first verifying carefully that the lender is legitimate.

Performing Arts Department Students Of The Month

The Performing Arts Department would like to recognize and thank the following outstanding students who were named Students of the Month for April 2018:

Vocal Music: Cody Murrow
Instrumental: Lauryn Hendricks
Theatre: Gabrielle Gerle

Again, thank you for sharing your talent, energy, and time.

Post Grad Center

COLLEGE NIGHT: College Night, held on March 19th drew 950 RSVPs! With this year's format, all who attended were able to hear the keynote speaker, Jill Athenour, an Independent College Counselor with *Head to College*. If you attended this event, please click [here](#) to submit your feedback!

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD LETTERS: Seniors! PLEASE bring copies of ALL of your scholarship award letters (even those you are not accepting) to Mrs. Hall in the Post Grad Center as soon as possible. This information must be input in Naviance in a specific format, which will be done for you, if received by April 14th.

SENIOR EXIT SURVEY: Senior Exit Surveys will be completed during TRIBE on Wednesday, April 4th. If a senior misses TRIBE, they must complete the survey independently before graduation cap and gown pick up.

SENIOR AWARDS CONVOCATION: Seniors graduating with high honors (3.8), honors (3.5), and any seniors accepting scholarships will be invited by Mrs. Pramenko's assistant, Mrs. Clark to this special event. Please be sure we know about your scholarships!!

JUNIORS: Junior Post Grad visits will wrap up this month. Please stay tuned to the announcements to learn about on an upcoming informational session on a PLC Wednesday morning to review the application timeline and other processes specific to AHS.

Student Council News

All Arapahoe students are invited to student council meetings every Tuesday morning at 6:20 a.m. in the forum.

Election Information

We will hold elections for next year's sophomore, junior, and senior officers in early May. Students interested in running for class office and executive positions must be active members of the council for at least one year and receive Student Council sponsor recommendations.

Freshmen elections	Will take place in the fall
Intent-to-run meetings	April 17th—at 6:45 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. in room C1458 <i>****(Students planning on running should attend one of these meetings)</i>
Applications	Due April 23rd
Interviews	April 24th and 25th—by apt. and required for all new applicants.
Campaign week	April 25th—through May 2nd
Election Day	May 2—during TRIBE

News from the Art Department

The Art Department has been featuring an Artist of the Month who has been chosen because of his/her outstanding technique and originality. The Artists of the Month are some of our most dedicated and talented artists who have shown great creative accomplishments. April's Artist of the Month is Senior **Olivia Bilek**. Check out her work outside of the main office.

We are looking forward to our **14th annual Art Attack**, a school wide art show that will be on display in the East wing and the AHS library starting April 9th. Please stop by to check out all of the wonderful artwork. Art Attack is a juried show and there will be a reception on April 17th from 7pm to 8pm for students, friends, and family to enjoy the art. Winners from each category will be announced at 7:30pm.

Students, as you start choosing classes for next year, don't forget to add your favorite art classes! Please visit the Art Department web page for descriptions of all the courses we offer here at AHS. If you have questions, feel free to ask any of the art teachers.



14th Annual Arapahoe "ART ATTACK"

Tuesday April 17, 2018
Reception 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Awards 7:30 p.m.

This show is exclusively for the students of Arapahoe High School sponsored by our Arapahoe PTO. This is our "show of shows" for the year which provides recognition for our students as well as prizes for outstanding work.

The show is broken into the following eleven categories:

Acrylic Painting
Watercolor Painting
Jewelry
Sculpture
Ceramics
Film Photography
Digital Photography
Computer Art
(includes ANY manipulated digital photos)
Printmaking
Mixed Media
Black & White Drawing
Colored Drawing
Design

"Best of Show" will be awarded in each category
plus

Principal's Choice
Superintendent's Choice
& Board Member's Choice

This is both a celebration of the wonderful work of our students and an opportunity to share with the public our department and art curriculum. Viewing dates April 9-May 3 in the AHS Theater Hallway, Art Hallways, and Library.

*******ENTRY DEADLINE - FRIDAY, March 23rd*******

Students may enter 2 (TWO) per category.

Entry forms available in the Art Dept.

Must be artwork completed in high school.

Work cannot be framed or on lined notebook paper.

