

ARAPAHOE DRUM BEAT



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MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to create an engaging teaching-learning environment that values student individuality and encourages students to:

- recognize and achieve their full potential,
- collaborate in the learning process,
- become lifelong learners, and
- participate actively in their local and global societies.



Dear Arapahoe Parents,

December 2015

We have just wrapped up an event-filled month of November, which gave us many things to pause and give thanks for. A November highlight for us was a visit by some of our **American Veterans**. On Friday, November 13th, they spent time with freshman US History students in the Forum. They shared their individual experiences and some of the sacrifices they made while serving our great nation. We are appreciative of their time. I would also like to say **thank you to our wonderfully supportive PTO** for the delicious pumpkin bread provided to the entire Arapahoe Faculty and Staff. You do so many things that make Arapahoe an even better place to work!

This issue of the *Drum Beat* contains highlights and important communication for both the months of December and January. Key elements include performance **dates for our music programs** and other extracurricular and co-curricular activities. You will also find information on **semester one final exams and grades** as well as on **semester two schedules**. As always, please contact us if you have any specific questions. In the athletic section of this *Drum Beat*, we have shared with you the **outstanding academic and athletic accomplishments** of our fall sports athletes.

Our annual **Toys for Tots** drive is underway. Our goal is 1,000 toys for the children at **Gilpin Montessori Elementary School in Denver** as well as for the **Denver Indian Center**. If you can still bring in toys, we will take them! Our delivery date to Gilpin is **Wednesday, December 16th**. The annual wrapping party will take place Monday, December 7th right after school in the AHS Cafeteria.

As we wind down the semester, strong academic preparation of our students remains important. We will induct our newest **National Honor Society** members on **Monday, December 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the AHS Theatre**. Our **daily attendance rate** is holding strong at nearly **94.46%**, and at the time of this publication, **189** of our students have **perfect attendance**. They have not missed even one single class period! Our **Link Crew** will be hosting our annual **Cramfest** on Wednesday, December 9th at 2:30 p.m. in the AHS Library. This is an opportunity for all freshmen to **get tips and learn how to prepare for final exams** here at Arapahoe. They learn from our upper classmen what to expect, how to prepare, and how to study for their individual classes.

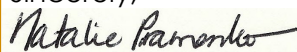
January will bring many exciting events: the start of a **new academic semester** (the last one for our seniors), many exciting **winter sports contests**, the annual **Winter Assembly** featuring the always-impressive **Arapahoe Faculty Dance**, the **Arapahoe Winter Dance**, and many other adventures that each day brings while working with your wonderful students!

I want to say a **huge and heart-felt THANK YOU to the Arapahoe Community for your support in helping** us along our healing journey since the tragic events on December 13, 2013. Though it has been a difficult and long road in many ways, we have made tremendous progress as a faculty and student body. December is certain to stir tough memories, emotions, and feelings. The **Deliberate Acts of Love and Kindness Campaign** headed up by our Arapahoe Student Council is a wonderful way for us all to remember the **importance of sharing kindness and of showing gratitude**. We have learned these are some of the very best ways to continue down the positive path in our healing and in life! Please know that the Arapahoe counseling team is available for students at any time.



I hope you all spend the time over winter break sharing quality time with friends and family. Thank you for your support and confidence in the Arapahoe staff. We truly love and appreciate all members of the Arapahoe community.

Sincerely,



Natalie Pramenko
Principal



14th Annual AHS Toys for Tots



Every year, the Arapahoe High School Community donates holiday gifts to a highly impacted school in the Denver metro area. This year, we have chosen Gilpin Montessori Public School in Denver. There are 300 students who come from very loving families, but many of their parents struggle to provide the basic necessities. We will also be reaching out to Denver Indian Health and Family Services. **Our toy drive will run through December 4th.** We will be accepting toys and cash donations in the attendance office during this time. Students and Staff will be delivering the toys on December 16th. Please consider giving to this wonderful cause. It is a powerful experience that both the students at Gilpin Montessori and Arapahoe High School will remember for years to come. If you have any questions, please call the attendance office at [303-347-6030](tel:303-347-6030).



CRAMFEST

Parents and Guardians--help your freshman get ready for finals by bringing him/her to Link Crew's Cramfest. Cramfest will occur on Wednesday, December 9th from 2:30-4:00 pm in the Library. This is a great opportunity for freshmen and new students to get help studying and tips about what to expect from our Link Leaders.

First Semester Final Grades Reminder To Parents

As final exam week progresses, grades for each course will begin appearing on the Parent Portal as teachers complete grading for the semester. While most grades will be available by the end of the day on December 18, grades are **not officially due from teachers until January 4.**

You can view the grades online, and print them in a "report card" format, **after January 4.** A report card will appear when you click the "Reports" link on the left side of the portal.

