

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,

September 2016

The 2016-2017 school year is off to a great start! Our **Link Crew** (consisting of over 100 juniors and seniors) instilled a sense of belonging, school spirit, and confidence in our 585-member freshman class through their Link Day activities, and over 365 of our freshmen were further introduced to Arapahoe by some of our finest faculty at the **Summer Warrior Orientation** on August 15th. The academic focus of this program helped students prepare for the transition to the high school classroom. Opening-day class assemblies were well attended, and once again, records were broken with approximately 1300 Warriors attending the Back-to-School Dance. Our early athletic team performances have been impressive, and it promises to be a very exciting school year.

Thank you to all who attended our annual **Back-to-School Night** on August 31st. We had a wonderful turn out, and it was a great opportunity for me to sing the praises of our phenomenal faculty, YOUR outstanding sons and daughters, and the many co-curricular and extracurricular activities students at Arapahoe have available to them. Parents received a brochure highlighting some of the recent data that backs up Arapahoe's long-standing reputation for providing academic rigor and for preparing all students to be college-ready. I have included some of the data presented at Back-to-School Night for your review in this copy of the *Drum Beat*, and I will soon be able to share information on our newest National Merit Scholars.

I am excited to announce that we have also expanded our **Connected Learners** pilot from four sections in 2012 to our entire student body **this year!** We are asking students to "Bring Your Own" laptop/tablet to school. Teachers in all departments are using technology to enhance instruction. Technology use at Arapahoe is encouraged and will reinforce our academic standards, and focus on writing, critical thinking, accessing resources, and creativity. It will better prepare our students for their future.

As you know, we are required to do annual **emergency/safety drills**. We typically practice 3 main types each year. **Lock Down** (dangerous situation inside) and **Secure Perimeter Drills** (dangerous situation outside) will be shared with you **in advance** again this year as these can still be triggers of past events for some of our students. I will email parents and make announcements at school to notify the students and staff. Just like last year, I will not be providing advance notice on **fire drills**.

Students and parents need to be aware of AHS behavioral expectations and possible disciplinary action. The first week of school, each student received a free personal copy of the **Arapahoe Student Planner**, which contains the AHS Student Handbook in the front section. Additionally, the **LPS Student Code of Conduct** is available online at both the AHS and the LPS websites. Each year the **LPS Code of Conduct** is revised to stay abreast of societal behaviors, laws, and consequences.



The **LPS Athletic Code** is also available online, and was discussed with fall athletes and parents in August.

Something else I am very excited to share is that we are going to be growing our **advisement program for our Warriors**. In the spirit of **Warriors taking care of one another**, and built on the foundational pillars of **Tradition, Relationships, Innovation, Balance, Excellence**, a committee of teacher-leaders worked hard over the summer planning lessons and refining the program. We are thrilled to announce that Warriors will be attending 12 TRIBE periods spread over the school year, and will earn **.25 elective credits** for attendance and participation each semester. **Students who miss 2 or more TRIBE sessions** will not receive credit for the semester. However, this **will NOT factor into a student's GPA**, as it will be **Credit (C) or No Credit (NC)** on the transcript. We will continue to evaluate the program as we go, and intend to make the lessons meaningful and appropriate for each grade level. Most of our TRIBE groups remain intact from last year, though due to new staff and an entirely new freshman class, some changes were required. We have already trained staff for the first three lessons, and are looking forward to meeting with our TRIBES. Thank you for your continued support of this program.

As I mentioned at Back-to-School Night, it is important to talk to your student. Stay in touch on **academic progress** as well as **in their social lives**. Having proactive conversations around making good social choices is an important step in keeping students safe and headed in a positive direction. Being a teenager is fun and exciting, but it can be tough. Not every situation has a happy ending, and teenagers do make mistakes. Being proactive with the tough choices they might face is helpful. Teenagers are not always open to taking parental advice. It is important to listen and to ask a lot of questions. Encourage them to advocate for themselves and to learn to solve their own problems. It will make them more confident and stronger as their challenges become more difficult later in life. Though it may not always feel like it, teenagers do care about what their parents think and value!

