

# 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,

April 2016

The April edition of the *Drum Beat* is always an exciting one because it is the first time we include our new Warriors who make up the Class of 2020! All families of current eighth graders who will attend Arapahoe next year, as well as our current ninth through twelfth grade families, are invited to view this newsletter. We do this so you may be aware of the important dates and events relevant to freshman students; and more importantly, so you can read about high school life as it exists at Arapahoe! The Arapahoe faculty is well aware of the importance of the transition from middle school to high school, and this newsletter is another of our efforts to communicate high school expectations and events to assist with this transition. Please pay particular attention to upcoming dates found throughout this newsletter. In August, every Arapahoe student will receive a copy of our **Arapahoe Student Planner**, which not only contains the Arapahoe Student Handbook, but has become a popular, successful tool for learning. Students are taught how to use it and are expected to carry it at all times.

Many important state assessments are right around the corner. In this issue of the *Drum Beat*, you will find important details on the upcoming **CMAS** for all **freshmen**, **PSAT** for **sophomores**, and **Colorado State ACT** and **Science CMAS** for our **juniors**. All assessments are scheduled to take place at Arapahoe from **April 19-21**. The results of these assessments do help guide our faculty in setting goals for Arapahoe's academic school improvement and professional development each year. They are also helpful in identifying appropriate academic interventions for individual students. Thankfully, there were some changes in state assessments made last spring in the Colorado State Legislature. We are thrilled for our sophomores and juniors to have a **free opportunity** to take the PSAT and ACT respectively. In their junior year, the sophomores will have another opportunity to take the PSAT to try to qualify for National Merit Scholarship opportunities. For juniors, the ACT predicts student success at the college level. Results from the ACT taken as juniors can be used for college and scholarship applications in the senior year. Colleges and universities will take the best scores on the ACT, so the State ACT results can help individuals identify areas where they can better prepare through additional coursework to try to improve their scores. **We encourage and expect our Warriors to do their very best on these important exams.** And, as parents, you can help by ensuring students get plenty of rest, eat well, and attend school each day throughout the important testing period. More information on State Assessments can be found on page 14 and 15.

Certainly, an exciting time in the high school year is **Prom!** It is coming quickly; this leads to many questions by parents and students. It will be held this year on **Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 8:00-11:00 p.m. at Infinity Park.** Prom is a very special and formal dance that is sponsored by the junior class to honor the seniors. Because this dance is so special, students tend to assume that it is necessary to spend large amounts of money to ensure the evening is memorable. Parents, please know that Arapahoe High School does **NOT** endorse the idea of spending an outrageous amount of money on Prom, but rather does endorse the idea that Prom is an opportunity for students to join together in a positive environment for an evening of dancing and celebration with friends. We encourage **all seniors to attend**, whether or not they have a date. Appropriate attire for this formal dance is "dressy dresses" for girls and suits or sport-coats and slacks for boys – clothes such as they would wear to any formal occasion in their lives. Dining out is, of course, an option. However, a popular choice in recent years is for the parents of several couples to prepare and serve a dinner in one of their homes. Students have reported this is great fun for them as well as for their parents.



Arapahoe High School is fortunate to have one of the most outstanding **After-Prom** parties anywhere. Led by our former PTO President and senior parent, D.D. Walsh, our wonderful and generous PTO operates the party from **midnight until 4:00 a.m.** at a very reasonable cost to our students. This year's theme is "**A Blast from the Past.**" The AHS After-Prom is an extremely viable and enjoyable alternative to the expensive commercial hotel activities some of our students choose. Once again, this year's PTO After-Prom celebration will provide many hours of music, games, entertainment, and good food in a safe, alcohol-free, well-chaperoned environment within our high school. We expect the students to remain at After-Prom until at least 4:00 a.m.; otherwise, we telephone parents. After Prom is a SAFE alternative to unstructured activities. For the past several years, many groups of students have designed **matching t-shirts for After-Prom.** Please note that Arapahoe High School **does not encourage this** and that we view it as an unnecessary and added expense. However, if your son or daughter chooses to participate in this activity, please help us ensure that **all t-shirt designs are school appropriate.** Any shirts with offensive slogans, innuendos, pictures, or diagrams will not be allowed.