Second Semester Schedules

2nd semester schedules **will not be printed and distributed to** students. Students will be able to access their schedules through their Infinite Campus Portal account after **4 p.m. on Friday, December 4th.**

The window for schedule adjustments will be from December 7th-18th.

Schedule adjustments will be made for the following reasons only:

1. **Academic Misplacement** (Example: if a student is missing a required course, or you are enrolled in Calculus and have only completed Algebra I prior to this year.)
2. **Conflicts** (Example: if a student has two classes scheduled for the same time period or you are missing a required course or lab.)
3. **Under Hours** (Example: if a student is under the **minimum** required hours for their grade level. 9th - 26, 10th - 24, 11th & 12th - 22)

If a student needs to make an adjustment to his/her schedule for any of the reasons listed above, they should make an appointment to see a counselor in the AHS Guidance Center.

ACTIVITIES OFFICE NEWS

Deliberate Acts of Love and Kindness: A Campaign



Throughout the month of December, Student Council, in conjunction with the Arapahoe administration and counseling department, is sponsoring a campaign encouraging our community to act with kindness and love for one another. This campaign involves a number of events designed to promote positive interactions among our faculty and student body:

Take What You Need: All month, student council will post flyers around the halls offering students positive qualities that they might “take” if they need them. These qualities include traits like courage, peace, strength, and hope.

Warriors of Gratitude: Thank you cards to recognize students and staff members whom have made a difference will be available all month. We encourage our community to express appreciation for someone in their lives!

United in Spirit: For our first home boys’ basketball game against Brighton on Wednesday, December 9, we encourage all students to wear purple to show our school pride.

Warrior Strong Day: We encourage all students and LPS community members to wear black and old gold to remember we are all Warrior Strong on Friday, December 11.

Movie Night: On Friday, December 11, at 8:00 pm, all students are invited to the cafeteria for a showing of *The Incredibles* on the big screen. Popcorn will be served. Bring your comfy clothes and sleeping bags!

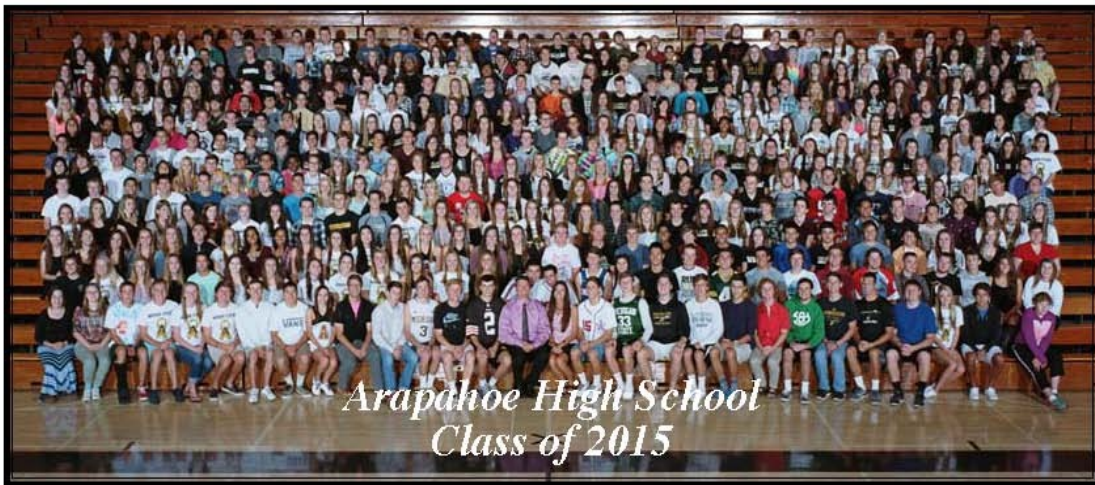
Flippin’ Flapjacks: After finals on Tuesday, December 15, free pancakes will be served in the cafeteria to refuel after the first day of testing. Yum!

ATTENTION

Seniors! Seniors! Seniors!

Your Senior Class Panoramic Picture retake will be on Tuesday, December 15th at Noon.

This is for the big pictures that you can order and will be put up in the cafeteria, library and main office.



Don't miss being in your Senior Class Photo Retake!

Tuesday, December 15—Noon 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 post-marked by Sunday, December 20 OR visit their website at

www.BigClassPicture.com.)

Arapahoe PTO News

The members of the PTO Board want to thank the Arapahoe staff for their work and dedication to teaching our students. We recognize the countless hours spent not only preparing lessons, but also nurturing and assisting the students as they make the journey to adulthood. This time of year, we are also reminded how much you do for our students. You and your family are a vital part of what makes Arapahoe such an amazing place to learn and grow. We are thankful for your continued support.

In addition, we are excited to be in the process of awarding this year's PTO teacher grants. These funds will be used for classroom materials, staff training, software and supplies. We are pleased to be able to support our teachers and assist them in their creative efforts.

