

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

October 2017

Dear Arapahoe Parents,

I want to start this letter by thanking the nearly 200 parents who attended the recent parent education night where we heard from Alex Yannacone from the **CU Johnson Depression Center**. She provided great tools for parents to utilize in the tough, but necessary, conversations with our teenagers about suicide. Thanks to your positive response, I have scheduled to have Alex back in the Arapahoe theater on **Monday, January 29, 2018**. Save the date, as more information will be provided in the December-January *DrumBeat*. I am also very excited to kick off our new program, **Sources of Strength**, with our students. Training dates are scheduled for mid-October for both our adult advisors and peer leaders.

We welcome the month of October with our annual **Arapahoe Homecoming Week!** The theme this year is "**A Week at Sea.**" All of our events are designed to provide positive memories for our Warriors and enhance their comprehensive high school experience. **Thank you all so much for your continued support of our Homecoming events.** The talent show, DECA BBQ, bonfire, parade, dance and many athletic events we hold would not be possible without the enthusiasm of the entire Arapahoe community. A huge shout-out to all members of our **Arapahoe Student Council**, under the leadership of sponsors **Audra Binney and Shannon Kershaw**, for the organization of this wonderful tradition-filled week! We hope to see all of you at the community-wide events.

After the excitement of Homecoming comes to an end, the reality and pressures of the classroom set in. Our main goal at Arapahoe is to prepare all of our students to be college and career-ready. Throughout the month of September, Arapahoe counselors visited with each grade level in small meetings in the AHS Forum. **Freshmen** received a message about starting strong and how poor grades their freshman year can negatively affect their transcript. They also learned about how some of their current classes can help them meet the new **LPS Graduation Competencies** ([click here for more information](#)). **Sophomores** were taught how to access Naviance early and encouraged to get in and navigate the website before their junior year. **Juniors** are preparing to take the **PSAT on Wednesday, October 11, 2017**. They are also encouraged to use Naviance to begin the college search process. **Seniors** are busy signing up for the national SAT and ACT as well as madly preparing their college applications. Arapahoe will be presenting **Colorado Council's Day/Night College Fair** hosted by our counselors and post grad specialist on **Monday, October 9, 2017**.



Dates and further information on all of the 2017-2018 national testing can be found in the Counseling Center section of this issue of the *Drum Beat*. As always, please contact your student's counselor or our Post Grad Center if you have any questions.

Though the Colorado Commission on Higher Education sets minimum course requirements (see below) for acceptance to colleges and universities throughout Colorado, it is clear from the data that **Arapahoe students far exceed these minimum requirements**. We highly encourage seniors to keep a rigorous and challenging course load all the way through their final year of high school.

These requirements set by CCHE are backed by research that shows that fewer than forty percent of college students complete their collegiate education. CCHE research further claims that, "Regardless of economic status, race, gender or high school program, the proportion of students receiving their bachelor's degree tends to increase with the completion of a rigorous pattern of high school courses taken." We also know that four strong years of preparation in the core academic areas also leads to a stronger performance on the ACT, SAT, and other college entrance exams.

- 40% of our students are enrolled in honors or advanced math courses: Honors Geometry, Honors Trigonometry, Honors Algebra II, Advanced Placement Calculus AB, Advanced Placement Calculus BC, Advanced Placement Probability/Statistics, Calculus I, Concurrent Enrollment Statistics, Probability/Statistics, Trigonometry, Concurrent Enrollment Calculus III, and Finite Math
- 90% of our students take 2 or more years of a World Language
- 95% of our students take 3 or more years of Science
- 95% of our students take 3 or more years of Math
- 100% of our students take 4 or more years of Social Studies
- 100% of our students take 4 or more years of Language Arts

Graduation Requirements
(Minimum Requirements)

Subject	CCHE Requirements	AHS Requirements
Language Arts	4 years	4 years (35 credits)
Mathematics	4 years	2-4 years (4 years strongly recommended)
Science	3 years	2-4 years (3 years strongly recommended)
Social Studies	3 years	4 years (30 credits)
World Language	1 year	(2 years of the same World Language is highly recommended)
Other Academics	2 years	
Fine Arts		6 credits
Practical Arts		6 credits
Physical Education		12 credits (includes Health and Swimming)
Electives		Remaining credits to total 188

While we prepare every Warrior to graduate with a college-prep experience, we offer many attractive and meaningful elective courses and value our **comprehensive high school curriculum**. Course preparation in the arts, business, technology, physical education, and core-area electives produce a well-rounded individual. We also offer many **Career and Technical Education** classes designed to give students experience in a potential future career path they may be interested in. [Please click here](#) for a full menu of the classes Arapahoe can make available to your Warrior! Arapahoe counselors can assist your student with details on how to register for one of these classes.

