

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,

February 2018

Believe it or not, we are already four weeks into our new academic semester. One of the great things about our school calendar and grade marking periods is the opportunity for a **fresh start at the beginning of each semester**. Faculty often make small adjustments to improve their planning and classroom instruction, and students make fresh commitments to stay on top of reading and other important homework assignments. Highly motivated students see this as an opportunity to set goals for even more impressive academic achievement. It is particularly **important for seniors to stay strong and finish strong**. I have heard, on more than one occasion, of a senior having a college offer rescinded based on "senioritis" behaviors and slacking off in the last semester of high school. As always, please feel free to contact your student's teachers at the earliest sign of concern in a class. We often think that, as high school students, they do not need parental involvement. Sometimes that gentle reminder that you are checking the parent portal in Infinite Campus on a regular basis helps hold them accountable. Arapahoe will also continue the practice of sending home confidential emails to let you know when students are failing classes.

Arapahoe continues to prepare our students to be **career and college ready**. We have recently received our 2017 Graduation Rate from the Colorado Department of Education, and Arapahoe's **Class of 2017 had an impressive 93% on-time graduation rate!** In December I received notification that Arapahoe High School was once again recognized by the **Colorado Department of Education as a John Irwin School of Excellence**. John Irwin schools demonstrate **exceptional academic achievement over time**. They receive an **Exceed Expectations** rating on the **Academic Achievement** indicator of the **School Performance Frameworks** reflecting **exceptional performance in Math, English Language Arts and science**. I am proud of our strong teaching faculty, outstanding and dedicated students, and our supportive and encouraging parents for making it possible for our students to perform so well on these important assessments. **Way to go, Warriors!!**

Last week we held our annual **Winter Pep Assembly**. In addition to the outstanding performances by our Arapahoe Cheers, Toms and Winter Guard, there was excellent school spirit and genuine enthusiasm as many Warriors were recognized for their outstanding achievements in athletics and activities. Additionally, we revealed the **2017-2018 Arapahoe Teacher of the Year**. Thank you to students, staff, and parents for over 216 nominations for 27 different Arapahoe teachers. Rising above the pack was **science teacher, Mr. Brian Hatak!** Read more about Mr. Hatak later on in this edition of the *Drum Beat*. The **Winter Dance was a huge success this year as well!** Thank you to our Cheers and Toms for hosting this fun western-themed dance. We are looking forward to growing this dance next year by possibly backing it up to a home basketball game. Thank you for encouraging your Warriors to attend these events. We love providing a safe alternative to other potential inappropriate activities that can occur on the weekends.

Our **Sources of Strength** peer and adult leaders have designated February as **Positive Friends Month**. In our most recent TRIBE, all students wrote brief **letters of gratitude to a friend who is a positive influence in their lives**. Additionally, the students have been taking photos with their friends during lunch (Polaroids with Pals). Understanding the difference between who "real" versus "virtual" friends are, is a crucial part of a positive high school experience. I encourage you to spend a few minutes talking with your Warriors about how to **nurture the relationships with the positive friends** in their lives who help them become better people.

As the days grow a little longer, it is the time of year when we are looking forward to the many exciting events of the spring. We are grateful for our parent volunteers that step up to create an amazing **After Prom** for our students every year. If you are interested in helping, please contact Arapahoe After Prom at Arapahoafterprom.lps@gmail.com. Spring also brings important standardized tests for our students. Please see the **2018 Arapahoe High School Spring Assessment Schedule** in this issue of the *Drum Beat*. More details will be communicated in just a few weeks. We are also looking forward to our **Arapahoe Parent-Teacher Conferences**; which will be held on **Thursday, March 8, 2018 from 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Another exciting opportunity for our Warriors this spring is a special visit from many of our friends from the **Wind River Indian Reservation in Riverton, Wyoming**. Representatives from the Arapaho (and other tribes) will come sing, dance, and speak in many of our classes to teach us about their culture and traditions. We are looking forward to their visit and the opportunity to nurture our special relationship with the people for whom our school was named.

