

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



Dear Arapahoe Parents,

March 2017

Though it almost seems impossible to be true, spring is in the air! We are headed into the last three months of the school year, spring sports practices have begun, and many important state assessments are right around the corner. In this issue of the *Drum Beat*, you will find important details on the upcoming standardized tests for our students. All **freshmen** will take the **CMAS** on **April 11-13**. All **sophomores** will take the **PSAT-10** on **April 12**. All **juniors** will take the **Colorado State SAT** exam on **April 11**, and the **Colorado State Science CMAS** on **April 13**. The results of these assessments do 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. Thankfully, there were some changes in state assessments made last spring in the Colorado State Legislature. 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, sophomores will have another 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.** And, as parents, you can help by ensuring students get plenty of rest, eat well, and attend school each day throughout the important testing period.

March also brings us many **exciting Arapahoe traditions** to look forward to, including our **annual Warrior Week**. We will raise money this year to support **Make-A-Wish®**. Details on Warrior Week can be found later in this edition of the *Drum Beat*.

Another exciting opportunity for our Warriors this spring is a special trip to visit our friends on the **Wind River Indian Reservation in Riverton, Wyoming**. Thanks to the Senior Class of 2017, we will be able to take approximately 50 Warriors (students and staff) to the reservation in April. The trip has traditionally been a wonderful way for us to learn about their culture and traditions, as well as to nurture our special relationship with the people for whom our school was named.

Personal opportunity for me in the spring is **reviewing all of the open-enrollment applications** for the next school year. I am happy to share that we again have numerous students requesting to attend Arapahoe. And while it is challenging to have **students on a waiting list** for 2017-2018 school year, this is tremendous news for Arapahoe High School and Littleton Public Schools. **It is a tribute to this amazing community of which you are all a part!**

It has been a wonderful spring semester, and Arapahoe teachers continue to help our students rise to and meet the rigorous academic standards expected of each Arapahoe student. We continue to offer extra time and support for students needing additional help academically. Students are always encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning by taking advantage of our variable schedule that allows our teachers to offer **one-on-one attention in every departmental office.**



Please also remember that our **Academic Study Center** is staffed with faculty every period to tutor students individually. Whether attended on a drop-in basis or as a pass-fail course, our Academic Study Center has attracted many students seeking additional assistance.

Arapahoe is committed to ensuring that each student is career and college-ready by graduation. Academically struggling seniors need to take advantage of this assistance now so they are prepared to graduate in May. Every AHS student and parent must believe that it **is not too late to improve course grades**. Our teachers are very good at availing themselves and assisting students to achieve. As always, please do not hesitate to contact any of our faculty or staff should you have concerns about your student. I greatly appreciate the commitment our students are making to always do their best, and I realize **it would not happen without your support**.

As you know, an important key to academic success is solid daily attendance. I am proud to report **the average daily attendance rates**.

This table compares **average daily student attendance** as of Friday, February 17, 2017 to the same point in time in 2016, 2015, 2014 and 2013.

| | Feb. 2013 | Feb. 2014 | Feb. 2015 | Feb. 2016 | Feb. 2017 |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| FRESHMEN | 94.41% | 95.54% | 96.39% | 95.41% | 95.85% |
| SOPHOMORES | 94.53% | 94.76% | 96.29% | 94.87% | 95.27% |
| JUNIORS | 94.95% | 94.26% | 96.17% | 93.77% | 95.16% |
| SENIORS | 94.28% | 95.20% | 95.56% | 92.17% | 94.46% |
| ALL STUDENTS | 94.55% | 94.96% | 96.13% | 94.07% | 95.21% |

This is an example of how dedicated and strong our Warriors are. We appreciate all of you who will attend our **Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, March 9, 2017**.

Thanks for all you do as parents to support Arapahoe High School! I remind all of you to continue to take care of one another.

Sincerely,



Natalie Pramenko
Principal

Parent-Teacher Conferences

March 9, 2017

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.

COAT DRIVE benefiting the Wind River Community

April 1st through April 14th

Please drop off any gently used winter coats to the collection boxes by the AHS Main Entrance, Library, and AHS Staff Lounge.

Get your spring cleaning started and help us out with this project. These items will be brought to Wind River by our students on April 27th. Please share this information with your neighbors, friends, and family. Thanks for helping make it a success!