It has been an excellent start to the new school year. Thank you for sending us your outstanding young Warriors. I appreciate your caring as well as your involvement in the Arapahoe community. We hope to see you all at **Parent-Teacher Conferences** on **October 19th from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Sincerely,



Natalie Pramenko
Principal

School Accountability Committee

Members: Natalie Pramenko: Principal, Angela Boatright: Assistant Principal, Jon Castellano: Parent Representative, Andrea Macfarlane: Community Member-at-large, Nevine M. White: DAC Representative, Michelle Hanna: Parent Representative, Rachel McNiff: AHS Staff, Tia Decolati: Student Representative—Senior, Rafael Levy-Diner: Student Representative—Junior, Paige Hostetter: Student Representative—Sophomore

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 2016-2017

September 15 November 17 February 16 April 6 May 4

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



School Picture Re-takes

Tuesday, October 11th

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



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

Daily attendance is extremely important to the success of students at Arapahoe. Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the following procedures.

- 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.
- 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.** The student may not pick up the pass until a parent has called in the absence. Passes are not delivered and teachers do not allow students to leave class without a pass. Please have your student sign in at the Attendance Office upon returning from an appointment.
- If you are calling your student in for an excused tardy, call the attendance office, **but have the student report directly to class.** If they are more than 10 minutes late they can be marked absent.
- Pre-arranged absences must be processed at least three days in advance through the Attendance Office. After a parent calls the Attendance Office, the student must pick up the pre-arranged absence form to take to the teachers to collect homework assignments.
- Messages are delivered to students for emergency situations only.
- Absences for final exams: Parents must submit a request in writing to the school administration two weeks before the exam date for approval.
- If a student is marked absent for one or more classes, you will receive a computerized phone call.

To check student attendance, access the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

For more information: Visit: <http://arapahoe.littletonpublicschools.net/> Or the AHS Student Planner. Please feel free to call us 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 303-347-6030.

NEVER WORRY ABOUT RUNNING OUT OF LUNCH MONEY AGAIN!

The beginning of the school year is hectic for parents... let our School Payment Solutions online meal system help! Register your student today so you can receive regular e-mail notifications that will indicate your child's account balance, make payments and more. So eliminate the lunch money dilemma, and set up your online services today! Visit www.lpsnutrition.com to register today.

Don't want to make on-line payments? No problem....parents are now able to simply register their child without having to provide any credit card information. Once registered, you can set up automatic lunch balance reminders and never have to worry about your child being out of money again.

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ATTENTION SENIORS Don't miss being in your Senior Class Photo!

Thursday, November 3rd—First Period in the Main Gym.

All Seniors should be there. Don't miss being in the picture!

(For seniors wishing to order a photo of the class, order forms will be available at the time the photo is taken. The orders must be postmarked by Saturday, November 5 OR visit their website at www.BigClassPicture.com.)

Welcome Back From Your PTO!

Now that we are all back in the swing of things, we would like to invite you to our first PTO meeting of the year. It will be held on Tuesday, September 13th from 7:30-9:00 a.m. in the Arapahoe Main Office Conference Room. All are welcome to attend.

Planning for our After Prom starts early! Crazy isn't it? Our first preliminary meeting will be held soon. If you are interested in chairing/decorating a hall, please contact our After Prom Co-Chairs, Katherine Hahn or Heather Hill, at arapahoeafterprom.lps@gmail.com. We would love to have you aboard! Our After Prom is an amazing event in the spring that provides great entertainment for over 1,000 students. It takes over 200 volunteers to pull it all together, and it is a great way to get involved at Arapahoe. Look for more information to follow in the coming months.