Business Department

Business Recognition Dessert

Mark your calendars for May 10th, at 6:30 p.m., for the Business Recognition Dessert Celebration for members of National Business Honor Society, DECA, and FBLA to recognize all of their accomplishments throughout the year. **Congratulations to all students who worked hard to achieve this academic accomplishment!**

College Credit Business and Marketing Courses (Receive Both College & High School Credit through Concurrent Enrollment for FREE!)

Arapahoe High School and Arapahoe Community College have partnered to teach college classes at our high school. Students receive college credit for the following Business and Marketing Classes:

Introduction to Business—3 credits

Principles of Marketing (Advanced Marketing) —3 credits

Personal Finance—3 credits

If you would like more information, please contact Mrs. Swank in the Business Office(cswank@lps.k12.co.us).

National Business Honor Society

Congratulations to the following students for being inducted into the National Business Honor Society Spring semester: Ji Wei Ooi, Xander Collins, Trevor Dunfee, Lexie Romero, Maggie Coan, Gage Weren, Katlyn Snyder and Ella Conn.

To apply for next year 2018/2019, students must be a Junior or Senior, they must be in or have completed 3 business classes, have a 3.0 GPA or higher, and have a business class GPA of 3.5 or higher.

DECA Update

Arapahoe DECA had a great showing at the State Competition in Colorado Springs! We will be competing in the National competition in Atlanta, GA, in April. Congrats to these students who made the stage at state:

1st - Hallie Varto (Retail Merchandising)

1st - Ellie Broady and Erin Buckley (Fashion Merchandising Promotion Plan)

2nd - Rachel Green (Advertising Campaign)

2nd - Jack Sanders and Graham Schultz (Financial Services Team)

2nd - Rachel Green (Professional Selling)

4th - Breanne Hunter (Automotive Services)

Finalist - Erin Buckley (Apparel & Accessories)

Finalist - Kara Earnest (Buying & Merchandising Operations Research)

Finalist - Matthew Siayap (Apparel and Accessories)

Finalist - Morgan Conn (Hospitality and Tourism Professional Selling)

Finalist - Eva Loring & Julia Pauls (Marketing Management Team Decision Making)

Finalist - Iain Smartwood (Principles of Marketing)

Finalist - Grace Cadorette, Brooke Smiley (Sports & Entertainment Team)

Finalist - Maggie Coan & Sam Davis (Travel & Tourism Team)

Finalist - Ryan Renshaw & Brynn Scheckenbach (Sports & Entertainment Operations Research)

Finalist - Alicia Nguyen, Allison Smith, Lauren Whittemore (Hospitality & Tourism Operations Research)

FBLA Update

April is a busy month for FBLA as they organize the Battle of the Sports themed volleyball fundraiser. It is putting our member's business skills to the test in finance, human resource management, accounting, marketing and organization for the event. This fantastic event with our sports theme is on April 4th, starting at 6pm in the Sitting Eagle Gym. Keep the dates free so you can come watch some fast paced fun!!!

Also, the FBLA State Leadership Conference will be in Vail this year with 74 members competing in 42 different business related events, Good luck to our State Team!

Finally, next years officer applications are available for pick up in the Business Department now! They are due back by April 11th. FBLA will be announcing their new officers at the Business Recognition Dessert Celebration on May 10th at 6:30 p.m.

FBLA Meeting Dates:

April 4th—FBLA Volleyball Tournament	April 11th—Officer Applications Due
April 9th—Parent Meeting 6 pm in the Forum	April 10th and 11th—State Competition Study Session After School in Room S1406X
April 9th—Chipotle Fundraiser 4-8 pm	May 10th Dessert Banquet at AHS, 6:30 pm in Cafeteria



ARAPAHOE HIGH SCHOOL JOB FAIR

TUESDAY
MAY 8TH, 2018
3PM-4:30PM
AHS AUXILIARY GYM

Here is a list of some of the employers that will be attending:

Old Navy	Jimmy Johns	King Soopers	City of Englewood
Pirates Cove	Cherry Hills Assisted Living and Memory Care	Goodwill	Colorado Sheet Metal Workers Training Institute
Elitch Gardens	Big Tool Box	Aarow Sign Spinners	Arapahoe Community College
WE O'Neil Construction	Encore Electric	Sturgeon Electric	Apartment Association of Metro Denver
Heggem Lundquist Paint	Construction Careers Now	Denver Joint Electrical Apprenticeship Training Committee	