Counseling Center Guidelines

Financial AID

Two specific financial aid sources are the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the CSS/Financial Aid Profile. All students applying for financial aid MUST complete the FAFSA. The FAFSA forms are only online; complete them online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. In addition, some colleges may also require the Profile, which is completed online at profileonline.collegeboard.com. Check with individual college financial aid offices to find out if the CSS Profile is required. Questions regarding FAFSA may be directed to their website, to 1-800-4FED AID(1-800-433-3243), or to individual colleges.

College Opportunity Fund

The College Opportunity Fund (COF), created by the Colorado Legislature, provides a stipend to eligible undergraduate students. The stipend pays a portion of your total in-state tuition when you attend a Colorado public institution or a participating private institution.

Eligible undergraduate students must apply, be admitted, and enroll at a participating institution. Both new and continuing students are eligible for the stipend. Qualifying students may use the stipend for eligible undergraduate classes. The stipend is paid on a per-credit-hour basis to the institution at which the student is enrolled. The credit-hour amount will be set annually by the General Assembly.

Important Senior Information

College acceptances are **contingent** upon "successful completion" of both semesters of the senior year. If grades decline or if coursework is not at the level it has been in the past, it is possible that an acceptance will be rescinded when the final transcript is reviewed by the admission personnel at the college after graduation. Please encourage your students to keep their grades up and not miss any classes.

Junior Information

The **state mandated SAT** will be administered at Arapahoe High School **to all juniors on Tuesday, April 11**. Pre-Administration Session will take place one week prior to the test on Wednesday, April 5th in Western Civilization classes. *More details regarding the SAT test will be in the April newsletter.*

We also encourage students to sign up to take the ACT sometime during the spring of their junior year. The ACT **or** SAT is required for any student applying to a four year college/university. Juniors can schedule an appointment with their counselor for questions regarding these tests.

| ACT and SAT National Test Dates | | | |
|--|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|
| ACT - www.actstudent.org | | SAT Reasoning/Subject Tests - www.sat.collegeboard.org | |
| Test Date | Registration Deadline | Test Date | Registration Deadline |
| April 8, 2017 | March 3, 2017 | May 11, 2017 | April 7, 2017 |
| June 10, 2017 | May 5, 2017 | June 3, 2017 | May 9, 2017 |

Arapahoe is hosting an **SAT prep** class presented by Sycamore Learning Company on April 5th and 6th from 3:00pm to 5:30pm OR 6:00pm to 8:30pm. (Students pick one time slot and come both days.) Please see the attached letter. Also, refer to the AHS Guidance website for college testing information. Go to "Staff Pages," select "Guidance," then "Academics," and then select the link for "Testing."

Concurrent Enrollment Classes

Students enrolled at Arapahoe High School have the opportunity to take Concurrent Enrollment classes during their Junior and/or Senior year through Arapahoe Community College. Some of the classes will be offered here at Arapahoe High School, and students can enroll in those just like any other class through registration. If a student would like to take Concurrent Enrollment classes **at** Arapahoe Community College, the applications were due in the Counseling office on February 28th. These classes can be paid for by the district. Students should see their counselor with any questions.

Advanced Placement Information

During January and February all Advanced Placement students received information in their AP classes about Advanced Placement examinations, which will be given May 1-5 and May 8-12. Please refer to the [Bulletin for AP Students and Parents](#). Students who are taking the AP exams should have ordered their exams by February 22. The cost of one exam is \$95. An AHS Billing Statement from the Bookkeeping Office reflecting the cost of the ordered exam(s) will be mailed in March. Examinees are **required** to attend **one** mandatory pre-registration session either Tuesday, April 4 or Wednesday, April 5. Please refer to the handout students received in their AP classes. Students should contact Mrs. Gillespie or Mr. Lewis in the Counseling Center if they have questions.

Career & Technical Education

Sophomores and Juniors who are interested in attending the Area Career and Technical School (ACTS) for next school year may sign up online at www.lps2.it/ACTS. Students may choose from many career fields and some programs earn college credits at ACC. **The deadline for sending the application was February 28th.** Students should see their counselor if they have questions.