In the spirit of giving this season, we encourage you to participate in Colorado Gives Day on Tuesday, December 8th. Please consider donating, any amount, to the cause of your choice. Of note, the Littleton Public Schools Foundation is participating in this statewide movement to celebrate and increase philanthropy through online giving. Some individual LPS schools are participating with their own online giving sites, but because our PTO does not fundraise, we chose to support the foundation itself as it provides grants and services to all LPS Schools. You may access the LPS Foundation online giving site here: <https://www.coloradogives.org/lpsfoundation/overview> Enjoy your Winter Break and we will see you again next year!

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

Arapahoe After Prom April 30, 2016 Help Wanted - After Prom Needs You!

After Prom at Arapahoe High School is one of the most anticipated events of the year and both students and parents have a wonderful time. We are excited that all After Prom Chair positions have been filled. After Winter Break, please look for more information on how you can make this night a truly special evening. Every area will need help, so we will have sign-ups soon! For monetary donations, please make checks payable to **AHS After Prom**.

For more information, please feel free to contact:

D.D. Walsh
walshrr@aol.com

ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS! "Senior Collage"

**It is an AHS tradition to have a
Senior Picture Gallery at After Prom in April.**



As parents of the Class of 2016, we get to create and display photo collages of our graduates. Although the final design and theme of the Senior Collage Hallway is not determined, **now is the time to start gathering your senior photos to be used in his/her collage.** Watch for detailed instructions in upcoming issues of the *AHS Drum Beat*. Meanwhile, search high and low for photos of your senior!

School Accountability Committee

Next meeting date:
February 18, 2016
@ 3:30 p.m.
Main Office Conference Room

Arapahoe Students Receive Varsity Letter for Academics

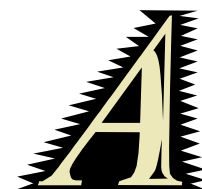
The Arapahoe High School Faculty values student academic achievement. The Academic Letter "A" was created to honor that excellence, and was presented to the seniors and juniors listed below at a ceremony held at Arapahoe High School on the evening of November 16, 2015. Congratulations to the junior and senior students who have earned academic letters for maintaining a 3.5 or above cumulative grade point average throughout their first two or three years of high school.

Seniors

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|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Caroline Amann | Brent Cary | Jacob Haughton | Allison Marizza | Sarah Siayap |
| Frederick Dindinger | Camden Castellano | Aribella Heisler | Marissa Martinez | Hannah Siebold |
| Rachel Haysley | Courtney Caviness | Grant Hengsteler | Madeline Mathews | Christian Skari |
| Jacob Hirschhorn | Jordan Chandler | Amanda Herron | Katherine Matson | Sara Soltes |
| Ethan Hoggan | Joshua Chaney | Nori Hess | Madelyn Matthews | Elizabeth Stagner |
| Foster Houts | Marlo Cheever | Faith Hindman | Sydney Maxson | McKenzie Stahmer |
| Kate Molzahn | Rylie Cimino | Steven Hindman | Macy McKennon | Marissa Staiert |
| Dylan Peppelaar | Savannah Clark | Kassidy Hogan | Caroline McPhillips | Savannah Stanley |
| Hunter Sanborn | Aidan Collins | Deborah Holmes | Sanat Mehta | Kodey Stauffer |
| Zachary Upthegrove | Danielle Comstock | Haley Holton | Daisy Mercer | Jack Stephens |
| Haden Waski | Reid Conant | Hunter Holton | Alexandra Miller | Megan Stewart |