**Available to
Arapahoe
High School
Students!**

**Network with
over 20 local
companies.**

**Part time and
full time
positions.**

**Jobs may be
offered on the
spot. Dress
professional
and come
ready to
interview!**

**See Mr.
Sawyer in the
Business
Department for
more
information.**

Arapahoe High School Journalism Information

Journalism Students Win Top National Awards

Recently, the student journalists of AHS received several very prestigious awards. The Herald news magazine and the ArapahoeXtra.com student website, as well as The Calumet yearbook were honored with **Silver Crown Awards** by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association in March. This is the 4th consecutive year the yearbook has won a Crown Award. The Crown Awards are one of the two highest national honors for scholastic journalism. The other top national award is the **Pacemaker** from the National Scholastic Press Association. The Herald was a Pacemaker Finalist in November, and The Calumet is a Pacemaker Finalist this semester. Winners of the Pacemaker award will be announced at the national convention in April in San Francisco.

Journalism Applications Are Available

Any students interested in working on The Herald news magazine, The Calumet yearbook, The Spear sports coverage and live broadcast team and the ArapahoeXtra.com staff should contact the adviser, Greg Anderson, at ganderson@lps.k12.co.us for information and an application. Instructor approval is required to be part of the student media staffs.

Class of 2019 ~ Senior Portrait Information

The yearbook staff will mail a packet in early May to all members of the Class of 2019 with information about senior portraits, senior biographies, and senior memory ads. We will include promotional brochures and materials from the AHS Yearbook Senior Photographers & Sponsors for 2018 – 2019 for you to look over and to help with your selection of a photographer.

The deadline for seniors to submit their senior portrait is **Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2018**. Seniors should also submit their senior biography by that date, if they choose to have that optional information included in the yearbook. The photos which are taken at schedule pick-up in August and used for student IDs are **not** the photos used for seniors in the yearbook. Seniors need to submit a portrait to the yearbook by Sept. 26th. Please plan ahead and make arrangements and appointments with your photographer as soon as possible. We recommend that you have your portrait taken by July 31st to receive the best prices and to avoid the rush as the school year begins anew.

Our AHS Yearbook Senior Photographers & Sponsors offer a wide range of prices and options, and will be happy to assist you with your senior portrait planning. See the brochure for other low-cost options, and contact the yearbook staff at AHSSeniorPortraits@gmail.com for suggestions.

We will also include a senior ads brochure in the spring mailer sent to all members of the Class of 2019. Senior memory ads are placed in a section of the yearbook reserved especially for parents and friends to congratulate their graduate. Memory ads can be created for individual seniors, for best friends or groups of friends, and for seniors who are members of an athletic team or extracurricular club. Memory ad orders and payment are due on **Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2018**.

Yearbook Distribution Day ~ May 14, 2018

The 2018 yearbook will be distributed from 2:20 to 3:00 pm on Monday, May 14th in the cafeteria. Following that event, we will distribute books in the cafeteria during both lunches and after school until May 16th. Any yearbooks not picked up by May 16th may be re-sold. In order to pick up a yearbook, students will be asked to show their school I.D. card or a driver's license or a printout with their picture from Infinite Campus. To check whether you ordered a yearbook, check the "Fees" tab in your Infinite Campus account or look at the list posted next to the journalism room E-1288.

While we may have some extra books for sale at distribution day and during the week after, we can make no guarantees. We do not have the budget nor the storage space to order extra books on a speculative basis. However, often the printing plant sends us a few "over-runs" or extra copies. If we do have any extras, we will sell them starting on May 14th on a first-come, first-served basis for \$80, which can be paid in cash or by check made payable to Arapahoe High School.



Tom Tom Beat

GET UP AND DANCE!

Have you always wanted to dance on the sidelines of a football game, support your basketball, volleyball and other Warrior teams at their games, or compete against other high school dance teams throughout the state and nationally? Then mark your calendars and come to the information meeting to find out more about being an Arapahoe TOM! The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 3rd in the Forum at 7:00 p.m., and tryouts for the 2018-2019 dance team will be held the week of April 9th—13th.