Post Grad Center

COLLEGE NIGHT: College Night, held on Monday, February 6th, drew a full house! Our crowd far exceeded the number of RSVPs received; we will brainstorm ways to address the issue of space, if interest in this program continues. Jill Athenour, Head to College Admissions Consultant, returned as our keynote speaker. She spoke on factors to consider when building a college list so students find colleges that are indeed, a good fit. Attendees then went to two breakout sessions of their choice. If you attended the event, please click [here](#) to provide feedback.

APPLICATION DAY: The Post Grad Center is hosting an **Application Day on Friday, March 17th from 8:00-10:00** am for seniors who would still like to apply to college. College representatives from four year colleges, two year colleges, and career and vocational schools will be on hand to provide information about their schools and to help students complete applications. All participating colleges will waive their application fee! AHS will provide supporting documents so that in two hours time, students can apply to multiple schools. Please RSVP to the Post Grad Center with the student's name and cell phone number by emailing Mrs. Hall at khall@lps.k12.co.us.

SENIORS: There are several scholarship opportunities listed in the scholarship section in Naviance. Please take time to peruse the list and submit applications! If awarded a scholarship, please bring the **scholarship award letter** to the Post Grad Center by May 1st. Students accepting scholarships will be honored at the Senior Convocation Award Night on Monday, May 22nd. Remember to officially **accept/decline college admissions offers and scholarships** by May 1st.

JUNIORS: Junior students are scheduled for their junior Post Grad appointment this semester. This appointment is completely different from the sophomore visit. Students learn how to use Naviance Family Connection to build their college list, research application requirements, become familiar with the Common Application, and complete required elements in the college application process. It can be complex, but during this appointment, we break it down into manageable steps for students to begin now. Waiting until senior year leaves too much to manage in one semester. **Remember, this is the semester to build the college list.** Take advantage of the upcoming **College Visits @ AHS** to learn more about these colleges. This month, the Post Grad Center will host the University of Wyoming, the University of Missouri, Texas Tech University, Baylor University, the University of Arizona, the University of Utah, West Point, the University of Nebraska, and the United States Air Force Academy. Log in to Naviance for details and to sign up. Remember to ask your teacher for permission to miss 30 minutes of class time and have them sign the College Rep Visit blue pass, available in the Post Grad Center, in ADVANCE of the visit day. Be sure to attend the **Spring 2017 College Fair** at the University of Denver Ritchie Center on Sunday, March 19th from 1:00-3:30 pm. Click [here](#) to see the list of participating schools and for the option to pre-register. Finally, complete the **Class of 2018 Biography** in Naviance during the month of March. AHS teachers and counselors use this required document when writing letters of recommendation for students. Do this now to avoid having too many tasks to complete in the fall.

MILITARY: Military recruiters are at Arapahoe every Monday during both lunches.



SYCAMORE LEARNING COMPANY

“Prep for the Future” SAT Seminar at:

Arapahoe High School

April 5th & 6th, 3:00pm-5:30pm

OR

April 5th & 6th, 6:00pm-8:30pm

This year, all juniors in Colorado will be required to take the SAT test in April as a part of the statewide testing program. After working with more than 30,000 students across the country over the last 15 years, Sycamore Learning Company’s founder designed this 5-hour seminar to help students prepare for the new SAT with specific strategies to maximize scoring on each section of the test. The cost for this seminar is **only \$89** and 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 attain their highest possible scores.*
- *Detailed explanation on how to write the Essay portion of the test.*
- *Highly-rated and experienced presenters conducting the seminars.*
- *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 this 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 will be 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 the seminar, please call toll-free (866) 223-9691.

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

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News From The Art Department

March is Youth Art Month, and The Curtis Arts and Humanities Center in Greenwood Village is hosting a student art and music exhibition. The exhibit will run March 6th through April 1st, 2017. There will be a reception held at the center on March 15th from 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Our 13th annual Art Attack is fast approaching. Please stop by the Art Department to fill out an entry form for your artwork. Any student can enter work into the show from any art class taken here at AHS or any recent work made outside of school. No artwork created on lined notebook paper will be accepted, and work must be of a school appropriate subject matter. See flyer and/or any of the art teachers for more details.

Business Department

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)

FBLA had a fantastic time at our District competition. We had tough competition against 18 different schools. Our members worked hard and 87 of our members placed in the top 4 in their events and qualified for the State FBLA Conference in Vail this coming April.