Junior

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|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Katharina Abt | Gretchen Conley | Jack Hoye | Eve Miserlian | Madisen Strecker |
| John Adamson | Micah Conley | Taylor Hulsey | Cristian Montgomery | Colin Suszynski |
| Taylor Alderson | Ciara Coughlan | Ben Husa | Savana Montgomery | Electa Sutton |
| Simon Alger | Alexandra Crowder | Joseph Ingalls | Spencer Morton | Mitchell Sweeney |
| Abigail Anderson | Noah Curd | Elena Jauregui | Thomas Muetterties | Allison Swomley |
| Emily Armstrong | Jordyn Davis | Hayden Johnson | Abigail Naumann | Elizabeth Szilagyi |
| Courtney Armswood | Kaitlyn Davis | Jillian Johnson | Kristeen Neuman | Gabriela Tello |
| Everett Arnold | Zakary DeBaggis | Maggie Johnston | Patrick Newell | Brian Thomas |
| Connor Babbs | David DeBonis | Jacob Joiner | William O'Connor | Ryan Tougaw |
| Cameron Baker | Tiana Decolati | Maya Grace Karel | Maria Fernanda Olmedo | Grant Townsend |
| Kali Barber | Abigail DeGroot | Elianna Kearby | Thomas Orr | Griffin VanAnne |
| Jemma Barfoot | Cooper DeRose | Christopher Keiffer | Kira Pahlau | Nathan Waanders |
| Hayden Barrows | Rita DeSautels | Natalie Kellogg | Jessica Palmer | Natalie Weber |
| Anna Baughman | Kiley Dindinger | Kyle Kennedy | Rachael Parker | Elizabeth Wharry |
| Camille Bayard | Jacob Draudt | Jason Kiehlbauch | Matthew Parone | Blake Widlund |
| Dylon Becker | Kyla Dunn | Bailey Kleeberg | Grace Parsons | Maxwell Wilson |
| Jeremy Belin | Jacob Durr | Maiya Kondratieff | Lindsay Parsons | Schuyler Wilson |
| Erik Bensen | Brooke Edgerton | Sophie Kramer-Steward | Margaret Paulsen | Logan Winingham |
| Markell Bergstrom | Griffin Eiber | Dylan Kroha | Luke Pelletier | Jessica Winn |
| Jessica Berning | Laurel Eiber | Ashlynn Krueger | Nicole Pennetta | Killy Winz |
| Katherine Bierschwale | Amanda Esguerra | Justin Kuhl | Valeria Pernas Calderon | Hannah Wood |
| Stella Bispham | Kathleen Fedorowicz | Patrick Kunz | Breanna Peterson | Arianna Young |
| Kathryn Bogar | Loren Fehr | Natalie Kuroda | Jordan Petteys | Trevor Young |
| Amelia Boring | Eliza Fink | Joseph Labuszewski | Miriam Phillips | Blake Zeleny |
| Marlo Borton | Marcus Flinders | Emma Landen | Yvonne Quesada | Macy Ziegler |
| Kyle Boten | Mary Forest | Eliana Lander | Tatum Ramsey | Tyler Zoutte |
| Elizabeth Brandel | Lauren Friedauer | Mackensie Larson | Samantha Randall | |
| Benjamin Brandse | Myah Friedman | Lucy Lawrence | Megan Rayl | |
| Amanda Brenner | Madison Garcia | Elizabeth Lebar | Amy Raymond | |
| Joseph Brock | Esther Gardner | John Lebar | EmmyLine Rhein | |
| Allison Bull | Michael Gibbs | Monica Lederhos | Drake Salas | |
| Kyle Burkey | Jessica Girard | Josie Lee | Nicholas Schaecher | |
| Julia Burns | Cami Goldsberry | Tyson Lefever | Keely Scheffler | |
| Cameron Burroughs | Gannon Gosselin | Brian LeMay | Lorelei Schoenstein | |
| Christopher Burroughs | John Griffin | Jayden Liberty | Nicole Seavall | |
| Jacob Carl | McKenna Grigsby | Jordan Lilja | Ryan Shapiro | |
| Andrew Carlson | Mason Gueller | Nicholas Luci | Kimberly Shelton | |
| Grace Carlson | William Hall | Kyle Mackey | Renae Sherer | |
| | Samuel Hansen | Briana Madden | Gentri Shopp | |
| | Abigail Hathorne | Samuel Marion | | |



Guidance Center Guidelines

Scholarship Information

Arapahoe receives information about numerous scholarships every week. Scholarships are entered into the Scholarship List on Naviance Family Connection so students can access the information at home as well as at school. (To access the Scholarship List in Naviance Family Connection, students must sign into their Naviance account, go to the COLLEGES tab, then to the *colleges I'm applying to* page.) A full listing of all scholarships received by the Guidance Department and the Post Grad Center are on the Scholarship List. Students may also enter information about themselves on the National Scholarship List page to have a list generated of scholarships for which they might be eligible.

NCAA Clearinghouse A Student-Athlete Priority

The NCAA Clearinghouse is an organization that clears athletes for initial eligibility in NCAA division I and II athletic programs. If you have a student-athlete with aspirations for college athletics, the following web address will be helpful in giving information and also for registering: <https://eligibilitycenter.org>. Students may also **access this page through Arapahoe's Website by clicking on Guidance and the NCAA Clearinghouse, under the Post Graduate Center tab.**

Senior Information

Recheck graduation requirements for final semester. Make an appointment with your counselor if you have any questions. **Remember that all college acceptances are contingent upon successful completion of high school credits.** Grades earned in classes taken your senior year are carefully reviewed by admission personnel.

Please Note College Application Deadlines Transcript requests and payment must be submitted three weeks prior to the deadline date in order for AHS personnel to meet the deadline. Make sure to check the application instructions to see if the transcript needs to be **postmarked** or **received** by the date on the application. **Submit all transcript requests by Nov. 20 for any January deadlines.** Please complete and submit applications as early as possible. **Thank you for your cooperation.**

Special Note To Parents

Typically, the Post Graduate Center is not officially notified of scholarships or awards your student may receive from organizations or post high school institutions. PLEASE provide the Post Graduate Center with copies of all official award letters your son or daughter receives.