We value high academic preparation, and it is important to remember that alongside these high expectations there is a tremendous amount of support offered by all of the dedicated Arapahoe faculty and staff. Many departments have **targeted intervention programs** in place for students that are not meeting minimum requirements for classes. The **Academic Study Center** is available as a pass/fail class or as a place to drop in during the school day for assistance from teachers every period of every day. Teachers are available during unscheduled hours in **departmental offices**. Success and self-confidence are enhanced when a positive attitude and a solid work ethic are embedded in student efforts. When these values are supported in both the home and school environments, our Warriors have the best possible chance to achieve and succeed at a higher level!

Colorado Safe Schools Month 2017 is here! As part of an ongoing effort to promote a safe and healthy culture in all Littleton Public Schools, Arapahoe High School will participate in the **Comprehensive School Climate Inventory (CSCI)** throughout the month of October. The CSCI is a brief 15-20 minute, anonymous survey of students (grades 3-12) parents, and school-based staff to gather perceptions about the school environment. The survey includes questions about **safety, relationships, engagement, support for learning, etc.** The feedback we gather about our school climate will help guide efforts to provide supportive learning environments for all students. The survey is administered electronically, and **all results** are completely **anonymous** (no names are recorded, and no identifying information is attached to specific responses). In the coming days, we will reach out to all Arapahoe parents and guardians **with an email containing a link to the survey**. The survey window for parents will begin on **October 15th** and will remain open until **November 15th**. Students and staff will complete this survey later this month during TRIBE (10/25/17 and 11/8/17). Please visit the LPS website for more detailed information about the survey content and for information on opt-out procedures. All opt-outs forms as well as questions for Arapahoe should be directed to **Mr. Brian Ceriani, assistant principal for student services and Arapahoe survey coordinator**.

Thank you for your continued support of Arapahoe High School. I look forward to seeing you at **Parent-Teacher Conferences** this month. We are also encouraging you to bring your son or daughter to participate in the dialogue with their teachers!

Sincerely,



Natalie Pramenko
Principal

News from Your PTO

Parent/Teacher conferences are approaching and I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to meet with the outstanding teachers we have at Arapahoe! They have great insights and offer valuable advice on how to help our students succeed. The PTO thanks all our teachers and staff for their continual dedication to our students!

The PTO's first meeting had a great turn out. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 10 from 7:30-9:00 am in the Main Office Conference Room. At this meeting the budget will be voted on allowing us to determine how to best support Arapahoe. Your input is welcome and appreciated – please join us!

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you again for your support!

Renee Zainer

PTO President

Arapahoepres.lps@gmail.com

Arapahoe Historian Album

Do you have pictures or newspaper article clippings of your AHS student participating in a sport, club, school event, a special award, or any other AHS activity? We would love to include them in the **2017-2018 AHS Historian Album**. Please send your photos or articles to the AHS Main office, to the attention of **PTO Historian**. Please also include the approximate date and the event represented.

Thank you so much in helping preserve Arapahoe High School's history.

School Accountability Committee

The School Accountability Committee meets one Thursday a month in the Arapahoe Main Office Conference Room - 3:00-5:00 p.m. The meetings are open to all Arapahoe parents and the community.

Meetings for 2017-2018

October 5 November 16 January 18 February 15 April 5 May 3

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



The AHS Talent Show Is Coming! Monday, October 2

Mark your calendar for this year's Homecoming Talent Show to be held on **Monday, October 2** in the AHS Theater. You can see some of Arapahoe's most talented students perform at **7:00 p.m.** **Tickets** for the talent show cost \$5.00 each and will be on sale from Thursday, September 28 through Friday, September 29 in the AHS cafeteria during both lunch periods. Tickets will also be sold at the door on the night of the show. Seating is limited, so buy your tickets early!

Join Student Council!

All Arapahoe Students are invited to attend Student Council meetings and enroll in our pass/fail zero hour class on **Tuesdays at 6:20 a.m. in the Forum.**

We encourage freshmen students to take an active interest in their class's leadership by running and voting for the positions of class president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and publicity officer. We will be conducting elections for the Freshmen class in early September.

Student Council is also proud to announce the schedule for Homecoming 2017:

Monday, October 2	7:00 p.m. - Talent Show
Wednesday, October 4	6:30 p.m. - DECA BBQ 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Bonfire on the Baseball Field
Friday, October 6	Pep Assembly after sixth period in the Main Gym
Saturday, October 7	10:00 a.m. Parade - Will begin in the west student parking lot and heads north on Franklin, east on Easter, through The Streets of Southglenn, back to Easter going west to Franklin, and from Franklin back to AHS.
Saturday, October 7	8:00 – 11:00 p.m. Dance in the Main Gym. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance / \$15.00 at the door. Tickets will be sold during lunch in the cafeteria during Homecoming week. Attendees need to bring their student identification to the dance. Arapahoe students bringing dates from other schools must complete a guest pass form. Please see Mrs. Railey in the Attendance Office to obtain the permission slip. Dance dress is semi-formal. No jeans permitted. Please see LPS Dance Policy in the Student Planner on page 21.