March is a busy month for FBLA students organizing the Volleyball fundraiser on April 5th at 6:00 p.m. Members of FBLA are putting their business skills to the test in finance, human resource management, accounting, marketing and organization for the event. Keep the date free to either play or come and watch!

Upcoming dates:

March 1 — State Qualifiers meeting

March 8 — All club meeting-organize the volleyball event

March 22 — All members-finalize plans for volleyball

April 5 — Final payment due for FBLA State

April 13 — State Qualifiers-practice-2:30 p.m.

April 13 — State Qualifiers family meeting and Chipotle Fundraising night-6:00 p.m.

April 25 — Officer Applications are due to the Business Department

National Business Honor Society

Congratulations to all students who were accepted into the National Business Honor Society this semester! All National Business Honor Society Students are invited to the Business Banquet at 6:00 p.m. on May 9th in the cafeteria to receive recognition and certificate. Students can be eligible for NBHS if they are a Junior or Senior, have a 3.0 GPA, 3.5 business class GPA, and have completed (or are currently taking) 3 business classes.

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 February 2017:

Vocal Music: Smith Barton

Instrumental: Tehran Law

Theatre: Annie Fehr

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



13th Annual Arapahoe

"ART ATTACK"

Tuesday April 18, 2017

Reception 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Awards 7:30 p.m.

This is a show 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 a celebration of both the wonderful work of our students and an opportunity to share with the public our department and art curriculum. Viewing dates April 10–April 28 in the AHS Theater Hallway, Art Hallways, and Library.

*******ENTRY DEADLINE – FRIDAY, March 24th*******

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.

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 13 through Friday, March 17. 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.

During Warrior Week, we will be raising money to grant the wish of a very special young man, Jordon. Jordon is 11 years old and lives right here in Littleton. His father is actually an Arapahoe alum! Jordon has been diagnosed with medulloblastoma, a fast-growing, high-grade brain tumor. Jordon's wish is to be able to go to Harry Potter World, and we are thrilled at our opportunity to help make this happen for him! We would love to see students, parents, and community members at the events below:

Friday, March 10th

Kickoff ice cream social at Inside Scoop - Littleton — 5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Monday, March 13th

Dinner at Anthony's Pizza — 5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Arapahoe Singers and University of Colorado Buffoons Concert

AHS Theater — 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15th

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

Sitting Eagle Gym — 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 16th

Dinner at Bad Daddy's - Southglenn — 5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Friday, March 17th

First Annual Warrior Week Carnival

AHS Cafeteria — 5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

\$5 tickets for the Buffoons concert and the Senior/Staff basketball game will be available for purchase during lunches beginning Thursday, March 9. 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®.

Save the Date....Mr. Arapahoe May 2, 2017

Attention Senior Boys...**applications** to compete for Mr. Arapahoe will be available online beginning Wednesday, March 1st. You can find the application on the AHS Homepage and on the AHS Student Council homepage.

Who Is Mr. Arapahoe?

Mr. Arapahoe is someone who is spirited, creative, kind, community-minded, good-humored, ambitious, responsible, and compassionate. This person demonstrates their character in and out of the classroom, through their commitment to the school and community, relationships and other activities.

The competition includes lip-syncing and showing school spirit, performing a talent, and modeling formal wear along with a live interview.

The winner will receive two free prom tickets, rental tuxedo from Men's Wearhouse to wear at the event, and a trophy, which will be displayed in the Trophy Hall. In addition to winning the competition, you have the opportunity to leave a lasting legacy at Arapahoe High School.

Don't delay, apply today. All applications are due March 17th by the end of the day.



AHS ASSESSMENT NEWS

Quality assessments are an important component of a student's total learning experience. Assessment data informs instruction, helps teachers determine intervention strategies, and contributes to program evaluation. This data also provides comparability and accountability. AHS is committed to the success of every student. To that end, multiple measures are used to ensure individual student growth and achievement. I have provided **some background** on the standardized assessments in Colorado. As you will see, Colorado requirements currently exceed the federal requirements.