**The Class of 2016, academically, is one of our strongest graduating classes ever!** In addition to 17 National Merit and Commended Scholars, Avery Plantz has also been awarded one of the prestigious **Daniels Fund Scholarships**, awarded to only a select few of the best and brightest students in Colorado. We can all be very proud of our outstanding scholars, and we look forward to hearing of many more scholarships and awards that will be offered to our graduating seniors this spring. Students are encouraged to visit our **Post Graduate Center** and get information about the numerous scholarship opportunities available. Upon request by students or parents, our parent Post Grad Center volunteers, led by program coordinator, **Kristin Hall**, will help conduct scholarship searches. Last year's graduates were awarded just over \$21 million in scholarship money.

**It is not too late to improve those semester-two grades. Our Variable Schedule**, which was created by the Arapahoe staff more than fifty years ago, provides students with time during the school day to **meet with teachers in the various departmental offices** to receive additional academic assistance, become involved in discussion with adults, clarify assignments, or just get to know a significant adult better. **Unscheduled time** also affords students time to visit the **library, meet with counselors**, as well as **get a jump on homework.** Unscheduled time is a privilege providing students some control over the school day. The self-discipline learned from making good use of unscheduled time is long-lasting and necessary for students heading for college. Arapahoe graduates attending college continually return to share with us their confidence gained due to the experience of Variable Scheduling.

Our **Academic Study Center** has effectively provided tutoring for students requiring additional academic support. This center reinforces achievement by keeping students in classes while giving the student an opportunity to work on various assignments in a supportive environment during an unscheduled hour. It is available every period, every day, either on a drop-in basis or as a pass/fail course for elective credit.

**JUST A REMINDER.** . . With spring break behind us, and sunny, warm days approaching, it often is a challenge to remain on task. The final weeks of the school year are academically very important to all students. This is the time of year classroom activities and **expectations have not been reduced**, but rather require student focus on preparation, daily attendance, performance, and a commitment to achieve. If there are any indications that the academic standards, homework, and out-of-class assignments at Arapahoe High School are lessening because of warm weather, parents are encouraged to contact the appropriate teacher. I am sure parents will discover the reverse is true. Seniors need to remember that college acceptances can be revoked if a significant decline in semester grades occurs.

Safety is a major focus during all of our special end-of-the year activities. **"Warriors, Always Take Care of One Another!"** Once again, I would like to thank all Arapahoe parents and families for the continued support of our high school. Please contact us at any time with questions or concerns or just to say hello. Thanks for all you do.

Sincerely,



Natalie Pramenko  
Principal

## Guidance Center Guidelines

A schedule for the AP exams this spring is listed below for your reference. Students who have an AP exam are excused from school only during the exam time.

The test sites for all exams are The Ames Facility at 7300 S Clermont Dr, Centennial and Arapahoe High School. Student arrival time TBA at Pre-Registration. **All students registered to take an AP exam MUST attend one pre-registration meeting. Pre-registration meetings will be on April 5 and 6 in the Forum. Meetings will be held every hour, except fourth. Students must attend during an off-hour.**

Each AP exam costs \$94.00. A Billing Statement from the AHS Bookkeeping Office reflecting the cost of the ordered exam(s) was mailed in March. Payment is due upon receipt of the billing statement and prior to April 22, 2016. **Checks should be made out to Arapahoe High School.** Questions about AP testing should be directed to one of our AP Coordinators, **Kelly Talen at 303-347-6009 or Jenica Schoonover at 303-347-6015.**

Week 1	Morning	Afternoon	Week 2	Morning	Afternoon
Monday May 2	Chemistry	Psychology	Monday May 9	Biology	Physics C: Mechanics Physics C: Elec/Mag
Tuesday May 3	Spanish	Physics 1: Algebra-Based	Tuesday May 10	United States Government and Politics	
Wednesday May 4	English Literature/Comp		Wednesday May 11	English Language/Comp	
Thursday May 5	Calculus AB Calculus BC		Thursday May 12		Statistics
Friday May 6	United States History		Friday May 13	Microeconomics	

### Scholarship Scams

As college costs have continued to rise, so have the number of scams trying to take advantage of those looking for help to pay for college. When searching and applying for scholarships, students and their parents need to be aware of the types of scams and how to avoid them.