We hope your school year is off to a great start! Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Nancy Seavall and Kimberly Roberson
PTO Co-Presidents
arapahoepres.lps@gmail.com

Thank you from PTO

PTO would like to thank the following businesses for their incredible generosity during the 2015-2016 school year: Anthony's Pizza, Elitch Gardens Theme and Water Park, Hapa Sushi, Herff Jones, K1 Speed, Monty Nuss, Tom and Chee, Top Golf Centennial and Yogurtland.

Thank you for all the support,
Arapahoe PTO and the entire After Prom Committee

Parent-Teacher Conferences

October 19, 2016

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.



The AHS Talent Show Is Coming! Monday, September 26th

Mark your calendar for this year's Homecoming Talent Show to be held on **Monday, September 26th** 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 22nd through Friday, September 23rd 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 2016:

Wednesday, September 28	5:30 p.m. DECA BBQ 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Bonfire on the Baseball Field
Friday, September 30	Pep Assembly after sixth period in the Main Gym
Saturday, October 1	10:00 a.m. Parade - Will begin in the west student parking lot and head 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 1	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 note that freshman students are not allowed to invite guests from high schools outside of Arapahoe. Only sophomores, juniors, and seniors may invite guests from other schools to AHS dances. Please see Mrs. Railey in the Attendance Office to obtain the permission slip. Dance dress is semi-formal. No jeans permitted.

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 note that freshman students are not allowed to invite guests from high schools outside of Arapahoe. Only sophomores, juniors, and seniors may invite guests from other schools to AHS dances. Please complete the Guest Form provided by the activities office for all non-Arapahoe guests.

Guidance Center Information

During the 2016-2017 school year, the Guidance Center at Arapahoe High School will provide guidance services with the following counselor assignments:

Counselor	Alpha	Counselor	Alpha
Mrs. Nicole Kostra	A-CI	Ms. Shannon Kershaw	Le-O
Mrs. Rachel McNiff	Co-Go	Mrs. Kelly Talen	P-So
Mrs. Lindsay Gillespie	Gr-La	Mr. Scott Wadsworth	Sp-Z

Should you have any concerns about where your questions are best directed, we have an excellent support staff in the Guidance Center (303-347-6010), and they will be happy to direct you to the proper resource. Our support staff is assigned as follows: Guidance Secretary: **Mrs. Dawn Ives**, Registrar: **Mrs. Sharon Westerman**, College Application Clerk: **Ms. Kathy Kazakoff**, and Post Graduate Specialist: **Mrs. Kristin Hall**

Parents and students, please know test dates that are fast approaching! The **PSAT** will be offered on **Wednesday, October 19, 2016**, to juniors and sophomores. Students can sign up for the PSAT in the Guidance Center from Wednesday, September 28 through Thursday, October 13, 2016. Cost of the PSAT is \$18.00. Cash or check *written out to AHS* is accepted.

On September 12th or 13th, counselors will meet with seniors in the Forum during their Social Studies class to talk about the college application process and other pertinent issues. Counselors will meet with juniors on September 21st, sophomores on September 20th, and freshman on September 22nd.

Arapahoe High School 2016 Colorado State ACT (Class of 2017)

The State ACT - 5 Year Trend - Average Scores

Year	Total Tested		English		Mathematics		Reading		Science		Composite	
	AHS	State	AHS	State	AHS	State	AHS	State	AHS	State	AHS	State
2012	523	52,438	22.7	19.4	23.6	20.1	22.7	19.8	23.1	20.1	23.1	20.0
2013	550	52,703	22.1	19.4	23.2	20.1	23.2	20.4	22.9	20.1	23.0	20.1
2014	486	53,442	22.3	19.7	23.3	20.1	22.8	20.5	22.7	20.4	22.9	20.3
2015	538	54,439	22.9	19.4	23.5	20.0	23.4	20.2	23.7	20.5	23.5	20.1
2016	528	54,734	22.2	19.6	22.9	20.0	23.3	20.7	23.0	20.6	23.0	20.4

Arapahoe High School 2016 National ACT (Class of 2016)