Junior Information

The Colorado State ACT test required for all juniors is Tuesday, April 19, 2016. More details will follow.

In the spring, counselors will be visiting with Western Civilization classes in the AHS Forum to discuss the college search and application process. Information will be given about college entrance tests, academic preparation for college, U.S. service academies, and ROTC. **Juniors not enrolled in a Western Civilization class** should see their counselor **for a time to meet in the Forum** for this presentation. Parents are urged to review this information and to contact their student's counselor regarding questions. Juniors may take their college entrance tests beginning with the February 2016 test date. However, later spring testing dates are preferable because more of the tested material will have been covered in classes.

Sophomore Information

Second semester is a good time to take interest inventories and to utilize career exploration programs. Students will begin this process in Business Technology and/or during a scheduled visit to the Post Grad Center. Students should make an appointment with their counselor to discuss these activities as well as to outline their course work for the remaining semesters of high school. Consistent solid school achievement will be emphasized.

ACT

| TEST DATE | REGISTRATION DEADLINE |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| February 6, 2016 | January 8, 2016 |
| April 9, 2016 | March 4, 2016 |
| June 11, 2016 | May 6, 2016 |

www.actstudent.org

SAT Reasoning/Subject Tests

| TEST DATE | REGISTRATION DEADLINE |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| January 23, 2016 | December 28, 2015 |
| March 5, 2016 | February 5, 2016 |
| May 7, 2016 | April 8, 2016 |
| June 4, 2016 | May 5, 2016 |

www.sat.collegeboard.com

News From The Arapahoe Post Grad Center

Parents of Seniors

Over half the Class of 2016 submitted college applications at the beginning of November! If your student has yet to apply, please know that students must request transcripts in Naviance and pay Mrs. Kazakoff **this week** in preparation for deadlines that occur during winter break or shortly thereafter. Teachers and counselors may not be able to accommodate requests for letters of recommendation beyond this first week in December, so please be sure this has been done. Encourage your student to stop by for assistance with the application process at any time.

The next step is to wait for acceptances and to apply for scholarships and financial aid. For **scholarships**, scour the website for each school under consideration. In addition, check out the updated scholarship list in Naviance. For **financial aid**, view the Financial Aid presentation by clicking on this [link](#). Need-based financial aid is awarded based on the FAFSA. Prior to filing the FAFSA, both you and your student will need an electronic PIN. Create your PINs now at www.pin.ed.gov so you will have them when the window opens January 1, 2016. (Parents and your students need to create separate PINs.) Be sure to file the FAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov) online as soon as possible after January 1, 2016. You can forecast your expected family contribution by going to the FAFSA website and completing the fafsa4caster OR accessing the Net Price Calculator on websites of the colleges to which your student is applying. In addition to applying for federal aid through the FAFSA, your student may also be considered for institutional aid. To apply for this type of aid, many private schools require a second form called the CSS profile. The window to apply began October 1st and has varying closing dates, depending on the college. Please take action immediately to determine applicable dates.

Parents of Juniors

Thank you for encouraging your junior student to attend their Post Grad appointment this semester. These appointments give students the opportunity to have a one-on-one appointment focused on planning for life after high school. Naviance, a web-based college planning tool, connects your student to a wealth of information to familiarize students with the college planning process and to help establish timelines and goals. Students who missed their appointment have been rescheduled up to two times. These students will be called in to meet with their guidance counselor to ensure they complete essential steps of their Individualized Career and Academic Plan.

Parents of Sophomores

Your student will have a Post Grad appointment second semester. These appointments are scheduled during an off hour and students will receive invitations a week in advance. Email reminders will be sent during the week and phone call reminders will be made a day prior. Please encourage your student to keep this very important foundational appointment. Students are introduced to Naviance, a web-based college planning tool that they will use throughout the college application process. Naviance is not just for the college-bound student; there are resources students use in high school as they plan for other options after graduation.

Parents of Freshman

Your student will not have an appointment in the Post Grad Center until sophomore year, but there is plenty they can do now to prepare for life after high school. Remind your student they will be applying to college with only 6 semesters of grades. Freshman year grades establish one-third of their GPA. In addition to academic performance, colleges like to see students involved in both school related activities and non-school related community service. Please encourage your student to find meaningful ways to engage in both.