Federal laws and requirements regarding assessments tie into **federal accountability and Title I funding.**

- **English/Language Arts & Math:** All students in grades 3-8 must be tested annually; once in high school, ninth grade or higher
- **Science:** All students must be tested one time at each level: elementary, middle, high
- **95% Participation Rate:** Required on all testing

Colorado state laws and requirements tie into **accreditation.**

- **English/Language Arts & Math:** All students grades **3-11 tested annually**, plus **Colorado SAT** for juniors.
- **Science & Social Studies:** All students must be tested one time at each level: elementary, middle, and high. **This year, Arapahoe juniors will take the statewide Science CMAS.**
- **PSAT 10:** All sophomores are registered to take to PSAT-10.
- **Colorado law requires that all students enrolled in a public school must take the statewide assessments (Section 22-7-409)(d)(10(A), C.R.S.). Please consult the Littleton Public Schools website for more information.**

**ARAPAHOE HIGH SCHOOL
ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE – APRIL 11-13, 2017**

Tuesday, April 11

| | CMAS (9 th) | | SAT (11 th) | | Senior Class Meeting |
|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| 7:20 | Arrive in testing rooms | 7:10 | Arrive in testing rooms | 10:30 - 11:15 | Mandatory; theater |
| 7:35 - 9:25 | English Language Arts Test #1 | 7:15 - 11:15 | SAT Test | | |
| 9:25 - 9:40 | In Room Break | | | | |
| 9:45 - 11:15 | Math Test #1 | 7:15 - 12:00 | SAT with Essay | | |
| 11:15 | Dismissal | | | | |

11:15 - 11:45 LUNCH FOR ALL STUDENTS

| | |
|---------------|-------------------|
| 11:50 - 12:23 | Tuesday, Period 1 |
| 12:23 - 12:28 | Passing period |
| 12:28 - 1:01 | Tuesday, Period 2 |
| 1:01 - 1:06 | Passing period |
| 1:06 - 1:39 | Tuesday, Period 3 |
| 1:39 - 1:44 | Passing period |
| 1:44 - 2:16 | Tuesday, Period 4 |

Wednesday, April 12

| | CMAS (9 th) | | PSAT-10 (10 th) |
|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| 7:20 | Arrive in testing rooms | 7:20 | Arrive in testing rooms |
| 7:35 - 9:25 | English Language Arts Test #2 | 7:25 - 8:15 | Student Survey |
| 9:25 - 9:40 | In Room Break | | |
| 9:45 - 11:15 | Math Test #2 | 8:15 - 11:15 | PSAT Test |

11:15 - 11:45 LUNCH FOR ALL STUDENTS

| | |
|---------------|--------------------|
| 11:50 - 12:23 | Tuesday, Period 5 |
| 12:23 - 12:28 | Passing period |
| 12:28 - 1:01 | Tuesday, Period 6 |
| 1:01 - 1:06 | Passing period |
| 1:06 - 1:39 | Thursday, Period 1 |
| 1:39 - 1:44 | Passing period |
| 1:44 - 2:16 | Thursday, Period 2 |

Thursday, April 13

| | CMAS (9 th) | | CMAS (11 th) |
|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| 7:20 | Arrive in testing rooms | 7:20 | Arrive in testing rooms |
| 7:35 - 9:05 | English Language Arts Test #3 | 7:30 - 8:30 | Science Test #1 |
| 9:05 - 9:15 | In Room Break | 8:30 - 8:35 | Break |
| 9:20 - 10:50 | Math Test #3 | 8:40 - 9:40 | Science Test #2 |
| | | 9:40 - 9:45 | Break |
| | | 9:50 - 10:50 | Science Test #3 |

10:50 - 11:20 LUNCH FOR ALL STUDENTS

| | |
|---------------|--------------------|
| 11:25 - 12:05 | Thursday, Period 3 |
| 12:05 - 12:10 | Passing period |
| 12:10 - 12:50 | Thursday, Period 4 |
| 12:50 - 12:55 | Passing period |
| 12:55 - 1:35 | Thursday, Period 5 |
| 1:35 - 1:40 | Passing period |
| 1:40 - 2:16 | Thursday, Period 6 |



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? 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 Wednesday, March 22nd in the Forum at 7:00 p.m., and tryouts for the 2017-2018 dance team will be held the week of April 3rd - 7th.