***Please note that parent/student attendance at the informational meeting is necessary in order to attend the tryout. Please have a current physical and get registered online before tryouts begin!**

Get the most current dates/times for all events at toms.ahswarriors.org

Important Attendance Reminders

- When calling your student in, please leave the following information (speaking slowly):
 - Your student's name—last name, then first name — **please clearly spell the last name**
 - Your student's grade
 - The date of the absence
 - The class period(s) that your student will miss
 - **Please Do Not Forget The Reason for the absence (Out of Town, Sick, Apt)**



- Calls received by 1:30pm are processed to Infinite Campus the same day. Calls received after 1:30pm will result in an Automated Message that night and will be processed the next school day to Infinite Campus. If you have called in an absence for your student before 1:30pm and still receive the automated message call in the evening, please consider your student may have missed a different period than what you have called in, or, perhaps it is for a sibling. You can verify your student's absence on Infinite Campus.

PLEASE NOTE:

Due to the high volume of phone calls (300+ voicemails per day), please only call one time and leave one message per student.

All excused absences must be called in to the Attendance Office by a parent or guardian **within 24 hours**. We do not accept written notes or emails.

Students must pick up a pass from the Attendance Office in order to leave school during the school day. A parent must leave a message on the attendance line to arrange for the pass. **The student is responsible for picking up the pass before the scheduled departure time.** Please have your student sign in at the Attendance Office upon returning from an appointment.

ONLY parents/guardians are allowed to call in student attendance. If a student has reached the age of eighteen, the parent must still call in, as calls are not accepted from students.

If your student becomes ill while at school, they should go to the Health Clinic which is located in Student Services, where they can wait to be picked up/released. Students are not allowed on campus if they have been called in sick.

To check student attendance, access the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.
Thank you for your help in making the attendance process as efficient as possible.

News from Your PTO President

The LPS Foundation Spirit Dinner is Saturday, April 14th at the CU South Denver Wildlife Experience. We would love to have as many Arapahoe parents join us!

- Bid on awesome auction items via mobile bidding
- Enjoy yummy food and drink stations as you wander through the exhibits
- Raise your paddle during the spirited live auction
- Raise it again for mental health support for the district
- Dance the night away!

The mission of the Littleton Public Schools Foundation is to raise funds to support and enhance the LPS tradition of excellence in educating students throughout our community. They strive to bring together parents, business people, educators, and community leaders into a single, unified community of support for our already successful school system.

To register for the dinner, or for more information, please visit their website: www.lpsf.littletonpublicschools.net Be sure to join us as we support this amazing event!

Thank you to all who helped support the Parent—Teacher Conference staff dinner. The food was delicious and the financial support was overwhelming. The teachers and staff greatly appreciated nourishment throughout the evening. The Arapahoe community is amazing!

Renee Zainer—PTO Co-President
arapahoepres.lps@gmail.com

Arapahoe After Prom

Countdown to After Prom!! Have you been thinking about volunteering for After Prom and just haven't gotten to it? Well now is a great time! Work nights are every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm in the AHS Art Rooms E1277 and 1279. No need to bring anything but your enthusiasm! Additionally, be on the lookout for several Sign Up Genius' that will be sent out to fill the many volunteer positions needed to make this event the premier event it has been for decades! Things we need your help with are:

- **Set-up** the afternoon of **Friday, May 4**
- **Set-up** the night of After Prom (midnight - 4:00 am) - **Saturday, May 5th**
- **Donating** the many items that help make this event so special
- Providing the **food** to feed a thousand or so hungry teenagers
- **Clean up** after the big event at 4:00 am!
- Lots of parents needed to staff the **Casino** for After Prom (this years contact is Greg Ledesma gregledesma@comcast.net.)

After Prom tickets will be sold during lunch on May 2, 3, and 4. Tickets will be \$20 if purchased early and \$25 at the door. There will be posters around the school advertising ticket sales.

Mark your calendars to participate in the **community walk-through** of Arapahoe HS to get a sneak peek at the After Prom transformation on Saturday, May 5 from 11:00am - 1:00pm. Enter on the west side of the school, bring your kids, friends and neighbors and marvel at the talent of our AHS community.

ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS - see template instructions for creating your student's senior collage on the next page. They will be displayed in the Senior Hallway so please make sure to get that done.