Thank you for your continued support of Arapahoe High School. We love working with your students and appreciate you very much!

Sincerely,



Natalie Pramenko
Principal

Graduation Information 2018

DATE AND SITE INFORMATION

Graduation will be held at Littleton Public Schools Stadium (LPSS) on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Please refer to our updated website for all graduation related information:
<https://sites.google.com/lps.k12.co.us/ahsseniorsgraduation/home>

GRADUATION/CAP AND GOWN INFORMATION

A graduation fee of \$50 is assessed on each senior's account. If you have not already done so, please visit your account in Infinite Campus and pay your fees. Payment is due by March 2, 2018. The \$50 fee includes cap and gown rental, diploma, diploma cover, and medallion.

TICKET INFORMATION

All guests, including small children, will be admitted by ticket only:

- Seniors will receive five (5) tickets for the outdoor ceremony at LPSS
- Families may request up to ten (10) additional tickets for the outdoor ceremony
- Requests will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis beginning **Monday, April 2**
- **The deadline for requesting tickets is May 11, or until they run out**
- Please submit all additional ticket requests via email to Mrs. Fletcher (sfletcher@lps.k12.co.us)
- Seniors will receive four (4) tickets for the indoor ceremony at AHS - should there be inclement weather
- No additional tickets will be available for the indoor ceremony due to limited seating and fire code restrictions

ALL TICKETS WILL BE DISPERSED WITH CAPS AND GOWNS ON MAY 18 @ 1 P.M. AFTER SENIOR FUN IN THE SUN

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



Counseling Center Guidelines

Senior Information Awards Convocation!

Parents—Please help us honor your student at the Awards Convocation on May 21. Typically, the Counseling Center is **not officially notified** of any scholarships or awards your student may receive from organizations or post high school institutions. PLEASE notify the Counseling/Post Grad Center of all scholarships your son or daughter receives, including merit based awards, by giving Kristin Hall a copy of the award correspondence.

Graduation Requirements

Seniors—**Check graduation requirements** for final semester. You are responsible for making sure that you have met all of your graduation requirements by May in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. Make an appointment with your counselor if you have any questions. **Remember that all college acceptances are contingent upon successful completion of high school credits.**

Junior Information

The Colorado State SAT test required for all Juniors is Tuesday, April 10, 2018. More details will follow. To opt in for the essay portion of SAT please follow the letter district has sent out to families - [Parent letter](#). Registration to opt in for the essay portion is open January 16th—February 14th.

Juniors may take their college entrance tests beginning with the February 2018 test dates. However, later spring testing dates are preferable because more of the tested material will have been covered in classes. Please go to www.collegeboard.org or www.act.org to see additional dates for upcoming ACT/SAT tests. Call your student's counselor if you or your student have any questions.

During the month of March, Counselors will meet with juniors during their Western Civilization classes to review graduation requirements and scheduling classes for their senior year. The meetings will take place in the Forum. Juniors who do not have a Western Civilization class should plan to attend the presentation in the Forum during one of their off hours.

Sophomore and Freshman Information

During the month of March, counselors will meet with sophomores during their English 10 classes and freshman in their English 9 classes to go over the registration process for their classes in the upcoming school year 2018-19. The meetings will take place in the Forum.

Advanced Placement Exams

AP Exam information will be disseminated through AP courses in Mid February. The AHS ordering deadline will be Friday, March 2nd. Exams take place May 7th-18th. Please find the most up to date AHS information on our website. You may also find more information about AP at CollegeBoard.

CTE (Career and Technical Education)

Current sophomores and juniors who are interested in taking a course through the Area Career and Technical School (ACTS) next year will need to submit an online application in the coming weeks. New courses have been added and students may choose from various career fields. Many of these classes earn college credit through Arapahoe Community College. More information on the programs, including online applications, can be found at www.lps2.it/ACTS. **The priority deadline to submit applications is February 28th, as some courses fill up quickly.** Students need to meet with their counselor prior to signing up.