Military Mondays

Military recruiters will have table displays in the cafeteria on the following dates:

January 11th - USMC, January 25th - ARMY,
February 1st - Air Force, February 8th - USMC,
February 22nd - ARMY, February 29th - Navy,
March 7th - Air Force, March 14th - USMC,
March 28th - ARMY, April 4th - Air Force,
April 11th - USMC, April 18th - Navy, April 25th - ARMY

Communication plug

Parents, please advise your student to **check their school email account** on a regular basis. This is the address on file in Infinite Campus and is the address the Post Grad Center uses to communicate time sensitive information on post grad appointments, special programming, upcoming college visits, critical pieces of the college application process, and scholarships. The AHS Post Grad Center is in the process of establishing a Facebook page, Instagram, and Twitter accounts in an effort to better reach students and parents, but some information is student specific and email will remain the primary mode for this type of communication. Kristin Hall, Post Grad Specialist, can best be reached at khall@lps.k12.co.us.

News From The Art Department

The Art Club is off and rolling for the year! The club meets every other Thursday after school in Room E-11 from 2:30-3:30. The students have been working on t-shirt designs and will begin printing them soon. They will be starting to develop other project ideas for the year so please come by and help plan!

Come check out the artwork on display in the front hall of the District Educational Services Center during the entire month of December!

It is never too early to start thinking about Art Attack! During the month of March, we will begin collecting work for the annual all school art show. Each student can put up to 2 pieces in each of the 11 categories. If you have any questions, email or stop by the art department. Start creating masterpieces to submit now!

Business Department

Personal Finance

Students in Personal Finance class have been competing in the H&R Block Budget Challenge this semester. This challenge puts students in a simulation where they are given their first full time job, a yearly salary, and bills to pay. Students are scored based on their ability to put money in their 401 (k) plan while keeping track of their expenses. Congratulations to Mr. Sawyer's 1st period class for earning a gift certificate for placing in the top 100 classes in the nation.

National Business Honor Society

Congratulations to all students who have been accepted into the National Business Honor Society. Additional applicants will be accepted Spring Semester if applicants need to take an additional business class. Three business classes are required to join NBHS.

FBLA

There are currently over 125 members who have signed up for Future Business Leaders of America! Students will be hosting a "If You Feel Loco, Come Get Some Cocoa" event on December 15th after finals. After finals, students can come to the cafeteria to receive a free cup of hot cocoa compliments of FBLA. FBLA members are invited to attend the Toys for Tots wrapping event on December 7th after school.

Upcoming Events for FBLA:

December 7 - Toys for Tots wrapping in the Cafeteria, room after school

December 9 - All chapter meeting — plan upcoming events, update competition information

December 15 - Hand out hot chocolate after finals — meet in Cafeteria at 12:00pm

January 9 - Projects for production events are due to Mr. Sawyer or Mrs. Swank

January 14, 15, 19, 20 - After School testing in rooms S1 and S2, 2:30-4:00

All State Choir 2016 Announced

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to represent Arapahoe High School at the 2016 Colorado All State Choir Festival.

Nate Anderson, Avery Plantz

The students are among the 350 students selected from over 2,000 juniors and seniors who auditioned statewide. They are looking forward to participating in a three day festival to be held in Downtown Denver in February.

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 November 2015:

Vocal Music: John Aragon

Instrumental: Victoria Cheng

Theatre: Kendyl Meyer

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

Tickets for Choir and Orchestra Concert!

Please be aware that the Holiday Concert and the Spring Concert will both be performed on two consecutive evenings; the Holiday Concert on December 9 and 10, the Spring Concert on May 10 and 11. Tickets will be required for admission. The tickets are free for general seating. Please feel free to contact Dorie Summers at dsummers@lps.k12.co.us with questions or concerns. We hope you will be able to join us for our annual Choir and Orchestra Holiday Concert.

HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE 2015

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| DEC 8 | 8:30 AM | SINGERS | KEZW Radio (recording and on air) |
| DEC 9 | 7:00 PM | ALL | AHS CONCERT |
| DEC 10 | 7:00 PM | ALL | AHS CONCERT |
| DEC 11 | 7:00 AM | SINGERS | LITTLETON SERTOMA |
| DEC 12 | 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM | SINGERS | STREETS OF SOUTHGLENN |
| DEC 12 | 2:00 PM | SINGERS | ENGLEWOOD MERIDIAN |
| DEC 16 | 12:00 PM | SINGERS | TOYS FOR TOTS |
| DEC 17 | 6:30 PM | SINGERS | ZOOLIGHTS |



SOMETHING TO CHEER ABOUT!

The JV squad placed 2nd and Varsity placed 3rd at the November 2015 League competition held at Eaglecrest High School. Way to go, girls!!!

Varsity placed 1st at the UCA Mile High Cheer Competition! They were also awarded an extra honor as the team with Best Sportsmanship. JV competed, placing 6th place in their division. Both teams displayed great routines.