National ACT - 5 Year Trend - Average Scores

Graduation Year	Total Tested		English		Mathematics		Reading		Science		Composite	
	AHS	State	AHS	State	AHS	State	AHS	State	AHS	State	AHS	State
2012	509	53,071	22.8	19.9	23.6	20.5	23.8	20.7	23.5	20.8	23.5	20.6
2013	529	56,027	23.2	19.9	23.8	20.4	23.6	20.5	23.5	20.5	23.6	20.4
2014	556	56,510	22.8	20.1	23.5	20.4	23.6	20.9	23.3	20.6	23.5	20.6
2015	488	57,328	22.9	20.2	23.5	20.4	23.5	21.0	23.0	20.8	23.4	20.7
2016	544	58,616	23.6	20.0	23.9	20.0	24.1	20.9	24.2	20.9	24.0	20.6

Arapahoe Data

Our students **do not just meet the requirements for graduation** from Arapahoe - they exceed them!

Data Supporting Rigorous Course Work - Class of 2016

- **87% 2 or more years of the same world language**
- **94% 3 years or more of science**
- **95% 3 years or more of math**
- **75% Completed a math class above Honors Algebra II**
- **643 AP exams taken by 373 candidates , 82% were graded three or higher**

Concurrent Enrollment (CE) – In partnership with Arapahoe Community College and Colorado Christian University, Arapahoe High School currently offers courses where students receive both high school and college credit simultaneously. Courses are taught by Arapahoe teachers and are subject to change each year, offering students a wide variety of choices. **Currently 586 students are enrolled in CE classes through ACC and most all of our AP courses this year offer college credit through Colorado Christian University.**



**Attention Arapahoe High School
Parents and Students**



PSAT Examination

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

Late Start (11:20 a.m.)

For Freshmen, Sophomores, and Seniors

Wednesday, October 19, will be an adjusted schedule for ALL AHS students due to the administration of the PSAT to our junior class. (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 7:00 a.m. and 7:10 a.m.

PSAT Testing will be 7:15 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Lunch for test takers will be 10:50 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

11:20 a.m.—School Day Begins for ALL STUDENTS

Period 1	11:25 - 11:49
Period 2	11:54 - 12:18
Period 3	12:23 - 12:47
Period 4	12:52 - 1:16
Period 5	1:21 - 1:45
Period 6	1:50 - 2:16

REGISTRATION—September 28-October 13
Students wishing to take the PSAT (the cost is \$18) should visit the AHS Guidance Office to register with Mrs. Ives to receive their ticket.

Buses will run on the normal schedule (for students taking the PSAT)
AND four hours later than normal (for all students NOT taking the PSAT).

Last year nearly 630 Arapahoe Juniors and Sophomores volunteered 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.



Hey, Juniors!

PSAT TEST

Arapahoe High School

Wednesday, October 19, 2016—Arrive by 7:00 a.m.

Sign up in the AHS Guidance Center September 28–October 13

Bring \$18.00 and your photo I.D. when you sign up.

• 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 10 & October 13
at 6:30 a.m. in S1423 & S1425
 - Language Arts, October 11 & October 14
at 6:30 a.m. in E1287

Classroom assignments will be posted in the cafeteria on Monday, October 17

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

Post Grad Center

Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores actively use the Post Grad Center, primarily to work in Naviance Family Connection to plan for their post high school years. Naviance Family Connection is a web-based program that provides tools to aid students in identifying career interests and potential majors, in building a college list, managing the application piece, and searching for scholarships.

In addition to Naviance work, the Post Grad Center hosts **College Visits @ AHS**. The majority of these visits (approximately 100) will occur in September and October. For details on College Visits @AHS, including the importance of attending, accessing a complete list of colleges coming, and how to sign up, please click [here](#).

Another way to meet with college representatives is to attend annual **College Fairs** that begin this month. Click [here](#) for a listing of these fall fairs in the area. Sophomores, it's not too early! Juniors, you're just in time! Seniors, one final look!