Arapahoe High School is so lucky to keep this tradition alive and it is only through your generous contributions of time and talent that it is possible. Thank You!

Katherine Hahn and Heather Hill
After Prom Co-Chairs
arapahoeafterprom.lps@gmail.com

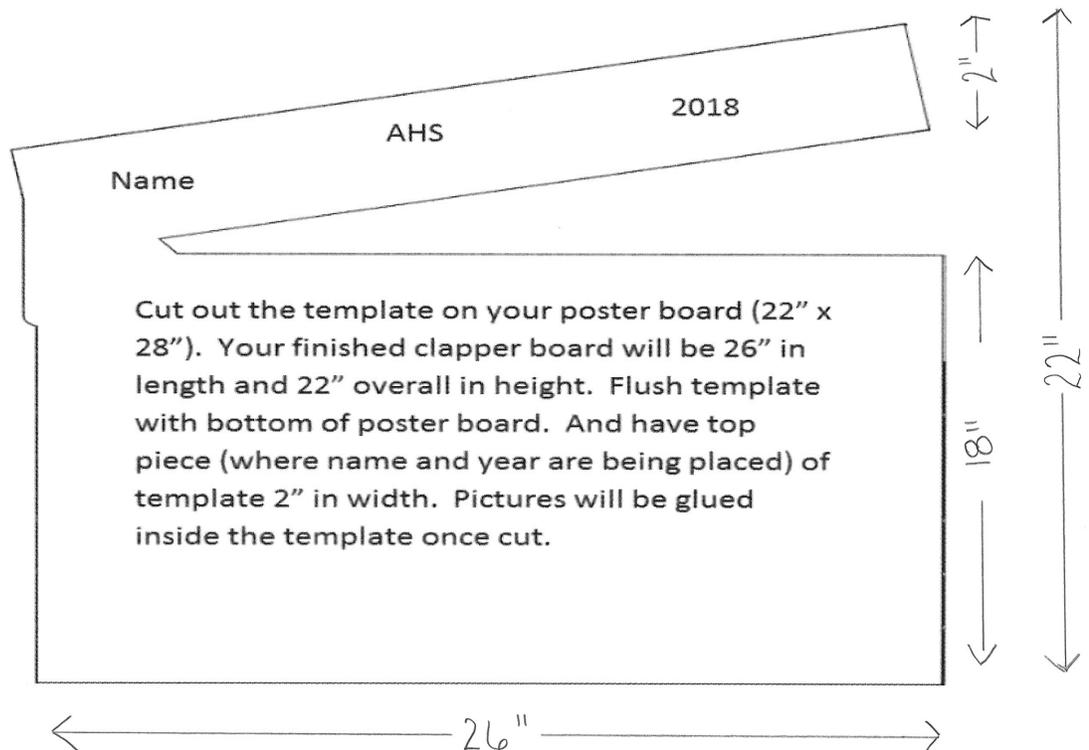
2018 After Prom—ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS

It is a tradition at AHS to have a "senior picture gallery" at After Prom. We are asking you to create a collage for your child that will hang in the hallway the night of the event. **The theme this year is: A SECRET so mums the word - until May.** All collages will be created in the shape of a clapper board. Please follow the directions below. We look forward to seeing your wonderful creations.

MAKING YOUR COLLAGE

1. Gather all your photos—use color copies if you don't want to use originals. Some ideas for the collages can be: a "friends" collage, a senior year collage, a high school years collage, a sports collage, a family memories collage, milestones in your kids life—whatever you choose, have fun!
2. To start, purchase a piece of standard 22x28 poster board in **black**. Please do not purchase the heavyweight board as it will be too heavy to hang. The background that the collages will be hung on is gold.
3. Cut the poster board into a shape of a clapper board—see attached drawing for dimensions.
4. Follow diagram for placement of student's name, AHS, and 2018.
5. Glue your student's pictures to the front; please do not use tape as it will not keep the pictures on the poster board. (Laminating will keep all pictures in place—see below.)
6. Neatly, on the back of the clapper board, list the student's name, parent's first and last name, and a contact phone number.
7. **Once completed, consider having your collage laminated. This service is available at Staples in the Streets of SouthGlenn. We highly recommend this for the best presentation and longevity of your student's collage. The cost is approximately \$8.00.**
8. Deliver your collage to the school's main office between April 25th and May 3th before 3pm each day and place the collage in the large collection box.
9. The collages will be available for pick up in the main office from May 7th to the 11th by either a parent or the student.