College Classes

Current AHS sophomores and juniors may wish to consider taking college courses in the fall of next year. Through the Concurrent Enrollment program, tuition for these classes may be reimbursable through the school district. Students should see their counselor for further information.



SYCAMORE LEARNING COMPANY

**“Prep for the Future”
SAT Seminar at
Arapahoe High School
March 21st & 22nd, 2018
3:00pm-5:30pm**

**“Prep for the Future”
ACT Seminar at
Arapahoe High School
Feb 7th & 8th, 2018
3:00pm-5:30pm**

After working with more than 40,000 students across the country over the last 15 years, Sycamore Learning Company’s founder designed these 5-hour seminars to help students prepare for the upcoming ACT and the new SAT with specific strategies to maximize scoring on each section of these tests. The cost for one seminar is only \$89 or \$170 for both the ACT & SAT seminars. Each seminar includes an extensive study guide that has 3 full-length practice tests with in-depth answer explanations for each question and 5 hours of in-class instruction. *Also included in the seminar:*

- *A presentation full of tips and strategies that help students achieve their highest possible scores.*
- *A special focus on the Math and Science sections for the ACT.*
- *Detailed explanation on how to write the Essay portion of the test.*
- *Highly-rated and experienced presenter conducting the seminar.*
- *College scholarship opportunities available to students who attend the seminar.*
- *All offered in a 5-hour seminar that is efficient, affordable, and fun for the students.*

To register for a seminar, please go to www.prepforthefuture.com Payment can be made online or your student can bring a check payable to Sycamore Learning Company to the seminar. The only materials needed for the seminar are a calculator and two pencils. Enrollment may be limited, so please register as soon as possible to ensure your student does not miss out on this opportunity. For any additional questions regarding a seminar, please call toll-free 866.223.9691.

We look forward to helping your student perform his or her best on the upcoming ACT & SAT.

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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
- The reason for the absence



All calls received by 1:30 pm will be processed to Infinite Campus that day. If you have called in an absence for your student and still receive a "robo" call in the evening, please consider your student may have missed a different period than what you have called in for or perhaps it is for a sibling.

PLEASE NOTE:

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 **during** a class for an appointment. A parent must call the Attendance Office early that morning or the day before to arrange for the pass. **The student is responsible for picking up the pass before the scheduled departure time.** Passes will not be delivered, and teachers do not allow students to leave class without a pass. Please have your student sign in at the Attendance Office upon returning from an appointment.

Please check your student's attendance frequently by accessing the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

Post Grad Center News

Application Day: Seniors! **Application Day is Friday, February 2, 2018 from 8:30-10:30 am.** At this event, students can apply to one of 14 participating vocational/technical colleges, two year community colleges, and four year colleges for FREE and with assistance. Take advantage of this opportunity to complete applications from start to finish that will give you options after graduation. If you have not yet RSVP'd to your counselor or Mrs. Hall in Post Grad, please do so today.

College Night: Save the date! This year's **College Night is on Monday, March 19, 2018 from 6-8 pm.** This evening is for juniors, sophomores, and even freshmen students and all parents/guardians. **Jill Athenour, an Independent College Counselor with Head to College**, returns as the keynote speaker with a new message. Jill is dedicated to changing the way students and families approach college admissions. Her keynote address, Taking the Fear (and Stress) Out of College Admissions will separate facts from myths and reduce anxiety that can cloud perspective on the college application process. Detailed information on new breakout sessions and the RSVP form will be sent via email later this month.

Junior Post Grad visits: All junior students are scheduled for a post grad appointment during an off hour this semester. In addition to learning how to use **Naviance Family Connection** and the **Common Application** for the college application process, students will be taught how to research application requirements, steps to request teacher/counselor recommendations, transcripts, and more. Appointment slips will be delivered one week in advance to students during class time. The student and primary contact listed in Infinite Campus will receive an email reminder a few days ahead of time. Finally, a call is made home the day prior. We take these steps in an effort to ensure that students keep this appointment as scheduled; there are limited spots for rescheduling.