***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**
- If you have already called in your student's absence to the message line, there is no need to call it in again to the receptionist. All calls are received and processed to Infinite Campus as soon as possible. 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, or, perhaps it is for a sibling



PLEASE NOTE:

Due to the high volume of phone calls, please only call one time and leave one message per absence.

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 when missing classes for an appointment during the school day. 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.** Please have your student sign in at the Attendance Office upon returning from an appointment.

ONLY parents 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 must go to the Health Clinic which is located in Student Services, there 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.

Arapahoe After Prom

With just a little more than two months 'till May 6th, **After Prom** planning is well under way!

Please take a moment to read through some important information from our After Prom team.

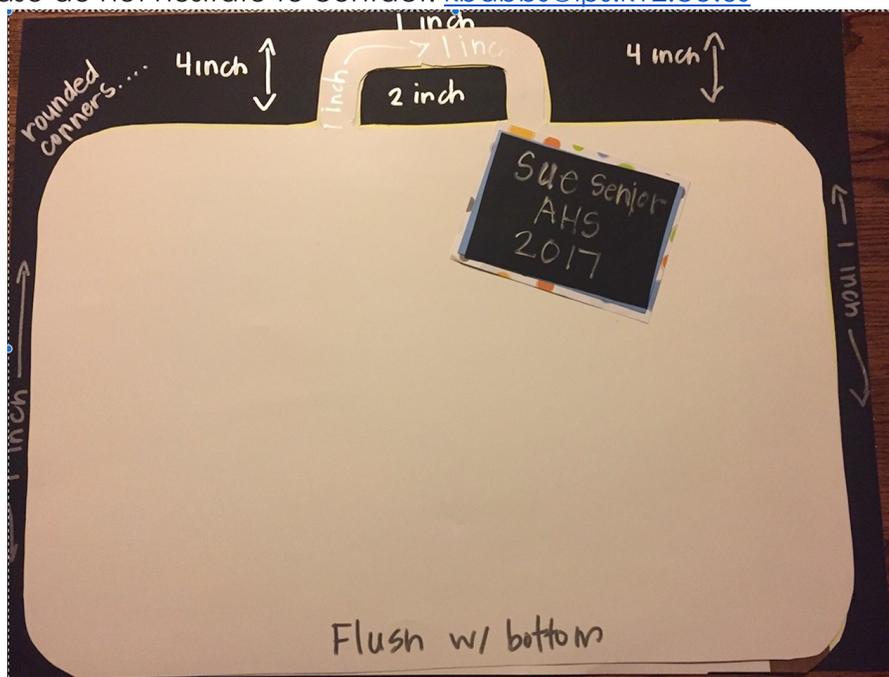
ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS

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 - we're keeping it a surprise until May.** All collages will be created in the shape of a suit case, **an example is attached.** 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 with it!
2. To start, purchase a piece of standard 22"x28" poster board either in white or 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 suit case—see attached drawing for dimensions.
4. Put your student's name, AHS, and 2017 on the front of the suit case. A 3 x 5 (or 4 x 6) index card in the shape of a luggage tag would work well to show case this info.
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 suit case, 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 South Glen. We highly recommend this for the best presentation and longevity of your student's collage. The cost is about \$4.00.**
8. Deliver your collage to the school's main office between April 26th and May 5th before 3:00 p.m. 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 8th to the 12th by either a parent or student.

Thanks - Have fun creating memories! Kristin Babbs and Dawn Ives, Senior Hall Co-Chairs. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact: kbabbs@lps.k12.co.us



The *After Prom Prize Committee* is well underway securing prizes for our AHS students who attend this ever-popular night of fun. *After Prom* has a long-standing tradition of being supported greatly by our community and AHS families. To ensure there will be plenty of prizes for our attendees to win, we will be asking families for donations. These can be anything from gift cards—restaurant, retail, movie theatre—to event tickets to cash.

A Sign-up Genius will be going out to everyone early April, so if you have gift cards just lying around, please consider donating – we'd love to have them! And if your family has connections to Colorado activities (Rockies/Broncos/Red Rocks, etc.) we'd love to hear from you!

We are looking forward to making *After Prom* 2017 a memorable success, and we thank you for your continued support!

Contact Annette Bricker with any questions: bricker_9@msn.com.