#### How to Identify Scholarship Scams

- Fees—If a scholarship application requires that the applicant pay a fee, this is very likely a scam. Institutions that award scholarships have no reason to ask for money; their goal is to give money away.
- Guarantees—If a scholarship service promises a “scholarship guarantee” or “your money back,” stay away! No one can guarantee a scholarship.
- Unsolicited Scholarships—Unsolicited scholarship phone calls or letters should be met with skepticism. Never give personal information such as social security number, credit card, or bank account numbers to anyone over the phone or on an application.
- Too Good to Be True—Services that use the phrases “Guaranteed Winnings,” “Money Back ...,” “Everyone is Eligible,” “Unclaimed Money,” “We do all the work,” “You can’t get this information anywhere else,” are clues that they are not legitimate.

#### Tips Regarding Scholarships Services and Search Tools

- Don't Pay for Free Information—These services either provide nothing or return a list of scholarships that could be found for free using another scholarship search tool.
- Free Seminars—Be aware that free scholarship seminars may actually be sales pitches for other products, such as financial aid consulting, insurance, or high-priced private loans.
- Scholarship Information is Readily Available—If a scholarship service says it has information that can't be obtained anywhere else, it may not be legitimate. Most scholarships are available through any number of search tools or just by doing an internet search.

#### Other Financial Aid Scams to Avoid

- Fake websites—FAFSA.com or FAFSA.org are NOT official websites for completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. These sites and other financial aid websites tempt students to complete the online FAFSA through their site and charge the applicant money after they have entered personal financial information. **The only official website is [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and it is FREE.**
- Loans with up-front fees—Although there are fees associated with legitimate government and private loans, the fee is almost always deducted from the disbursed amount. The borrower should not pay fees up front without first verifying carefully that the lender is legitimate.

### Senior Information

#### Attention Parents of Seniors

If your senior student received a D or an F on the first six-week grade report for second semester, please encourage your student to attend every class every day and to speak with the teacher of the class where the low grade was earned. If there are any questions, please call your student's teacher.

## Junior Information 2016-17 Registration Information

Counselors are meeting with Western Civilization classes on **April 11** to discuss graduation requirements and to distribute AHS registration materials for the 2016-2017 school year to all juniors.

### State ACT

**All Juniors** will be taking the ACT on **Tuesday, April 19**. Counselors will register juniors the week of April 11 in their Western Civilization class. Students do not need to register online. Juniors who do not have Western Civilization should come to the Guidance Office during one of their unscheduled hours the week of April 11.

### SAT Subject Tests

It is strongly recommended that students take the SAT Subject Tests at the end of their Junior year **if** those exams are **required** by the college the student plans to attend. It is up to the student to check and see if the SAT Subject Tests are required for entrance.

### Freshman and Sophomore Information

Counselors will visit the **Freshman English 9** classrooms on **April 14** and the **Sophomore English 10** classrooms on **April 13** to hand out 2016-2017 registration materials and to go over the registration process. Sophomores will be called to the Post Graduate Center during an unscheduled hour to go over interest inventories and utilize career exploration programs. Also, sophomores will be taking the PSAT 10 (new this year) on Wednesday, April 20.

## Post Grad Center

**APPLICATION DAY:** Arapahoe High School is hosting an Application Day on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-10:30AM for seniors who would still like to apply to college. College representatives will be on hand to provide information about their schools and to help students complete applications. AHS will provide supporting documents so that in two hours time, students will have applied to at least two colleges. Most participating colleges will waive their application fee! Please RSVP to the Post Grad Center with the student's name and phone number by calling the Post Grad Center at (303)347-6089 or by emailing Mrs. Hall at [khall@lps.k12.co.us](mailto:khall@lps.k12.co.us).

**SENIORS:** Three items to complete: 1) Officially **accept/decline college admissions offers and scholarships**. 2) Bring in your **scholarship award letters** to the Post Grad Center so your student can be honored at the Senior Convocation Award Night on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. 3) Complete the **Senior Survey** on Naviance between Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. This brief survey will take 3-5 minutes to complete and must be done before students can pick up their cap and gowns.