There are several **Career Exploration Events** taking place in the community. Please click [here](#) for details on an Aviation Day, Military Exploration Workshop with Mike Coffman, a Majors Fair, and Colorado's 14th Annual Future Teacher Expo event.

Thanks to a dedicated team of trained volunteers, all sophomores have one on one **Post Grad Appointments** during an off hour this semester and juniors will be scheduled second semester. These appointments help students plan for their post high school years while meeting state graduation guidelines in accordance with ICAP, their Individualized Career and Academic Plan.

Mrs. Hall, Post Grad Specialist, is happy to schedule appointments to meet with students. Please email khall@lps.k12.co.us with off hours to request an appointment.

AVIATION DAY 2016

presented by Redstone College in partnership with Mountain Aviation and Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport

The job outlook for careers in aviation is strong. Boeing predicts a need for more than one-million pilots and technicians by 2034*.

Learn about various STEM related career opportunities in aviation such as:

- Mechanics
- Engineers
- Operations
- Pilots

Current confirmed participation from:

- CABA (Colorado Aviation Business Association)
- Frontier Airlines
- Lockheed Martin
- Metropolitan State University
- Mountain Aviation
- Skywest Airlines
- Southwest Airlines
- Spartan College of Aeronautics and Technology
- Pilatus
- United Airlines

You can interact with government representatives, see Redstone's Jet Car, and try a flight simulator. Food and beverages will be provided.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Nicholas Brown at 303-410-2407 or nbrown@redstone.edu.

For school participation, contact Kim Vanderwall at 303-410-2414 or kvanderwall@redstone.edu.



*<http://www.boeing.com/resources/boeingdotcom/commercial/services/assets/brochure/pilottechnicianoutlook.pdf>



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in the U.S. Military?
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MILITARY EXPLORATION WORKSHOP

October 5, 2016

Special Guest:
Representative Mike
Coffman
All four major
branches present!

@ Littleton High School

7am-7:30am Breakfast
7:30am-10:30am Workshop Sessions

High school students attending Littleton Public Schools, Englewood Public Schools and Sheridan Public Schools along with their parents & guardians are welcome!

Register at:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/militaryexplorationworkshop>

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Future Teacher **Expo**



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October 18, 2016
Colorado Springs

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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 9th year at Arapahoe High School as a School Resource Officer (SRO). Deputy James Mason is also an SRO at Arapahoe; this is his 2nd 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



Alive @ 25 Class

Free for AHS Students

Monday, October 10, 2016

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.

AHS Volleyball

Come cheer on girls volleyball and see amazing, Hitting, Blocking, and Digging!

- Sept 13th home vs Columbine
- Sept 20th home vs Eaglecrest
- Sept 27th home vs Grandview (HOMECOMING).



Boys' LAX - Game On!!

Mark your calendars:

INFO NIGHT: Monday, September 12th, 6:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria. If you plan to play Lacrosse for AHS this year, please plan to attend to learn about the upcoming season and fundraising opportunities.

Fall Ball:

Starts September 10th! If you are interested in playing Fall Ball email our incoming President, Kyle Linhardt, at kyle.linhardt@me.com with the following information:

Name

Mailing Address

Email Address

Phone Number

Team you played for last year

Position

Grade

Shorts and Shirt sizes



New Website:

Visit us on the web for all necessary info for the season at <http://www.ahswarriors.org/page/show/2521447-lacrosse-boys>

Go Warriors!



SOMETHING TO CHEER ABOUT!

AHS Cheerleaders kicked off the start of the new school year in June with early morning practices and Cheer Camp. The Cheers, Toms, and Color Guard co-hosted Teacher Help Day and the Teacher "Spirit" Breakfast the week prior to school starting. The Cheers and Toms placed 2nd marching in the Annual Littleton Western Welcome Week Parade held on August 20th.

Congratulations to this years team captains — Marlo Cheever, Hannah Wood, Gianna Ruggiero and Zoie Baker! Good luck Girls!