Other activities will also transpire in the cafeteria during Homecoming week. Homecoming t-shirts will also be on sale every day during both lunches.

Littleton Public Schools Unified Dance Policy

In order to promote a healthy, safe, enjoyable evening for all students, the following procedures will be in place for all Littleton Public Schools' dances. Dances are school-related events, and all LPS and school rules apply.

Dress: Students will not be admitted into the dance if dressed inappropriately for a school function.

Ladies: Semi-Formal/Formal Dress

- Strapless/spaghetti straps are allowed
- Dress/skirt length must be within school dress code
- No jeans
- No excessively low cut or revealing dresses or tops
- Public health code requires you to wear shoes at all times (bring something comfortable for dancing)

Gentlemen: Semi-Formal/Formal Attire

- Collared dress shirt (tie recommended)
- Dress pants or slacks; no jeans
- No bandanas, chains, or canes
- Public health code requires you to wear shoes at all times (bring something comfortable for dancing)

Casual/Informal Attire: Follow and maintain all LPS and Arapahoe High School dress code rules throughout the dance.

Dancing Guidelines: Students who do not maintain an appropriate style of dance will be asked to stop.

- **No Front to Back Dancing is Permitted**
- No inappropriate, graphic or suggestive dancing will be allowed
- No simulated sex acts (grinding, etc.)
- No dancing which could cause harm to oneself or others (moshing, slam dancing or crowd surfing)
- Hands on waists or shoulders only

Violation of these guidelines may result in removal from the dance by an Arapahoe administrator.

Most high schools have only two dances,
Homecoming and Prom.

We are fortunate to have more.
High school dances are a privilege.

Let's make ours the best!

Please complete the Guest Form provided by the activities office for all non-Arapahoe guests, no fax copies accepted.

Counseling Center Information

MOVING?

Please remember to notify the Counseling Center as well as the Attendance Office in the event of an address or telephone number change. **It is very important that the school learns of these changes as soon as possible. Thank you.**

NCAA/NAIA Compliance orientation and recruiting for Juniors and Seniors.—Tuesday, October 17 during 1st and 2nd Lunch in the AHS Forum. Bring your lunch. For more information and to sign up for this meeting, please stop by the Athletic or Counseling Office.

REGISTERING FOR SAT/ACT/NCAA/NAIA

Registration for the SAT, ACT, National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) is now being done **online**. The web sites are as follows:

- ACT - www.actstudent.org
- SAT - www.sat.collegeboard.org
- NCAA - www.eligibilitycenter.org
- NAIA - www.playnaia.org

State SAT - April 10, 2018

ACT Test Dates	Registration Deadlines
October 28, 2017	September 22, 2017
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017
February 10, 2018	January 12, 2018
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018
June 9, 2018	May 3, 2018

SAT Reasoning/ Subject Test Dates	Registration Deadlines
November 4, 2017	October 5, 2017
December 2, 2017	November 2, 2017
March 10, 2018	February 9, 2018
May 5, 2018	April 6, 2018
June 2, 2018	May 3, 2018

SENIOR INFORMATION

Counselors met with seniors in the Forum on September 11 and 12 to provide information about college applications and specifics about the application process at Arapahoe. The PowerPoint presentation is posted on our website: lps2.it/AHSGuidance.

JUNIOR INFORMATION

Counselors visited juniors on September 18 to disseminate information regarding future planning. Juniors can view the PowerPoint presentation on our website: lps2.it/AHSGuidance.

SOPHOMORE and FRESHMAN INFORMATION

Counselors visited with sophomores on September 13 and freshman on September 19 to discuss high school cumulative GPA, career/future planning, and high school curriculum. The PowerPoint presentation is posted on our website: lps2.it/AHSGuidance.

PSAT - Wednesday, October 11, 2017

The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) is designed to give juniors experience with tests similar to those required for college admission. The format has four sections: one reading, two math, and one writing. Additionally, the PSAT is used by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation to determine National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists. Other scholarship agencies also use the PSAT, and nearly all colleges/universities seek National Merit Semi-Finalists.

Registration for the PSAT began **Wednesday, September 20 and ends Wednesday, October 4 in the Counseling Office. Cost: \$20.00 non-refundable fee.** Payment and photo ID required to register.

October 11 is the only date that the PSAT will be given in the Littleton Public School district for the 2017-2018 school year. **Students will receive the Official Student Guide to the PSAT/NMSQT when they register.** Calculators may be used on the mathematics sections. The test takes approximately 3 hours 30 minutes. Results are reported to students in late December.

TIMES FOR PSAT

Students who are taking the PSAT **need to arrive at school by 8:00 a.m. and report to their classrooms no later than 8:10 a.m.** The test will begin promptly at 8:20 a.m.