Senior steps: As students receive admissions decisions, please **update the decision status** (accepted, waitlisted, denied) in Naviance on the COLLEGES tab, colleges I'm applying to page. On this same page, students must **mark which college they will be attending in the fall.** Arapahoe High School must have this information to send final transcripts, which are required by colleges before students can register for classes. Students, be sure to check email regularly for information from your school on next steps. Finally, please **bring a copy of all scholarship award letters**, even those not being accepted, to Mrs. Hall in the Post Grad Center. Scholarships are documented by name for each student, with recognition given for each accepted scholarship. In addition, a Class of 2018 total of all scholarship dollars awarded will be announced at the Awards Convocation Night on Monday, May 21, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

SAVE THE DATE

College Night 2018

**JUNIOR, SOPHOMORE, AND FRESHMEN STUDENTS AND PARENTS —
COME LEARN ABOUT MANAGING THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS.
START EARLY AND STRESS LESS!**



PRESENTED BY
THE ARAPAHOE HIGH SCHOOL
COUNSELING AND POST GRAD CENTER



Monday, March 19, 2018
6:00-8:00 pm in the theater



Tom Tom Beat



GET UP AND DANCE!

On Feb 3 & 4, our Varsity Toms will be competing at the National Dance Team Championship in Orlando, Florida. They've had a great season and we wish all the Toms and Coach Carlson our very best as they dance hard in Orlando. ESPN will be airing the event live so check it out! Jazz prelims are scheduled for 1:45pm (EST) and Pom prelims at 8:20pm (EST) on Saturday. Go Toms and go Arapahoe!! You can do it!



Boys Lacrosse

Two important reminders regarding our program for February:

1. Tuesday, February 20, will be our Pre-Season Information Night for all parents and players grades 9 through 12 who plan to tryout.
2. The Annual Spring Fling Fundraiser will be held at the Breckenridge Brewery in Littleton on Friday, February 23. More details will be posted on ahswarriors.org on the boys lacrosse link.
3. Pre-season camp for all prospective players will be held February 20 through February 23 at Lorenz Park from 3:00pm to 5:00pm
4. Tryouts begin February 26 through March 2 at Lorenz Park from 3:00pm to 5:00pm

News From The Art Department

The **LPS District Art Show** is currently taking place at Arapahoe Community College. There are many talented artists on display from AHS, and we encourage you to come out and admire all of the hard work our students have demonstrated so far this year! The show will be on display until the Closing Reception on Tuesday, February 6th from 5-7 p.m. The Reception is open to the public, hope to see you there! If you can not make it to the reception but would still like to go in and check out the work, here are the gallery hours at ACC:

Monday - Thursday, 9-7 pm
 Friday, 9-5 pm
 Saturday, 10-3 pm

Our **13th annual Art Attack** is quickly approaching, and we will start accepting entries for the show in March. Any student can enter work into the show, so start thinking about your submissions now! Please see any of the art teachers for more details.

Our **February artist of the month** is Sophie Quinn. Come check out her outstanding artwork on the bulletin boards outside of the main office.

Business Department

Sign up for the National Business Honor Society!

The National Business Honor Society allows students to become nationally recognized as exceptional business scholars. Becoming a member can enhance student's college, scholarship, and employment applications. In order to be a member of NBHS, you must take 3 business classes; have an overall minimum GPA of 3.0 and a minimum GPA of 3.5 in your business courses. Please contact the AHS Business Department to receive an application. **The deadline to submit an application is Friday, February 9, 2018. See a teacher in the Business Department for more information.**

DECA

We've had an incredible year so far! The following students qualified to compete at the State competition at the Broadmoor Hotel. Congratulations and good luck!!