Thanks—have fun creating memories! Kristin Babbs and Dawn Ives are this year's Senior Hall Co-Chairs. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact them at: kbabbs@lps.k12.co.us or dives@lps.k12.co.us



ARAPAHOE HIGH SCHOOL

ASSESSMENT WEEK BELL SCHEDULE: APRIL 10-11, 2018

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

SAT (Juniors)		SAT+Essay* (Juniors)		PSAT 10 (Sophomores)	
7:20-7:30	Arrive in testing rooms	7:20-7:30	Arrive in testing rooms	7:20-7:30	Arrive in testing rooms
7:30-7:40	Announcement & Distribute Materials	7:30-7:40	Announcement & Distribute Materials	7:30-7:45	Announcement & Distribute Materials
7:40-8:45	Section 1: Reading (65)	7:40-8:45	Section 1: Reading (65)	7:45-8:45	Section 1: Reading (60)
8:45-8:55	Break (10)	8:45-8:55	Break (10)	8:45-8:50	Break (5)
8:55-9:30	Section 2: Writing & Language (35)	8:55-9:30	Section 2: Writing & Language (35)	8:50-9:25	Section 2: Writing & Language (35)
9:30-9:55	Section 3: Math (25)	9:30-9:55	Section 3: Math (25)	9:25-9:50	Section 3: Math (25)
9:55-10:00	Break (5)	9:55-10:00	Break (5)	9:50-9:55	Break (5)
10:00-10:55	Section 4: Math (55)	10:00-10:55	Section 4: Math (55)	9:55-10:40	Section 4: Math (45)
10:55-11:15	Test Collection & Dismissal	10:55-10:57	Break (2)	10:40-11:00	Test Collection & Dismissal
		10:57-11:47	Section 5: Essay (50)		
		11:50	Test Collection & Dismissal		
		11:50-12:20	Lunch (30)		
		*These students will get a pass to go to first hour late, once they get their lunch break.			

Class Bell Schedule

(Tuesday, Periods 1-3)

11:15 - 11:45	Lunch for all students*
11:50 - 12:37	Tuesday -- Period 1
12:42 - 1:29	Tuesday -- Period 2
1:34 - 2:21	Tuesday -- Period 3



ARAPAHOE HIGH SCHOOL

ASSESSMENT WEEK BELL SCHEDULE: APRIL 10-11, 2018

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

PSAT 9 (Freshmen)		CMAS (Juniors)	
8:10-8:20	Arrive in testing rooms	8:10-8:20	Arrive in testing rooms
8:20-8:40	Announcement & Distribute Materials	8:20-8:30	Announcement & Distribute Materials
8:40-9:35	Section 1: Reading (55)	8:30-9:30	Science Test #1 (60)
9:35-9:40	Break (5)	9:30-9:35	Break (5)
9:40-10:10	Section 2: Writing & Language Test (30)	9:35-10:35	Science Test #2 (60)
10:10-10:30	Section 3: Math (20)	10:35-10:40	Break (5)
10:30-10:35	Break (5)	10:40-11:40	Science Test #3 (60)
10:35-11:15	Section 4: Math (40)	11:40-11:45	Test Collection & Dismissal
11:15-11:45	Test Collection & Dismissal		

Class Bell Schedule

(Tuesday, Periods 4-6)

11:45 - 12:15	Lunch for all students
12:20 - 12:57	Tuesday -- Period 4
1:02 - 1:39	Tuesday -- Period 5
1:44 - 2:21	Tuesday -- Period 6



join us!

2018 SPIRIT Celebration

Satisfy your Wanderlust!

take a walk on the wild side



GO WILD!



Explore and discover hidden treasures at our auction tables



Hunt for your dinner and drink at our delectable interactive stations throughout the venue



Enjoy a spirited program and dessert in the ballroom emceed by **steve spangler!**



Spirit of Littleton Award Honoring **Kay Watson**
Broker/Owner
K. Watson Properties – Metro Brokers
LPSF founding member and longstanding board member

Saturday, April 14th, 2018 - 6pm

CU South Denver - Wildlife Experience
10035 S. Peoria Street, Parker, CO 80134

Get your tickets NOW!

spiritdinner.com

An event for parents, staff and community to support all LPS schools!