IMPORTANT!- BUSES FOR PSAT

The buses will ONLY run on the normal schedule for all students. There will not be a second bus run for students not taking the PSAT for our late start of classes. Please plan accordingly.

EARN COLLEGE CREDIT WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL

Did you know that you can take college courses that count as both high school and college credit?

If you are interested, please attend an informational meeting regarding the Concurrent Enrollment Program on **Thursday, October 12 in the AHS Forum during the lunch periods. Students—you may bring your lunch to the forum.** A representative from the Concurrent Enrollment Program will provide information on how to take part in this exciting program. See you there.

Connecting PSAT 9 and PSAT 10 to the SAT

In order to better prepare Colorado juniors for the SAT, Collegeboard has formed a partnership with Khan Academy. With the changes in state assessments, AHS sophomores and freshman will be taking the PSAT 10 and PSAT 9, respectively the second week of April and juniors will be taking the SAT on April 10, 2018. Utilizing their PSAT 10 and PSAT 9 scores, students have the opportunity to sign up for Khan Academy's review program. In comparison to other test preparation programs, Khan Academy aims to provide free, optional, secure and personalized review to all Colorado students on their smartphones. Within the program, students can sign up to receive questions of the day and take practice tests; all designed from their personal PSAT 10 and PSAT 9 results. Please note that this review program does not replace classroom instruction, but can provide them with additional, free practice outside of class. For more information and to merge their Collegeboard account with Khan Academy, students should go to SATpractice.org.

MILITARY ACADEMY NOMINATIONS

All students seeking a Military Academy nomination to enter an academy Fall 2018 should be working on applications now. You will need one or more nominations from a senator or congressman.

For **our Congressional District #6**, apply to Representative Mike Coffman, Senator Cory Gardner, and/or Senator Michael Bennet.

Go to the websites listed below and look for Service Academy nominations. Pay attention to instructions and all deadline dates.

Representative/Senator	Web Address	Application Deadline
Rep. Mike Coffman	www.coffman.house.gov	Oct. 6, 2017
Senator Michael Bennet	www.bennet.senate.gov	Oct. 2, 2017
Senator Cory Gardner	www.gardner.senate.gov	Oct. 6, 2017



School Picture Re-takes

Wednesday, October 11

Were your eyes closed in your school photo? Did you miss school picture day entirely? If so, plan to have your picture taken Wednesday, October 11 in the East Hallway between 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Bring your first photo package to qualify for a retake.

Open Enrollment Information

Arapahoe High School is accepting Open Enrollment Applications for the **2018-2019 school year only**, for students entering grades 9-12. An application form and other information may be picked up in the Arapahoe Main Office, or by [clicking here](#). Any questions may be directed to **Mrs. Clark, Secretary to the Principal**, at 303-347-6023. **The deadline for submitting an application for the 2018-2019 school year is January 31, 2018.**

Reminder

To parents of students presently attending Arapahoe and living out-of-district
(outside of Littleton Public Schools):

Please look for your "Intent to Renew Enrollment Google Form" in your email. Please complete the Google Form by January 31, 2018. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Clark, Secretary to the Principal, at 303-347-6023. Thank you.

Hey, Juniors!

PSAT TEST

Arapahoe High School

Wednesday, October 11, 2017—Arrive by 8:00 a.m.

Sign up in the AHS Counseling Center September 20-October 4

- How to Prepare:
 - Study the Official Student Guide to the PSAT/MNSQT; review, study, and receive test-taking tips at www.collegeboard.org
 - Talk to your AHS Math and Language Arts teachers about FREE test prep sessions offered here at AHS:
 - Math, October 3 & October 6
at 6:30 a.m. in S1423 & S1425
 - Language Arts, October 2 & October 5
at 6:30 a.m. in E1287

**Classroom assignments will be posted in the cafeteria on
Monday, October 9**

Important notes for testing day:

- Cell phones NOT allowed
- Bring Photo I.D. (driver's license or AHS student I.D.)
- Bring Two #2 pencils with erasers—No mechanical pencils!
- Bring a Calculator-See PSAT Student Guide for acceptable models



**Attention Arapahoe High School
Parents and Students**



PSAT Examination

**Wednesday, October 11, 2017
8:20 a.m.**

Late Start for classes -12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 11, will be an adjusted schedule for ALL AHS students due to the administration of the PSAT to our junior class. (interested sophomores may also take the PSAT with our Juniors.)

Juniors (and interested sophomores) who pre-registered for the PSAT will report to their assigned rooms between 8:00 a.m. and 8:10 a.m.

PSAT Testing will be 8:20 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.

Lunch for test takers will be 11:55 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.