The Hall Committees are busy bringing their creative visions to reality with work nights every **Tuesday and Thursday evening in the AHS art rooms - E1277-79 - from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**. All volunteers are welcome - no prior experience necessary! Whether you can come once or every week, your time and enthusiasm are valued and needed!!

Contact arapahoeafterprom.lps@gmail.com for more info.

After Prom Co-Chairs

Katherine Hahn: katherineghahn@gmail.com

Heather Hill: heathereldenhill@gmail.com

Graduation Information 2017

DATE AND SITE INFORMATION

Graduation will be held at Littleton Public Schools' Stadium on **Thursday, May 25, 2017** at 10:00 a.m. The alternate rain site will be Arapahoe High School Gymnasium at 11:00 a.m.

GRADUATION/CAP AND GOWN INFORMATION

A \$25 Graduation fee is included on all senior's accounts and is due March 1, 2017. The fee was included on the prepayment form at the beginning of the year and is reflected in students' Infinite Campus accounts. The graduation fee DOES NOT include cap and gown rental. Seniors are responsible for ordering their cap and gown directly from Herff/Jones. Orders were due by December 21, 2016. If you have not ordered your cap and gown please contact www.uniquerecognition.com as soon as possible, to place your order. More information regarding caps and gowns can be found on the AHS Website under "Graduation". Any questions may be directed to Mrs. DeBow at jdebow@lps.k12.co.us.

TICKET INFORMATION

Graduates will receive five (5) tickets for the outdoor ceremony at Littleton Public Schools' Stadium. Requests for additional tickets will be accepted in April. Each family may request a reasonable number of extra LPS Stadium tickets. Requests will be accepted after Spring Break. In the event of rain, graduates will receive **ONLY** four (4) tickets for the Arapahoe High School Gymnasium. Over flow seating will be available in the AHS Cafeteria. The ceremony will be viewed through closed-circuit television displayed on a big screen. Tickets are **not** interchangeable, and lost tickets will not be replaced.

For further information, please visit the Arapahoe website and click on the graduation tab or [click here](#). Senior Graduation information will be frequently updated.



The Coffee Break

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

Centennial Ordinance No. 2006-O-18 / Arapahoe County Ordinance 2008-1 **PROHIBITING THE POSSESSION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS BY MINORS**

Minor: A person under 18 years of age.

Possess: Has or holds any amount of a tobacco product anywhere on his/her person, has tobacco products within his/her immediate presence and control, including within a motor vehicle. Also includes the consumption, smoking, ingesting, absorbing, inhaling, or chewing of any tobacco product.

VIOLATIONS:

Upon conviction shall be fined \$75.00 for first offense. For the second and subsequent offenses, the court shall impose a fine between \$100.00 and \$300.00. A mandatory court appearance is required with each violation.

The City of Centennial ordinance went into effect in October 2006, and for schools in unincorporated Arapahoe County, tobacco became illegal for minors in early 2008.

I feel like I talk about this subject all the time. I don't know what to do to keep students from smoking. I try to explain the dangers. I give warnings to students, and the very next day I find the same students smoking in the same spot. The only solution I can think of is to write tickets on and off school grounds. **The City of Centennial also considers "E-Cigarettes" containing nicotine as a violation under this statute.**

A FEW FACTS:

- 3 million kids under 18 are current smokers.
- More than 6.3 million kids who are currently under 18 will eventually die from smoking-related disease.
- Almost 90% of adult smokers began at or before age 19.
- More than a third of all kids who try smoking become regular, daily smokers before leaving high school.
- Cigarettes and chewing tobacco are associated with numerous health problems.
- For more information go to www.cdc.gov/tobacco.
- You tell me: what can I do to convince you not to smoke?



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
Tuesday, March 21, 2017
2:30pm-7:00pm (bring a snack)
At AHS in room W1874
Register at <http://aliveat25.us/>

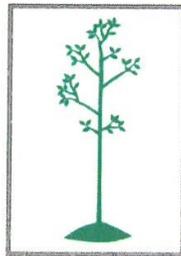
Alive at 25 is a highly interactive program that specifically targets young drivers between the ages of 15 and 24 and encourages them to consistently practice safe and defensive driving habits. Traffic crashes are the leading cause of teen fatalities, accounting for 44% of teen deaths in the United States. 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.