The Spirit Celebration is the premier fundraising event for Littleton Public Schools Foundation. The LPS Foundation raises funds to support and enhance the LPS tradition of excellence in educating students throughout our community.



Littleton Public Schools Foundation

The Coffee Break
Deputy James Englert and Deputy James Mason
School Resource Officers, Arapahoe High School

Spring Has Sprung

The end of the year is coming like a freight train, and with it comes great weather and fun activities. After working many years on patrol, spring can be a dreaded time of year. With the warm weather and major events, there are usually many calls for juvenile parties. Contrary to popular belief, officers generally dislike giving young people tickets. Officers also struggle even more when dealing with the devastating effects of underage alcohol consumption. Please enjoy your activities and accomplishments of the year with responsibility and think safety and legality first.

PLEASE REMEMBER, there are unpleasant consequences for being caught during irresponsible underage drinking activities. Some potential consequences are criminal charges, fines, community service, and losing privileges, but other risks are often far more permanent and life impacting.

Persons under the age of 21 can be charged with possessing and consuming alcoholic beverages and/or marijuana and, if caught driving, can be charged with a DUI when the blood alcohol content is 0.02 or greater. This means that youth under 21 can be charged with an alcohol-related crime when any indication of intoxication is present.

Let's Have a Great and Safe School Year!

Please feel free to contact us at:

jenglert@lps.k12.co.us and jmason@lps.k12.co.us

303-347-6086

Alive @ 25 Class
Free for AHS Students
Wednesday, April 24, 2018
2:30pm-7:00pm (bring a snack)
At AHS in room W1874
Register at <http://aliveat25.us/>
Password is arapahoe

Alive at 25 is a highly interactive program that specifically targets young drivers between the ages of 15 and 24 and encourages them to consistently practice safe and defensive driving habits. Traffic crashes are the leading cause of teen fatalities, accounting for 44% of teen deaths in the United States. The program utilizes workbook exercises, interactive media, group discussions, role-playing, and lectures to help drivers develop the lifesaving defensive driving skills and strategies which will keep them safer on the road. All young people, ages 15-24, in the community are eligible to participate in Alive at 25. For further information on how to use this certificate to obtain a driver's permit, please [click this link](#).

If you miss this class, check the school's website for the next class available to Arapahoe students. For questions, call Deputy James Englert at 303-347-6086.

FINAL EXAMS

Bell Schedule - May 2018

Final Exams will be given May 21, 22, 23, & 25 2018. The last day of the second semester is Friday, May 25, 2018. The final exam schedule is listed below.

Monday, May 21, 2018

Class	Time
Period 1 MWF.....	7:20- 8:45
Period 1 T/R.....	8:55-10:20
Period 2 MWF.....	10:30-Noon
Study Time.....	12:00-2:21

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

Class	Time
Period 2 T/R.....	7:20- 8:45
Period 3 MWF.....	8:55-10:20
Period 3 T/R.....	10:30-Noon
Study Time.....	12:00-2:21

Wednesday, May 23, 2018 (Note PLC start time)

Class	Time
Period 4 MWF.....	8 :20– 9:45
Period 4 T/R.....	9:55-11:20
Period 5 MWF.....	11:30-1:00
Study Time.....	1:00-2:21

Friday, May 25, 2018

Class	Time
Period 5 T/R.....	7:20- 8:45
Period 6 MWF.....	8:55-10:20
Period 6 T/R.....	10:30-Noon
Study Time.....	12:00-2:21

Four and five hour classes (MTWRF, MWRF, MTWF) will schedule their final exams during the MWF exam time and will not meet during the T/R exam time. Block classes will schedule their final exams during the first period that the block class meets and will not meet during the second period that the block class is scheduled.

Each final exam day, students have the opportunity to be involved in a full day of instructional activity. Supervised study areas will be provided for those students not engaged in exams. These areas will be open from 7:20 until 2:21 on each exam day. Students will sign in at the study areas (Library, Cafeteria, Department Offices, the Study Center and selected classrooms).

Kitchen closes at Noon

Buses will run on the regular schedule.