12:30 p.m.—School Day Begins for ALL STUDENTS

Wednesday's classes:

Period 4	12:30 - 1:04
Period 5	1:09 - 1:43
Period 6	1:48 - 2:20

Students wishing to take the PSAT should visit the AHS Counseling Office
REGISTRATION—September 20-October 4
to register and receive a ticket
cost is \$20
cash or check made out to: AHS

Buses will ONLY run on normal schedule . There will not be a second bus run for the late start class schedule. Please plan accordingly .

Last year nearly 600 Arapahoe Juniors and Sophomores signed up to take this nationally recognized examination. It is preparation for College Board examinations, can produce scholarship money, and is the only exam that qualifies students to attain National Merit Scholar status, when taken during the junior year. We are encouraging every AHS junior to take the PSAT.

In order to provide the maximum opportunity to our Juniors, we are offering the PSAT during our school day at AHS. Please call 303-347-6010 if you have any questions.



SAVE THE DATE
Colorado Council's Day/Night College Fair
Monday, October 9, 2017 ~ 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at Arapahoe High School



From the Arapahoe Attendance Office
Important Attendance Procedures for Students and Parents

- 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. When calling the attendance line, please follow the recorded instructions, speaking clearly. Failure to leave ALL of the required information will result in an unexcused absence.
- Students must pick up a pass from the Attendance Office in order to leave school **during** a scheduled class. **The student is responsible for picking up the pass before the scheduled departure time.** Passes are not delivered. Passes are not needed if leaving during a passing time and passes are not written when your student returns. Students must sign in at the attendance office when returning from an appointment. If the appointment runs longer than what you originally planned please call the updated information to the attendance line.
- Please be aware that if you receive a "ROBO" call and have already called in, please consider that the call is for a different period or, perhaps a sibling. You can check I.C. Portal for this information.
- We recommend that you check student attendance often or weekly by accessing the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

For more information: Visit page 20 for all attendance guidelines in the AHS Student Planner by clicking [here](#). Please feel free to call us 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 303-347-6030.

Teacher of the Year

We are proud to announce that we will open the nomination for the third annual Teacher of the Year recognition at Parent-Teacher Conferences on October 18. This online nomination will remain open through Thanksgiving break and close November 26. The Arapahoe High School Teacher of the Year is someone who is an exceptionally dedicated, knowledgeable, and skilled teacher who is recognized by our community for exemplifying the ability to:

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.

Please consider nominating one of our outstanding teaching staff for this honor!

Post Grad Center

This fall, the Post Grad Center launched a **College Application Boot Camp** at 7AM on PLC Wednesdays. Participants worked through each section of the Common Application and are ready to submit their applications.

In September, **senior class presentations** were given 12 times in 2 days to all government and economics classes. Students learned about the college application process and procedures specific to AHS. Click [here](#) to view the presentation. The **Senior Message Series**, sent on the first of the month to senior student, parent, and guardian emails, provides time-sensitive information for the month. Please check your inbox for this communication.

College visits @ AHS are open to juniors and seniors and continue in the month of October. Click [here](#) to view the list of colleges coming to visit AHS. Students, to sign up, log in to your Naviance account, ask your teacher for permission to miss 30 minutes of class time and have them sign the blue pass. Finally, remove your name from the sign up list if you can no longer attend. Sign ups close one day prior to the visit.

On Monday, October 2, there will be a [Christian College Fair](#) at Valor Christian High School. On Monday, October 9, there will be a [Colorado Council's Day/Night College Fair](#) at Arapahoe High School. This fair rotates locations, and this year, we are the host school! Juniors, sophomores, and even freshman, this is a fantastic opportunity to check out a manageable size fair in a familiar location. Check out the links for details and to register!

Save the date for a **Financial Aid 101 seminar** on Wednesday, November 1 from 6:00-7:30pm in the theater. A Financial Aid expert will give an informative presentation on applying for financial aid. Specifically, the FAFSA, the CSS profile, items needed to complete these applications, explanations of how assets are counted, and different types of aid/scholarships to help finance your student's college education will be covered. This presentation will help families apply for financial aid! Please make it a priority to attend this event. The presentation will run an hour with an additional 30 minutes for questions.

This semester, all **sophomores** will be scheduled for their **Post Grad visit** to be introduced to Naviance Family Connection, a web-based college and career readiness platform used by high school students across the nation to help them plan for their post high school years. Students receive appointment slips in class and are reminded by email and a phone call home. Please be sure contact information is correct in Infinite Campus! At these appointments, students will start a resume, complete a career interest survey, identify related majors or training opportunities, and begin to think about what they want to do after graduation. Students, please attend as scheduled!

Mrs. Hall, Post Grad Specialist, can best be reached by email at khall@lps.k12.co.us.



Financial Aid Night
Wednesday, November 1 from 6-7:30pm
AHS theater

Do you have a college bound student?
How will you pay for college?

Come to the Financial Aid Night to learn about types of aid such as scholarships, grants, work study, and loans.