2017 COLORADO MAMMOTH

**Littleton Public Schools Night
WITH THE COLORADO MAMMOTH**



LITTLETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

Colorado Mammoth vs. Calgary Roughnecks
March 3rd • 7:30PM
Pepsi Center

Tickets: \$14-23, a savings of up to \$6 per ticket
Order Online at: <http://www.mammothtix.com/lpsnight>

A portion of every ticket will benefit LPS students and schools through the LPS Foundation

Get to the game an hour early to watch the players warm up!

Contact Ryan Hannegan at 303.575.1932 or ryan.hannegan@teamkse.com
to purchase by phone.

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This is not your typical fundraising dinner with mediocre food & boring speeches! It's an active evening to support all LPS schools.

**Please Join Us on Saturday, April 8, 2017
& Take a Walk on the Wild Side!**

NEW LOCATION: CU South Denver Wildlife Experience

NEW ADVENTURE: Book your reservation now for the Annual Spirit Celebration

- Explore the exhibits while delighting in unique dinner stations
- Bid on awesome auction items via mobile bidding
- Discover LPS students' original artwork along the art walk
- Send your taste buds on an adventure at the dessert bar
- Raise your paddle during the spirited live auction

... and dance the night away to That 80's Band!

Parents, staff, and community members are welcome and encouraged to attend!

For more information or to register please visit

www.spiritdinner.com

or 303-347-3478





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

Freshman Registration Night

Monday, April 17, 2017

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 March 14-16, and April 18 & 25, 2017.

See times listed below.

Freshman Registration - Monday, April 17, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

Audition Times and Locations - Please enter AHS through the West Entrance (off of Franklin Street)

Please bring a #2 pencil to all auditions

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

Honors Algebra II

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM – Room S1417

Non-graphing calculators are permitted, but not provided.

Thursday, March 16, 2017

Honors Geometry/Biology

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM – Room W2882

Non-graphing calculators are permitted, but not provided.

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

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 25, 2017

Spanish II & III – for Non-LPS Students

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM – Room C1466 & C1464

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2016-2017 Dates to Remember:

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| Thursday, March 02, 2017 - TRIBE |
| Thursday, March 09, 2017 - Parent/Teacher Conferences – Evening |
| Friday, March 10, 2017 - NO SCHOOL |
| Wednesday, March 15, 2017 - PLC – Late Start Day |
| Tuesday, March 21, 2017 - TRIBE |
| Monday, March 27-Friday, March 31, 2017 - Spring Break |
| Friday, April 07, 2017 - End of Six Weeks |
| Monday, April 17, 2017 - Freshman (Class of 2021) Registration |
| Tuesday, April 18, 2017 - TRIBE |
| Wednesday, May 03, 2017 - PLC – Late Start Day |
| Thursday, May 04, 2017 - TRIBE |
| Saturday, May 06 2017 - Prom/After Prom |
| Friday, May 19, 2017 - Last Day for Seniors |
| Monday, May 22, 2017 - Final Examinations/Senior Awards Convocation |
| Tuesday, May 23 & Wednesday, May 24, 2017 - Final Examinations/Arena Scheduling |
| Thursday, May 25, 2017 - GRADUATION Class of 2017 |
| Friday, May 26, 2017 - Final Examinations/Arena Scheduling/ Last Day of Semester |
| Monday, May 29, 2017 - Memorial Day |

School Accountability Committee

**Next meeting date: April 6, 2017
@ 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 22, 2017
6:00 p.m. held in our Arapahoe Theater

Attention Seniors Graduation is approaching Do you have money in your lunch account?

The end of the year is coming, now is the time to monitor your lunch account. Buy lunch or a snack or pay off a negative balance. Unsure of your balance? Ask one of the Nutrition Services Kitchen Staff.

If you still have money in your account, as of May 22, 2017, please have your parents contact the [Nutrition Services Office](mailto:ns@arapahoe.k12.co.us), 303-347-3360.

The office can transfer the balance to a sibling or process a refund. You can also "pay it forward" and donate the money to a "LunchShares" fund.

It has been our privilege to serve you!!

Congratulations Class of 2017!

The Arapahoe Kitchen Staff and LPS Nutrition Services Department