Here is the schedule of upcoming competitions for our Varsity Team:

Dec. 5 - Flip and Shout @ Denver Coliseum
 Dec. 11&12 - State Competition @ Denver Coliseum
 February 6 & 7, 2016 - Nationals @ Walt Disney World, Orlando, Florida

Girls Tennis



Please mark your calendars for an informational meeting about tennis tryouts and the AHS Girls' Tennis season. Any girls interested in trying out for the tennis team should attend with their parents. The meeting will be in the Forum on Tuesday, January 19 at 6:00pm. Tennis tryouts will start in February, and more details will be available in the February *Drum Beat*. A second meeting will occur in March for team registration, uniform purchases, etc. Please contact Jan Sloboth at 303-548-2148 with questions.

CONGRATULATIONS ARAPAHOE ATHLETES

FALL SEASON 2015

The Arapahoe Athletic Department would like to congratulate these fine scholar-athletes on their wonderful competitive seasons. These young men and women along with 12 other Arapahoe High School Honorable Mention athletes have been recognized by the Centennial League, the South Metro Football Conference, CHSAA and CHSCA for their performances this fall. In addition to their athletic accomplishments, they have been great ambassadors of their school, community and sport.

Cheers

3rd Place Overall
Centennial League

Cross Country

First Team League

Mason Brevig
Steven Goldy
Ali Marizza
Kelly Waugh

Second Team League

Kyle Kennedy
Nick Maddalone

League

Boys Team – Champions
Girls Team – 4th Place Overall

Regionals

Boys Team – Champions
Mason Brevig – 1st Place
Girls Team – 3rd Place Overall

State

Boys Team – 3rd Place Overall
Steven Goldy – 3rd Place

Football

First Team League

Blake Carette
Ray Haas
Foster Houts
Pete Mitchell
Luke Morrone
Ben Sandrin
Nick Thompson
Connor Williams

Second Team League

Anthony Cannon
Grant Cavazos
Fischer Conley
Zach Gilman
Charlie Leonard
Mitch Pannetta
Nate RaPue
Alex Smith

South Metro Conference
Champions

Golf – Boys

First Team League

Austin Duffy
Tyler Martinez
David Packer

League

Champions
David Packer – 2nd Place

Regionals

2nd Place Overall

State

5th Place Overall
Austin Duffy
Tyler Martinez
David Packer
Tom Packer

Soccer – Boys

First Team League

Evan Bunch
James Conley
Chris Grauberger
Max Gueller
Wilmer Rameriz

Second Team League

Ethan Fahn
Trevor Young

League

Champions

League Player of the Year

James Conley

Softball

First Team League

Dasia Vavrik

Second Team League

Ashlynn Krueger

Tennis – Boys

Regionals

Team – 2nd Place Overall
Jason Arnell, Jake Becker,
Alexander Cruz, Noah Curd,
Jacob Hall, Nathan Herr,
Jayanth Kikkeri, Tyler Landen,
Garrett Lumley, Tyler Speck,
Nicholas Stephenson

Toms

3rd Place Overall
Centennial League

Volleyball

First Team League

Jayden Liberty
Petra Sikorski
Killy Winz

Second Team League

Kaylee Rogers

Regionals

Champions

Additional Honors

All-State

Steven Goldy- Cross Country
James Conley – Soccer

Coach of the Year

Mike Campbell – Football
(South Metro Conference)

Mark Hampshire – Soccer
(Centennial League)



Spring Sports
“Athletic Night”
Monday, February 8, 2016
6:00 p.m.
AHS Theater



Important Attendance Reminders

- When calling your student in, please **only** leave the following information:
- Your student's name—last name, then first name—**please clearly spell the last name**
- Your student's grade
- The date of the absence
- The class period(s) that your student will miss
- **The reason for the absence**

PLEASE NOTE:

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

Students missing a class to do work or study for another class will not be excused, per AHS policy.

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. 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.

Messages are not delivered to students except for **emergency situations only**.

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

Thank you for your help in making the Attendance process as efficient as possible.



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FINAL EXAMS

Final Exams will be given December 15-18, 2015. The last day of the first semester is Friday, December 18, 2015. The final exam schedule is listed below.

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

| Class | Time |
|-------------------|------------|
| Period 1 MWF..... | 7:21- 8:46 |
| Period 1 T/R..... | 8:56-10:21 |
| Period 2 MWF..... | 10:31-Noon |
| Study Time..... | 12:00-2:16 |

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

| Class | Time |
|-------------------|------------|
| Period 2 T/R..... | 7:21- 8:46 |
| Period 3 MWF..... | 8:56-10:21 |
| Period 3 T/R..... | 10:31-Noon |
| Study Time..... | 12:00-2:16 |

Thursday, December 17, 2015

| Class | Time |
|-------------------|------------|
| Period 4 MWF..... | 7:21- 8:46 |
| Period 4 T/R..... | 8:56-10:21 |
| Period 5 MWF..... | 10:31-Noon |
| Study Time..... | 12:00-2:16 |

Friday, December 18, 2015

| Class | Time |
|-------------------|------------|
| Period 5 T/R..... | 7:21- 8:46 |
| Period 6 MWF..... | 8:56-10:21 |
| Period 6 T/R..... | 10:31-Noon |
| Study Time..... | 12:00-2:16 |

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

Each final exam day, students have the opportunity to be involved in a full day of instructional activity. Supervised study areas will be provided for those students not engaged in exams. These areas will be open from 7:21 until 2:16 on each exam day. Students will sign in at the study areas (Library, Cafeteria, Department Offices, the Study Center and selected classrooms).