**JUNIORS:** 1) Continue your college research by attending the Spring 2016 College Fair at the University of Denver on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Click on this link to see the list of participating schools and for the option to pre-register. <http://rmacac.org/college-fairs/spring-college-fair-in-denver-co> 2) Complete the biography for letters of recommendation and your resume on Naviance so you will be able to request letters of recommendation at the end of this school year/first week of school senior year.

**SOPHOMORES & FRESHMAN:** Start your research early by attending the Spring 2016 College Fair hosted at the University of Denver. <http://rmacac.org/college-fairs/spring-college-fair-in-denver-co>.

**MILITARY:** Military recruiters are at Arapahoe every Monday during both lunches. On Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, the USARMY will be hosting an APACHE simulator and a Skydiving simulator. Take time to check out these national assets that will be on our property that day.



## AHS College Application Day Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-10:30AM in the Forum

Seniors, it's not too late!  
If you would still like to apply to college,  
come to Application Day and  
apply to two colleges in two hours time.

RSVP to the Post Grad Center  
(303)347-6089  
[khall@lps.k12.co.us](mailto:khall@lps.k12.co.us)





## SYCAMORE LEARNING COMPANY

**“Prep for the Future” ACT Seminar  
at Arapahoe High School  
April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 3:00pm to 5:30pm  
OR  
April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm to 8:30pm**

This year, all juniors in Colorado will be required to take the ACT test in April as a part of the statewide testing program. After working with more than 25,000 students across the country over the last 14 years, Sycamore Learning Company’s founder designed this 5-hour seminar to help students prepare for the upcoming ACT with specific strategies to maximize scoring on each section of the test.

The cost for this seminar is **only \$89** and includes an extensive study guide that has 3 full-length practice tests with in-depth answer explanations for each question and 5 hours of in-class instruction. ***Also included in the seminar:***

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

To register for this seminar, please go to [www.prepforthefuture.com](http://www.prepforthefuture.com) Payment can be made online or your student can bring a check payable to [Sycamore Learning Company](http://www.sycamorelearning.com) to the seminar. The only materials needed for the seminar will be a calculator and two pencils. Enrollment may be limited, so please register as soon as possible to ensure your student does not miss out on this opportunity. For any additional questions regarding the seminar, please call toll-free (866) 223-9691.

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

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## News from Your PTO Presidents

The LPS Foundation Spirit Dinner is Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center. This is not your typical fundraising dinner with mediocre food and boring speeches! The evening has a lot to offer:

- Grab an appetizer, stroll along the art walk and enjoy LPS student original artwork
- Bid on awesome auction items via mobile bidding
- Enjoy a delicious dinner and a short inspiring program
- Raise your paddle during the spirited live auction that includes a Broncos package and Maserati experience
- Indulge at the dessert bar
- Dance the night away to "That 80's Band"!

The mission of the Littleton Public Schools Foundation is to raise funds to support and enhance the LPS tradition of excellence in educating students throughout our community. They strive to bring together parents, businesspeople, educators and community leaders into a single, unified community of support for our already successful school system.

To register for the dinner, or for more information, please visit their website: [www.lpsf.littletonpublicschools.net](http://www.lpsf.littletonpublicschools.net)

Be sure to join us for our next PTO meeting on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30AM in the AHS Conference Room! We would love to see you there.

Nancy and Kimberly  
[arapahoepres.lps@gmail.com](mailto:arapahoepres.lps@gmail.com)  
PTO Co-Presidents

### Coming Soon!

Look for all of our After Prom sign-ups this month for **prizes, volunteers and food.**  
We need you!

**Public Viewing: Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Parents - Come see what your students will be doing at After Prom!  
(No charge, but donations to help support future After Proms will be welcome!)