Prepare to file the FAFSA and/or the CSS PROFILE.

Who should apply?

What documents do you need?

What counts as an asset?

The window to apply is open now!

Get these questions answered by a Financial Aid Officer!

News From The Art Department

The Fall art show will be up in the main entrance starting October 25, so stop by the east wing and the showcase in the cafeteria to check out all the wonderful artwork students have created so far this year!

The Art Club is underway for the year. Students are working building their homecoming float, come check out the parade October 7 to see their wonderful creation. Art Club will be meeting every Thursday in room 1283 from 2:30-3:30, new members are always welcome.

Octobers Artist of the Month is Mary Burn. She has her work displayed on our new bulletin boards located by the main office.



Business Department

Arapahoe DECA Presents:
You're Invited.... Dodgeball

Don't miss the annual DECA Dodgeball tournament with a celebration inspired themes! This event is open to parents, students, and family spectators. The tournament is on October 25. Opening ceremonies will begin at 6 pm and pool play will begin around 6:15 pm in both gyms. Admission is only \$3 per person. You don't want to miss this exciting and star-studded event!



Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)

Shred a Thon

Arapahoe Future Business Leaders of America
Saturday, October 14, 2017 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.
Arapahoe High School East Parking Lot
\$10 per box

Leadership/Community Service: We are teamed up with Key Club organizing Trick or Treat Street, for the Rocky Mountain Down Syndrome community. Students decorate rooms with a theme, give out candy and play games with children.

Leadership/Competition: Members are determining what events that they would like to compete in at our District Leadership Conference in January/ February. All members must have their paperwork and dues paid to participate in the competition by October 25.

FBLA is open to all grade levels and has 40 different types of competitions. Competitions can be a project, test or speaking presentation. Please join us for our meetings in the Forum at 2:30.

October 11: Shred a thon Event Preparation

October 14: Shred a Thon, East- 9 AM-12PM in the East Parking Lot

October 25: What competition is right for you? Last day to turn in FBLA Registration Packets
Trick or Treat Street Sign up and Pumpkin Decorating Contest (bring your own pumpkin).

October 28: Trick or Treat Street Community Service Event

National Business Honor Society

This year, we received over 60 applications for the National Business Honor Society. Acceptance letters will be sent out soon. The cost of joining the National Business Honor Society is \$15.

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 October 2017:

Vocal Music:	Caroline Clark
Instrumental:	Rebekah Voelkelt
Theatre:	Marshall Glazier

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



Arapahoe High School

2017 -2018 Performing Arts Department Calendar

October 26	<i>Treasure Island</i>	6:00 pm
October 27-28	<i>Treasure Island</i>	7:00 pm
November 11	Band & Orchestra Concert	1:00 pm
November 14	Orchestra Concert - 3rd Grade APA	During School Day
November 14	LPS District Orchestra Concert	7:00 pm
November 29	Company Showcase	7:00 pm
December 14	Choir Concert	7:00 pm
February 2-3	<i>She Kills Monsters</i>	7:00 pm
February 27	Band & Orchestra Concert	7:00 pm
March 6	Choir Concert	7:00 pm
April 19	<i>School of Rock: The Musical</i>	6:00 pm
April 20	<i>School of Rock: The Musical</i>	7:00 pm
April 21	<i>School of Rock: The Musical</i>	2:00 pm & 7:00 pm
April 28	Band & Orchestra Concert	1:00 pm
May 11	Theatre Topics Improv Show	6:00 pm
May 11	Company Showcase	7:00 pm
May 15	Choir Concert	7:00 pm
May 17	Department Awards Ceremony	6:00 pm

Arapahoe High School Journalism Information

The Herald Student News Magazine Nominated for Top National Award

The Herald student news magazine from 2016-2017 was one of 49 outstanding publications named as a Pacemaker finalist by the National Scholastic Press Association.

"The Pacemaker is the association's preeminent award," said Laura Widmer, executive director. "NSPA is honored to recognize the best of the best."

The NSPA Pacemaker award has a rich tradition and the association started presenting the award to high school newspapers a few years after the organization was founded in 1921. Throughout the years, yearbooks, magazines, online sites and broadcast programs were added to the competition.

The 49 Pacemaker finalists represent 21 states and England. Arapahoe was the only school from Colorado named a finalist.

In addition to demonstrating excellence in key areas including coverage, writing, editing, design and photography, the winning newspapers took risks and served as a strong voice for its student audience.

"The best newspapers and newsmagazines didn't just recap school activities and sporting events, they delivered tenacious in-depth reporting and impartial and objective coverage," said Gary Lundgren, associate director.

Pacemaker finalists will be recognized and the Pacemaker winners will be announced at the JEA/NSPA Fall National High School Journalism Convention, Nov. 16-19, 2017 in Dallas.