Parker Andersen	Paige Dzengelewski	Ethan Kirk	Chloe Reinhardt	Allison Smith
Natasha Archuleta	Kara Earnest	Rees LaBree	Ryan Renshaw	Samantha Smith
Ellie Broady	Gabi Fox	Beau Lauffer	Grant Rosen	Iain Smartwood
Erin Buckley	Anna Furry	Taylor LaValley	Piper Rundell	Claudia Turner
Grace Cadorette	Rachel Green	Eva Loring	Jack Sanders	Chaney Van Glider
Maggie Coan	Maddie Hahn	Makayla Luedke	Brynn Scheckenbach	Hallie Varto
Spencer Cobb	Adam Hangland	Aiden Luter	Emma Schlichting	Shauna Warner
Morgan Conn	Jacob Hansen	Madison Monds	Mackenzie Schreiber	Emma Weisberg
Samantha Davis	Sarah Haysley	Alicia Nguyen	Graham Schultz	Lauren Whittemore
Jake Decolati	Anna Holland	Quinn O'Melia	Cade Segura	Ashley Wuthrich
Jenna Diebert	Bree Hunter	John Ott	Matthew Siayap	Kylie Wyatt
Jack Dooley	Brooks Jackson	Julia Pauls	Brooke Smiley	

FBLA

Students will be attending the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) District Leadership Conference on February 6, 2018. We have 175 members competing in over 50 different business related events. Thank you for all of the support from our community for volunteering for judging and chaperoning for our conference. A list of all state qualifiers will be posted in next month's issue of the Drumbeat.

FBLA Meeting dates:

February 6th-District Leadership Conference (all day)
February 11th-Senior Citizen Prom at VI, 6:30 PM
February 14th- Celebration Time! Ice Cream Social
February 28th-Warrior Week Carnival planning



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 January 2018:

Vocal Music: Anna Stockdill

Instrumental: Eden Goodiel

Theatre: Helena LaBree

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

Student Council News

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

PHILANTHROPY

Student Council is pleased to announce that we will be supporting **Make-A-Wish®** during our annual **Warrior Week** which, this year, will take place Monday, March 12 through Friday, March 16. Founded in 1983 as one of the nation's first Make-A-Wish® chapters, Make-A-Wish® Colorado has granted more than 4,879 wishes to eligible children throughout the state, from Fort Collins to Telluride and Grand Junction to Burlington. Make-A-Wish® Colorado is part of the largest wish-granting organization in the world, with 61 chapters in the United States and its territories and 37 international affiliates serving 50 countries.

Arapahoe High School could not be more thrilled to be partnering with this amazing organization to help grant a wish to a deserving child. We would love to see students, parents, and community members at the events below:

Arapahoe Singers and University of Colorado Buffoons Concert

Monday, March 12.

AHS Theater - 7:00 p.m.

Senior vs. A.H.S. Staff Basketball Game

Wednesday, March 14.

Sitting Eagle Gym - 7:00 p.m.

Second Annual Warrior Week Carnival

Friday, March 16th

East Entrance - 5:00 pm

Restaurant Nights

Throughout the week we will be partnering with local restaurants to raise funds for Make-A-Wish®.

More information to follow!

\$5 tickets for the Buffoons concert and the Senior/Staff basketball game will be available for purchase during lunches beginning Thursday, March 8. Admission to the carnival is free and tickets will be available for purchase for the various activities. Student Council will also sell t-shirts with 100 percent of the profits going to Make-A-Wish®.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

March 8, 2018

3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Main & Auxiliary Gymnasiums

As a school community, a core value we share is strong communication between Arapahoe High School and your home. All Arapahoe teachers, counselors, and administrators have made a commitment to be in attendance. No appointments are necessary. In order to allow our teachers to effectively communicate with all parents, please honor the 5 minute time limit. As always, all teachers are available by appointment if your conference requires more time. Questions? Please call 303-347-6000.