## After Prom 2016

### Reminder Senior Parents!!!

Prom and After Prom are approaching! If you haven't started your senior's collage for After a Prom, now is the time to begin gathering all those photos! These collages will be displayed in the senior hall during After a Prom on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

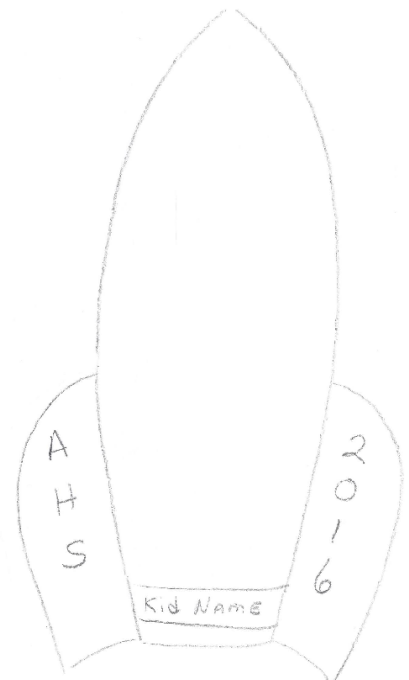
A few reminders about the collage:

- 1) Purchase a piece of standard 22x28 white poster board.
- 2) Cut the poster board into the shape of a rocket ship.  
See example here or in the February *Drumbeat*.
- 3) Place your child's name and 2016 on the front of the rocket ship.
- 4) Glue your pictures on the poster board, do not use tape, the pictures will fall off.
- 5) Neatly, on the back, please print the students first and last name, parent's first and last name, and a contact phone number. We would like to be able to contact you should we have any questions.
- 6) Consider having your collage laminated. Staples at Southglenn can you help you with that service.
- 7) Deliver your collage to the school's main office between April 18<sup>th</sup> - April 29<sup>th</sup> before 3:00 p.m.  
Place collages in the large collection box.
- 8) Collages will be available for pick up after the event from May 2<sup>nd</sup> thru May 6<sup>th</sup>, by either a parent or student.

Have fun creating your collage!

If you have any question please feel free to contact:

Nancy Brumley  
[Nbrumley1218@gmail.com](mailto:Nbrumley1218@gmail.com)





## ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS

4/19/16—Senior Class Meeting

10:00 a.m. in the Theatre

Please watch your mail this month for a letter to graduating seniors and their parent giving complete instructions and directions for Graduation.

## 2nd Annual Mr. Arapahoe Competition

On Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm, the sophomore class will be hosting the Mr. Arapahoe competition. This senior male student represents all that Arapahoe stands for: he is someone who is spirited, creative, kind, community-minded, good-humored, ambitious, responsible and compassionate. This person demonstrates his character in and out of the classroom, through his commitment to the school and community, relationships and other activities. The evening's program includes a group dance for the contestants, a lip-sync, a spirit wear competition, talent competition, and formal wear. Not only will the winner be crowned Mr. Arapahoe, but he will also receive free tickets to prom! Come join us as we start this fun new tradition! Tickets for the show are \$5



**2016 AHS Prom**  
**"Neverland"**  
**Saturday, April 30**  
**8:00 - 11:00 p.m.**  
**Infinity Park**

"Neverland" themed Prom is just around the corner! You will immerse yourself in London and then enter the magical forest of Neverland where you will encounter waterfalls and pixies. The Junior Class invites all seniors and juniors to attend the 2016 AHS Prom on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at Infinity Park from 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Tickets will be sold online starting Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> through Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup> and can be purchased for \$40 per student and/or guest (limit 2) through [Revtrak by clicking here](#). Tickets purchased online will be handed out starting Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. We will also have three days of cash purchasing that will be offered during both lunches on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> through Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Tickets will cost \$45 per person if bought at the door the night of Prom.

Bring your student ID to purchase/ pick up tickets and, if needed, a completed guest form. Guest forms are available in the Attendance Office and must be turned in by Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, contact the Junior Class Officers or Junior Class Sponsors (Betsy Lhotta or Caroline Swank).

## News From The Art Department

Beginning in October 2015, the Art Department has been featuring an Artist of the Month who has been chosen because of his/her outstanding technique and originality. The Artists of the Month are some of our most dedicated and talented artists who have shown great creative accomplishments. April's Artist of the Month is Senior Amber Malom. Stop by the Art Department to see Amber's cross-stitch mixed media piece on display.