For complete details, and to view images of the front pages, visit: <http://studentpress.org/nspa/awards/npf17/>.

KEEP UP WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS FROM THE STUDENT VIEWPOINT...

Subscribe to **The Herald** and receive your copy of the Arapahoe student magazine at home, September through May, for only \$20

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Attach \$20.00 for a one school-year subscription. Make checks payable to Arapahoe High School.

**Mail check and order form to: Arapahoe Herald Subscriptions
2201 E. Dry Creek Road
Centennial, CO 80122**

Questions? Call 303-347-6028

Class of 2018 ~ Yearbook Senior Ads & Memory Block Information

It's time for parents and friends of seniors to begin creating their senior memory ads. 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, or for seniors who are members of an athletic team or extracurricular club. A favorite format has been a toddler or baby picture paired with a senior photo together with a special message from parents, siblings or friends.

Senior Memory Ads are due by Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2017. See our [brochure](#) for prices and info. You can also check the [Journalism & Student Media website](#) for updates.

If you have questions about senior ads, contact us at AHSSeniorMemoryAds@gmail.com.

If you have any other questions, contact the yearbook staff at arapahoeyearbook@gmail.com.



EReaders, ebooks and Digital Audio Books are available from the Arapahoe High School Library to all AHS students!

Digital technology has expanded in the Arapahoe High School Library with the use of eReaders. These devices are free of charge and can be checked out for 21 days.

E-books may be accessed through a browser by going to the [Destiny Discover link](#) found on the [AHS Library webpage](#). Students login using their school email username (XXX@lpsk12.org) and their email password. Available titles include popular and new fiction, along with fiction and nonfiction titles specifically selected to support curricular needs on a wide range of topics such as economics, forensic science, government, health, and personal finance, just to name a few.

In addition to using a browser, students may use the [Destiny Discover App for eBooks](#) app. The app is Android, Apple iOS, Kindle, Mac OS X, Nook, and Windows compatible. It uses the same login as the Universal Search page. The app permits users to not only read e-books but to also listen to digital audio books. EBooks and audio books may also be accessed free of charge through your local public library app, along with the use of the [Overdrive app](#).

How to Access Online Subscription Resources using your personal computer

Getting to these resources while using your personal computer couldn't be easier. Simply click on the "[AHS Library Subscriptions Page](#)" Link. Then click on "[Library Subscriptions](#)". When outside of AHS enter the username "[ahsonline](#)" along with the password "[arapahoe](#)" (these are case sensitive).

You will now have direct access to all of the resources listed below. If you have any questions regarding these resources please contact Ms. Lezlee Raub, our Librarian, at either (303)347-6088 or lraub@lps.k12.co.us.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Business

Business Source Premier (EBSCO)

Regional Business News (EBSCO)

Controversial Issues - Pro/Con

Global Issues in Context (GALE)

Issues and Controversies (Infobase Learning)

Issues and Controversies in American History (Infobase Learning)

Opposing Viewpoints in Context (GALE)

Congressional Digest

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Current Information

Academic Search Premier (EBSCO)

Denver Post

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Global Issues in Context (GALE)

MAS Ultra - School Edition (EBSCO)

World News Digest (Infobase Learning)

General Research

American National Biography (Oxford)

Biography in Context (GALE)

Explore Secondary (EBSCO)

MasterFILE Premier (EBSCO)

Oxford Reference Online Premium (Oxford)

Social Explorer (Oxford)

Geography/Cultures

American Indian Experience (ABC-CLIO)

Columbia International Affairs Online

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CountryReports.org

Global Issues in Context (GALE)

World Geography (ABC-CLIO)

World Religions (ABC-CLIO)

Health/Medical

Consumer Health Complete (EBSCO)

Global Issues in Context (GALE)

Rosen Teen Health and Wellness

Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection (EBSCO)

Salem Health

History

American Indian Experience (ABC-CLIO)

American History (ABC-CLIO)

American National Biography (Oxford)

Biography in Context (GALE Cengage Learning)

History Reference Center (EBSCO)

Issues and Controversies in American History (Infobase Learning)

Oxford Reference Online Premium (Oxford)

Social Explorer (Oxford)

World History - Ancient and Medieval Eras (ABC-CLIO)

World History - Modern Era (ABC-CLIO)

World Religions (ABC-CLIO)

Language Arts

Biography in Context (GALE)

Bloom's Literature (Infobase Learning)

Columbia Granger's World of Poetry

Literary Reference Center Plus

LitFinder (GALE Cengage Learning)

Oxford English Dictionary (Oxford)

Oxford Reference Online Premium (Oxford)

Poetry & Short Story Reference Center (EBSCO)

Law

Legal Information Reference Center (EBSCO)

Miscellaneous

Discovery Education Streaming

Auto Repair Reference Center (EBSCO)

Religion

World Religions (ABC-CLIO)