News From our PTO

We would also like to thank all the volunteers that have generously given their time to Arapahoe this year. Arapahoe has always had a very strong parent volunteer community and once again you continue to keep Arapahoe strong through your support of our students, staff and PTO. As we kick off Spring semester, we have begun to think about next year's PTO and if you are interested in helping in any capacity, please send us an email. Everyone is welcome to attend and learn more about joining Arapahoe PTO. Questions directed to Renee Zainer arapahoepres.lps@gmail.com



Arapahoe After Prom

After Prom plans are underway! We have a dedicated group busy planning After Prom for your student. This 30-year tradition at Arapahoe is always a spectacular event, but we can't do it without you. Are you a good planner? Are you creative? Artistic? Work nights have been scheduled and we need support in all areas: ticketing, prizes, food, casino, clean up and **hall planning/design**. After Prom is a night to celebrate and entertain about 1,200 of our students in a safe environment after the dance on May 5th. It takes hundreds of volunteers to pull this off each year and we need you. After Prom work nights are a great way to meet other parents, too.

Attention parents of seniors: start gathering photos for a senior collage, an After Prom tradition. Look for collage specifications in the March edition of the *Drum Beat*.

Arapahoe Wellness Week

February 12-16



A week to challenge yourself and try new healthy habits along with all of the juniors in our health classes. All of the details on the Wellness Challenge will be posted on the AHS homepage and around the school soon. Staff, students and families are encouraged to participate and support each other in the Wellness Week Challenge (30 minutes of exercise, no sugar drinks, no fast food, 8 hours of sleep, 3 balanced meal and 8 glasses of water).



Congratulations!

2017-2018 Arapahoe Teacher of the Year: Brian Hatak

Science teacher, Brian Hatak, was recognized as Arapahoe High School's 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year at the winter pep assembly on January 26. This is the third year Arapahoe has given this award; Hatak was nominated by his peers, students, and parents based on the following criteria:

Deliver Results: Deliver results to students and Arapahoe Community

Foster Teamwork: Promote collaboration in the classroom and in the department while inspiring students, colleagues, and the community with a positive vision for Arapahoe and its future.

Model Character: Demonstrate integrity, honesty, and courage, and treat others with dignity and respect.

Demonstrate Growth Mindset: Make thoughtful decisions, show sound judgment, exemplify professionalism, and reflect upon practice.

Mr. Hatak is a science teacher at Arapahoe, teaching Chemistry and Advanced Placement Chemistry this year. He also serves as the faculty facilitator for Fellowship of Christian Athletes, an assistant coach for Boys' Cross Country, and an assistant coach for Boys' and Girls' Track and Field. Mr. Hatak is in his twentieth year at Arapahoe High School. We will continue to honor Mr. Hatak throughout the rest of the year for this great honor.

Congratulations, Mr. Hatak!



Mr. Hatak was joined at the assembly by his wife, Sarah children, Megan, Allie, Drew, and Libby; his mother- and father-in-law, Darlene and Steve Thulson; and his best friend Karl Helvig.



The Coffee Break

Deputy James Englert and Deputy James Mason
School Resource Officers, Arapahoe High School

I would like to educate everyone on an issue that was brought to our attention in reference to fake ID's. It appears that some students may have fake ID's or know someone who does. The infraction you could be charged with if you are in possession of a fake ID is the following:

18-5-903.5 Criminal possession of an identification document: A person commits criminal possession of an identification document if the person knowingly has in his or her possession or under his or her control another person's actual driver's license, actual government issued identification card, actual social security card, or actual passport, knowing that he or she does so without permission or lawful authority. It is a Class 1 Misdemeanor if you are in possession of one or more identification documents issued to the same person. It is a Class 6 felony if you are in possession of two or more identification documents, of which at least two are issued to different people.

If you use the identification document, then you commit:

18-5-902 Identity Theft: A person commits identity theft if he or she knowingly uses the personal identifying information, financial identifying information, or financial device of another without permission or lawful authority with the intent to obtain cash, credit, property, services, or any other thing of value, or to make a financial payment. Identity theft is a Class 4 felony.