We invite everyone one to join the Varsity and JV cheers as they cheer for the football, boys' soccer and girls' volleyball teams this fall! In addition, Cheers are excited to host this years League Competition at home!

Below are the dates for the competition season ahead:

September 30th — Homecoming Football

October 29th — UCA Pueblo Cheer Competition

November 9th — Centennial League Competition

November 13th — UCA Denver Cheer Competition

December 3rd — Flip and Shout Winter Competition

December 9-10th — State Competition

Additional competitions TBA

AHS Business Department

Sign up for the National Business Honor Society!



The National Business Honor Society allows students to become nationally recognized as exceptional business scholars. It can enhance students' college, scholarship, and employment applications. Members will get to hear from representatives of local business colleges, have an induction celebration, and engage in a community service project. In order to be a member of NBHS, you must take 3 business classes, have an overall minimum GPA of 3.0 and a minimum GPA of 3.5 in your business courses. Please contact the AHS Business Department to receive an application or for more information.

The deadline to submit an application is Monday, September 19th.



Arapahoe DECA is excited to embark on another year filled with fun activities and competitions. Visit our [webpage](#) on the Arapahoe website for information on our upcoming events.

2016-2017 DECA Officer Team

President: Tia Decolati

Vice President: McKenzie Stahmer

Secretary: Maiya Kondratieff

Director of Finance: Rachel Green

Director of Fundraising: Harper Finch

Director of Publicity: Jordan Johnson

Directors of Community Service: Justin Kuhl and Morgan Conn

Directors of Competition: Graham Schultz and Hannah Wood

Hope to see you all at our first all club meeting after school on Thursday, September 8th!



Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)

FBLA attended Nationals in Atlanta, Georgia this summer along with 12,000 other business students from around the world. FBLA members had the opportunity to compete with students from China, Puerto Rico, and all 50 states.

Congratulations to Izzy Branscomb for placing 2nd in the nation in Parliamentary Procedures!

We have many events planned for this year! We provide social events, community service, and, of course, our competitions! If you are involved in sports or have other after school commitments, you may still be involved. You are eligible to be in FBLA without being in a business class.

Contact any of our officers for more information:

CEO: Nicole Seavall

Vice President: Carly Broady

Board of Directors: William Xu, Rachel Kelley, Kirk Zieser, and Bree Peterson

Meeting Dates for September and October, 2:30-3:00 p.m. in Room E1287:

September 14th

October 12th

September 21st

October 26th

Participation in FBLA is open to all students. Please contact Mrs. Swank or Mr. Sawyer for more information cswank@lps.k12.co.us or csawyer@lps.k12.co.us. Or visit our website — [Arapahoe FBLA](#)

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 September 2016:

Vocal Music:	Sierra Lewis-Sweed
Instrumental:	Hogan Henz
Theatre:	Harper Finch

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

AHS Choir and Orchestra Fans

Please be aware that the Holiday Concert and the Spring Concert will both be performed on two consecutive evenings; the Holiday Concert on December 13 and 14, the Spring Concert on May 16 and 17. Tickets will be required for admission. The tickets are free for general seating. Ticket information will be available in November.



Arapahoe High School

2016 -2017 Performing Arts Department Calendar

November 3 - 5	<i>Coney Island Christmas & Best Christmas Pageant Ever</i>	7:00 p.m.	Theatre
November 12	Band Concert	7:00 pm	Theatre
November 29	Company Showcase	7:00 pm	Theatre
December 13 - 14	Choir/Orchestra Concert	7:00 pm	Theatre
January 20	Company/Winter Show <i>Twelfth Night</i>	7:00 pm	Theatre
February 13	Kindergarten APA	During School Day	Theatre
February 28	Band Concert	7:00 pm	Theatre
March 8	Choir/Orchestra Concert	7:00 pm	Theatre
April 20-21	<i>Parmageddon: The Musical</i>	7:00 pm	Theatre
April 22	<i>Parmageddon: The Musical</i>	2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.	Theatre
April 27	1st grade APA	During School Day	Theatre
April 29	Band Concert	1:00 p.m. & 3:00 pm	Theatre
May 12	Company Showcase	7:00 pm	Theatre
May 16 - 17	Choir/Orchestra Concert	7:00 pm	Theatre
May 18	Dept. Awards Ceremony	6:30 pm	Theatre