Research Tools

EasyBib School Edition -- Use Chrome, accessed through your LPS

Google Apps Account. **EasyBib Key Code: Arapahs196**

Science

Global Issues in Context (GALE)

Oxford Reference Online Premium

Science in Context (GALE)

Science Online (Infobase Learning)

Science Reference Center (EBSCO)

Today's Science (Infobase Learning)

World Languages

Oxford Language Dictionaries (Oxford)

Plus eReference Books:

- Africa: An Encyclopedia for Students
- American Decades
- American Decades Primary Sources
- America Eras
- Dictionary of American History
- Encyclopedia of European Social History
- Encyclopedia of Philosophy
- Encyclopedia of Religion
- Encyclopedia of World Cultures
- Gale Contextual Encyclopedia of World Literature
- Gale Encyclopedia of American Law
- Gale Encyclopedia of Medicine
- Grzimek's Animal Life Encyclopedia
- History Behind the Headlines
- New Encyclopedia of Africa
- UXL American Decades
- World Eras



The Coffee Break

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

A new school year has begun!

With a new school year up and running, I wanted to introduce myself to those who don't know me. I am Deputy James Englert; this will be my 10th year at Arapahoe High School as a School Resource Officer (SRO). Deputy James Mason is also an SRO at Arapahoe; this is his 3rd year here.

Our first priority as SRO's is the safety of the students, staff, and school. We also deal with any situations when laws may have been broken. Our favorite part of our job is interacting with and talking to students. This includes speaking in classes on many law enforcement related topics.

A large portion of our job involves dealing with issues outside the school such as traffic concerns near the school and in the surrounding neighborhoods. We are often in the school parking lots watching for students who are making poor decisions.

We would like to remind everyone of a few guidelines:

- Students, PLEASE obey the crosswalk signs
- Please drive safely around the school and neighborhoods
- If you park on Franklin St., make sure you park between the signs
- Please make good choices at and around the school
- If you see something that is suspicious, please let me or James know

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to send one of us an email or give us a call. Our desk number at the school is listed below. The number at the Sheriff's Office is 303-795-4711; they can reach us at any time. You may also call that number if you need a Deputy to respond or if you need to report a crime.



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 and 303-347-4092



Alive @ 25 Class

Free for AHS Students

Monday, October 23, 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.

Arapahoe High School

Freshman Showcase Class of 2022



December 4, 2017

6:00 P.M.— 8:00 P.M.

Sitting Eagle Gymnasium

- ◆ Welcome from Principal, Mrs. Natalie Pramenko
- ◆ Visit areas of academic or extra-curricular interests
- ◆ Learn about exciting programs offered at AHS



A community event to promote a healthy and active lifestyle while building support for Littleton Public Schools.

Sunday, October 29, 2017

An event for everyone

Event starts and finishes at:

Littleton Museum
6028 S. Gallup Street
Littleton, CO 80120

Please Join Us!

**For more information
and to register, visit:**

Schedule of Events:

Race Day Registration	7:00 am—9:30am
10K Run/Walk	8:00 am
5K Run/Walk	8:30 am
Kids Fun Run	9:30 am

RunTheStride.com



LITTLETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

All 5K & 10K participants will receive this awesome long-sleeved performance shirt as shown here →

NOTE: Fun Run participants receive a special finisher ribbon. Shirt not included.



All proceeds from this event benefit the LPS Foundation. LPSF has provided over \$5 million in funding to support district-wide programs, health & wellness initiatives and teacher classroom grants. Dedicated to making the educational experience the best for ALL students, LPSF will continue the tradition of funding programs that provide equity and promote academic excellence.

2017-2018 Dates to Remember:

Monday, October 2-Saturday, October 7, 2017	- Homecoming Week
Wednesday, October 18, 2017	- Parent/Teacher Conferences - 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 19, 2017	- In-Service – NO STUDENTS
Friday, October 20, 2017	- NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, October 25, 2017	- TRIBE Schedule
Wednesday, November 8, 2017	- TRIBE Schedule
Friday, November 10, 2017	- End of Six Weeks
Monday, November 20-Friday, November 24, 2017	- Thanksgiving Break
Monday, December 04, 2017	- Freshmen (Class of 2022) Showcase
Wednesday, December 06, 2017	- TRIBE Schedule
Monday, December 18-Thursday, December 21, 2017	- Final Examinations
Thursday, December 21, 2017	- Semester Ends/Last Day for Students
Friday, December 22-Friday, January 05, 2018	- Winter Break
Monday, January 08, 2018	- In-Service – NO STUDENTS
Tuesday, January 09, 2018	- First Day Second Semester
Monday, January 15, 2018	- Martin L. King Day – NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, January 17, 2018	- TRIBE Schedule
Wednesday, January 31, 2018	- TRIBE Schedule
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

Parent-Teacher Conferences

October 18, 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.

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