Arapahoe High School Freshman Registration Night Class of 2022 Monday, April 16, 2018 6:00 PM Sitting Eagle Gymnasium

Park and enter at the West Event Entrance

- ◆ Get information about Academics, Athletics & Activities
- ◆ Find out about Parent Volunteer Opportunities
- ◆ Get your questions answered

Honors Testing Schedule

Honors Auditions—April 17 & 24, 2018 (specific times listed below)

Audition Times and Locations

No registration required with the exception of the swim waiver.
Please enter AHS through the Athletic Entrance on the west side
(off of Franklin Street)

Please bring a #2 pencil to all auditions

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Spanish II & III – for Non-LPS Students 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM – Room C1464
Chinese II, III, & IV - for ALL incoming Students 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM –
Room C1463

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Spanish II & III – for Non-LPS Students 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM – Room C1466
& C1464

****Freshman Registration—Monday, April 16, 2018 at 6:00 PM in Sitting Eagle Gymnasium**

John Irwin School of Excellence Award

Colorado Department of Education

Blue Ribbon School

US Department of Education

It's a great day to be a Warrior!

- Tradition of **academic excellence, strong school spirit, and positive student-faculty relationships**
- **Blue Ribbon School of Excellence** as recognized by the United States Department of Education
- Our **Warrior Mascot** is endorsed by the **Arapaho Tribe** – we are proud of our sincere relationship with people in the Native American culture.
- Recognized as “**One of the Best Public High Schools**” – by **5280 Magazine** (2013)
- Recognized nationally by **US News and World Reports** in their “**Best High Schools Rankings**”

Arapahoe High School <http://arapahoe.littletonpublicschools.net/>
2201 E. Dry Creek Rd., Centennial, CO 80122 303-347-6000

2017-2018 Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, April 04, 2018	- TRIBE Schedule
Friday, April 06, 2018	- End of Six Weeks
Monday, April 16, 2018	- Freshman (Class of 2022) Registration
Wednesday, May 02, 2018	- TRIBE Schedule
Saturday, May 05, 2018	- Prom/After Prom
Friday, May 18, 2018	- Last Day for Seniors
Monday, May 21, 2018	- Final Examinations/Senior Awards Convocation
Tuesday, May 22 & Wednesday, May 23, 2018	- Final Examinations
Thursday, May 24, 2018	- GRADUATION Class of 2018
Friday, May 25, 2018	- Final Examinations/Last Day of Semester

Senior "DITCH" Days

Arapahoe High School **does not, cannot, and will not** condone any activities surrounding a Senior "ditch" day or days.

All students are expected to be in all scheduled classes every day. Students who miss classes on "unofficial" ditch days **will be considered UNEXCUSED**. Many dangerous situations and even deaths have occurred through the years in the metro area when seniors have chosen to ditch and "party" during school days in the spring.

Parents, for the academic rigor, health, safety and welfare of your child, please **DO NOT** support the activities of an "unofficial" senior ditch day.

News from AHS Bookkeeper

ALL FEES ON STUDENTS ACCOUNTS ARE NOW DUE! Please check Infinite Campus to see if you have unpaid fees. All class, athletic and activity fees are on accounts as well as many book and class fines. (Note - class books may be returned to have the fee waived.) Visit the [Bookkeeper's page](#) on the Arapahoe website for links to Infinite Campus and our credit card payment system [Revtrak](#). **Students with unpaid fees will not be able to pick up their yearbooks in May and seniors will not be able to pick up their cap and gown for graduation in May.** For questions about fees, contact the bookkeeper at LRONALD@LPS.K12.CO.US.

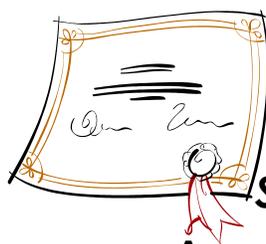
School Accountability Committee

Next meeting date: April 5, 2018
@ 3:00 p.m.

Main Office Conference Room

The SAC meetings are open to all Arapahoe parents and the community.

Any questions, please call Assistant Principal, Angela Boatright at 303-347-6024.



Save the Date!

Arapahoe High School Senior Awards Convocation Night

Monday, May 21, 2018

6:00 p.m. held in our Arapahoe Theater

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