Kitchen closes at 11:30 a.m.

Buses will run on the regular schedule.

Delays and Closures

In case of an emergency or severe weather conditions, please check the LPS website or [click here](#) for a prominent announcement in a **red or yellow banner** across the top of the home page regarding changes in school schedules. If there is no red or yellow banner, all schools are on **Normal** schedule. Most Denver news stations announce these changes, as well. The district may also send an email to all LPS families when school schedule changes occur. Families are encouraged to keep their contact information and contact preferences in their Infinite Campus [Parent Portal](#) account updated.



The Coffee Break

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

WINTER DRIVING!!

It never fails—whenever it snows or the roads get icy, there is an increase in car crashes. Often the crashes involve cars and fixed objects, such as fences. I know we've already had several weeks of winter driving, but I thought I would remind everyone of some simple helpful hints to make driving easier and help you avoid a crash.

- Always use your seatbelt.
- Avoid driving fatigued.
- Make certain your tires are properly inflated.
- Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid gas line freeze-up.
- Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface.
- Always look and steer where you want to go.
- Accelerate and decelerate slowly.
- Following distance should be increased to 8 to 10 seconds.
- Don't stop on a hill.
- Don't power up hills. The extra speed on a snow covered road will cause your tires to spin.
- If you slide, turn the steering wheel into the slide, and don't try to correct until you've stopped sliding.



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, January 11, 2016

2:30pm-7:00pm (bring a snack)

At AHS in room W101

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.

LPS MEDICINE
CLASS

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR
THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION
OF THE
LITTLETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MEDICINE CLASS



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2015

6:00 - 8:00PM

ARAPAHOE HIGH SCHOOL
LIBRARY

PLEASE SEND RSVP'S TO
JGREBE@LPS.K12.CO.US

2015-2016 Dates to Remember:

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|---|--|
| Wednesday, December 02, 2015 | - PLC – Late Start Day |
| Wednesday, December 02, 2015 | - Freshmen (Class of 2020) Showcase |
| Tuesday, December 15-Friday, December 18, 2015 | - Final Examinations |
| Friday, December 18, 2015 | - Semester Ends/Last Day for Students |
| Monday, December 21, 2015—Friday, January 01, 2016 | - Winter Break |
| Monday, January 04, 2016 | - In-Service – NO STUDENTS |
| Tuesday, January 05, 2016 | - First Day Second Semester |
| Monday, January 18, 2016 | - Martin L. King Day |
| Wednesday, January 27, 2016 | - PLC – Late Start Day |
| Friday, February 12, 2016 | - End of Six Weeks |
| Monday, February 15, 2016 | - Presidents' Day Holiday – NO SCHOOL |
| Wednesday, February 24, 2016 | - PLC – Late Start Day |
| Thursday, March 03, 2016 | - Parent/Teacher Conferences – Evening |
| Friday, March 04, 2016 | - NO SCHOOL |
| Wednesday, March 16, 2016 | - PLC – Late Start Day |
| Monday, March 21-Friday, March 25, 2016 | - Spring Break |
| Friday, April 01, 2016 | - End of Six Weeks |
| Monday, April 04, 2016 | - Freshman (Class of 2020) Registration |
| Wednesday, April 27, 2016 | - PLC – Late Start Day |
| Saturday, April 30, 2016 | - Prom/After Prom |
| Friday, May 13, 2016 | - Last Day for Seniors |
| Monday, May 16, 2016 | - Final Examinations/Senior Awards Convocation |
| Tuesday, May 17 & Wednesday, May 18, 2016 | - Final Examinations/Arena Scheduling |
| Thursday, May 19, 2016 | - GRADUATION Class of 2016 |
| Friday, May 20, 2016 | - Final Examinations/Arena Scheduling/ Last Day of Semester |
| Monday, May 30, 2016 | - Memorial Day |

Open Enrollment Information

Arapahoe High School is accepting Open Enrollment Applications for the **2016-2017 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 2016-2017 school year is January 31, 2016.**

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 in early December. Please complete the Google Form by January 31, 2016. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Clark, Secretary to the Principal, at 303-347-6023. Thank you.

Littleton Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex (which includes marital status), sexual orientation, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, age, disability, or need for special education services. The following individuals have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Michael Jones, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources or Melissa Cooper, Director of Special Education and Student Support Services; Littleton Public Schools; 5776 S. Crocker; Littleton, CO 80120; 303-347-3330