Students are obtaining fake ID's to get into bars, clubs, and liquor stores. Parents, please keep your child informed about the importance of not having a fake ID and the consequences they may face if they do.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

Parents: Be on The Lookout



We (SRO's and school administration) are finding vape pens like the Juul pictured above at the school. There are other similar e-cigarettes and vape pens out there, however, we are seeing the Juul brand the most.

The Juul—like other brands—is charged by a USB charger. When it's charging it could look like an attachment for a computer. From the Juul website it describes the area where the liquid is as the "pod", they describe that each "pod" contains 5% nicotine, 200 puffs, or 1 pack of cigarettes. <https://www.juulvapor.com/>.

Juul's and other vaping devices are more difficult to detect than cigarette use. The odor is not long lasting and in most cases can smell like sweet products.

Please know that in Centennial it is illegal from someone under the age of 18 to possess tobacco or nicotine.

A common misconception among teens is that they are allowed to possess tobacco products if their parents give them permission. There have only been limited medical test on these products and the long term effects and damage is unknown. Please know that if your students are in possession of a vape pen or e-cigarette, they could get a ticket as well as other consequences from the school

Please feel free to contact us at:

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Arapahoe High School

Class of 2022

Important Dates to Remember



Honors Auditions: February 24 & 27, March 20-22, and April 17 & 24, 2018.

See times listed below.

Freshman Registration: Monday, April 16, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

<p>Audition Times and Locations, <u>no registration required</u></p> <p>Please enter AHS through the Athletic Entrance on the west side (off of Franklin Street). For Swim Waiver testing please enter through the Pool Entrance <u>Please bring a #2 pencil to all auditions</u></p>	
<i>Saturday, February 24, 2018</i>	
Language Arts/Social Studies	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM - Room W2882
Honors Geometry/Biology	9:45 AM - 11:15 AM - Room W2882
Honors Algebra II/Biology	9:45 AM - 11:15 AM - Room W2882
Non-graphing calculators are permitted, but not provided.	
<i>Tuesday, February 27, 2018</i>	
Language Arts/Social Studies	3:30 PM – 4:30 PM – Room W2882
<i>Tuesday, March 20, 2018</i>	
Swim Waiver	6:00 PM or 7:30 PM – Pool
<i>Wednesday, March 21, 2018</i>	
Swim Waiver	6:00 PM or 7:30 PM – Pool
<i>Thursday, March 22, 2018</i>	
Honors Geometry/Biology	3:30 PM - 5:00 PM - Room W2882
Honors Algebra II/Biology	3:30 PM - 5:00 PM - Room W2882
Non-graphing calculators are permitted, but not provided.	
<i>Tuesday, April 17, 2018</i>	
Spanish II & III – for <u>Non-LPS Students</u>	3:30 PM – 4:30 PM – Room C1464
Chinese II, III, & IV - for <u>ALL</u> incoming Students	3:30 PM – 4:30 PM – Room C1463
<i>Tuesday, April 24, 2018</i>	
Spanish II & III – for <u>Non-LPS Students</u>	3:30 PM – 4:30 PM – Room C1466 & C1464

2017-2018 Dates to Remember:

Friday, February 16, 2018	- End of Six Weeks
Monday, February 19, 2018	- Presidents' Day Holiday – NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, February 21, 2018	- TRIBE Schedule
Wednesday, March 07, 2018	- TRIBE Schedule
Thursday, March 08, 2018	- Parent/Teacher Conferences - 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday, March 09, 2018	- NO SCHOOL
Monday, March 12-Friday, March 16, 2018	- Warrior Week
Monday, March 26-Friday, March 30, 2018	- Spring Break
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/Arena Scheduling
Thursday, May 24, 2018	- GRADUATION Class of 2018
Friday, May 25, 2018	- Final Examinations/Arena Scheduling/Last Day of Semester

Alive @ 25 Class

Free for AHS Students

Tuesday, February 20, 2018 ~ 2:30pm-7:00pm (bring a snack)

At AHS in room W1874

Register at <http://alivate25.us/> use password: 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 that 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.

School Accountability

Committee

Next meeting date: February 15, 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