Arapahoe High School Journalism Information

Class of 2017 ~ Senior Portrait Information

The deadline for seniors to submit their senior portrait is **Friday, Sept. 16, 2016**. Seniors should also submit their senior biography by that date, if they choose to have that optional information included in the yearbook.

The photos which are taken at schedule pick-up in August and which are used for student IDs are **not** the photos used for seniors in the yearbook. Seniors need to submit a portrait to the yearbook by Sept. 16.

See this [brochure](#) for important information and specifications if you misplaced the mailing last May. For more info and links to the yearbook brochures, go to this [webpage](#).

Please make arrangements and appointments with your photographer as soon as possible, if you have not done so already. Our AHS Yearbook Senior Photographers & Sponsors offer a wide range of prices and options, and will be happy to assist you with your senior portrait planning. See the brochure for other low-cost options, and contact the yearbook staff at AHSSeniorPortraits@gmail.com with any questions.

Class of 2017 ~ Senior Ads & Memory Block Information

It's not too early 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 ad orders and payment are due on **Friday, Oct. 7, 2016**. The deadline is very important because the number of yearbook memory block pages will be planned according to how many spaces are reserved. If an order is late, a space is not guaranteed.

See this [brochure](#) for important information and specifications if you misplaced the mailing last May. If you have questions about senior ads, contact us at AHSSeniorMemoryAds@gmail.com.

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

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Subscribe to the **Arapahoe Herald** and receive your copy of the Arapahoe student newspaper 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

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Freshman Showcase Class of 2021



November 14, 2016

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

2016-2017 Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, September 14, 2016	- PLC – Late Start Day
Friday, September 30, 2016	- End of Six Weeks
Monday, September 26-Friday, September 30, 2016	- Homecoming Week
Wednesday, October 05, 2016	- PLC – Late Start Day
Wednesday, October 19, 2016	- Parent/Teacher Conferences - 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 20, 2016	- In-Service – NO STUDENTS
Friday, October 21, 2016	- NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, October 26, 2016	- PLC – Late Start Day
Friday, November 11, 2016	- End of Six Weeks
Monday, November 14, 2016	- Freshmen (Class of 2021) Showcase
Wednesday, November 16, 2016	- PLC – Late Start Day
Monday, November 21-Friday, November 25, 2016	- Thanksgiving Break
Wednesday, December 07, 2016	- PLC – Late Start Day
Monday, December 19-Thursday, December 22, 2016	- Final Examinations
Thursday, December 22, 2016	- Semester Ends/Last Day for Students
Friday, December 23-Friday, January 06, 2017	- Winter Break
Monday, January 09, 2017	- In-Service – NO STUDENTS
Tuesday, January 10, 2017	- First Day Second Semester
Monday, January 16, 2017	- Martin L. King Day
Wednesday, January 25, 2017	- PLC – Late Start Day
Wednesday, February 15, 2017	- PLC – Late Start Day
Friday, February 17, 2017	- End of Six Weeks
Monday, February 20, 2017	- Presidents' Day Holiday – NO SCHOOL
Thursday, March 09, 2017	- Parent/Teacher Conferences – Evening
Friday, March 10, 2017	- NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, March 15, 2017	- PLC – Late Start Day
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
Wednesday, May 3, 2017	- PLC – Late Start Day
Saturday, May 6, 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

SAVE THE DATE

Financial Aid Night ~ October 10th at 6 p.m.



***Students, if you still do not have a school ID,
please go to the Guidance Center as soon as possible.***



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