We are looking forward to our 12th annual Art Attack, a school wide art show that will be on display in the East wing and the AHS library starting April 11<sup>th</sup>. Please stop by to check out all of the wonderful artwork. Art Attack is a juried show and there will be a reception on April 19 from 7pm to 8pm for students, friends, and family to enjoy the art. Winners from each category will be announced at 7:30pm.

Students, as you start choosing classes for next year, don't forget to add your favorite art classes! Please visit the Art Department web page for descriptions of all of the courses we have to offer here at AHS. If you have questions, feel free to ask any of the art teachers.



# 12th Annual Arapahoe

**“ART ATTACK”**

**Tuesday April 19, 2016**

**Reception 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Awards 7:30 p.m.**

This is a show exclusively for the students of Arapahoe High School sponsored by our Arapahoe PTO. This is our “show of shows” for the year which provides recognition for our students as well as prizes for outstanding work.

The show is broken into the following eleven categories:

**Acrylic Painting**  
**Watercolor Painting**  
**Jewelry**  
**Sculpture & Ceramics**  
**Film Photography**  
**Digital Photography**  
**Computer Art**  
**(includes ANY manipulated digital photos)**  
**Printmaking**  
**Mixed Media**  
**Black & White Drawing**  
**Colored Drawing**  
**Design**

**“Best of Show” will be awarded in each category**

plus

**Principal’s Choice**  
**Superintendent’s Choice**  
**& Board Member’s Choice**

This is a celebration of both the wonderful work of our students and an opportunity to share with the public our department and art curriculum. Viewing dates April 14–April 30 in the AHS Theater Hallway.

**\*\*\*\*\*ENTRY DEADLINE – FRIDAY, APRIL 1st\*\*\*\*\***

Students may enter 2 (TWO) per category. Entry forms available in the Art Dept.

**Must be artwork completed in high school.**

**Work cannot be framed or on lined notebook paper.**



## **Business Department**

### **Business Recognition Dessert**

Mark your calendars for May 5 at 6:30 p.m. for the Business Recognition Dessert Celebration for members of National Business Honor Society, DECA, and FBLA to recognize all of their accomplishments throughout the year. **Congratulations to all students who worked hard to achieve this academic accomplishment!**

### **Business and Marketing Courses**

#### **Receive Both College & High School Credit through Concurrent Enrollment for FREE!**

Arapahoe High School and Arapahoe Community College have partnered to teach college classes at our high school. Students receive college credit for the following Business and Marketing Classes:

Introduction to Business—3 credits

Principles of Marketing (Advanced Marketing) —3 credits

Personal Finance—3 credits

If you would like more information, please contact Mrs. Swank in the Business Office ([cswank@lps.k12.co.us](mailto:cswank@lps.k12.co.us)).

### **Personal Finance — Great News for Our Future Warriors!!**

#### **Personal Finance Will Become a Required Class for Students Graduating in 2020.**

Personal Finance helps our students to learn essential skills to become financially independent and successful in their lives beyond high school. Below are some highlights of what students learn and do in Personal Finance class:

- Complete in the H&R Block Budget Challenge, which engages students in managing a budget on a first year salary. Students have the opportunity to win college scholarship money in this challenge.
- Set financial SMART Goals
- Learn how to read a W-2 Form in order to file taxes
- Apply knowledge to make wise investing decisions in the stock market and retirement accounts
- Gain skills to protect yourself from financial loss by completing activities relating to insurance and identity theft
- Gain an understanding of credit and how to build credit responsibly

All students who complete the course are eligible to apply for \$1000 scholarship open only to Arapahoe High School students. The scholarship is provided by Colorado Business Bank.

### **FBLA Update**

Thank you to all who helped with the annual FBLA Volleyball Fundraiser! This year we added a Food Truck Row, which hosted Fire Truck Crepes and Pikine Grill. These companies gave a percentage of their proceeds toward FBLA to help with the cost of members attending Nationals. Our next fundraiser for FBLA will be at Chipotle on Dry Creek and University on Thursday, April 7 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Thank you for your continued support for our club; it has helped provide leadership experiences for our members to attend competitions and conferences.

Officer applications will be available for pick up in the Business department April 11; they are due back by April 19.

FBLA will be announcing their new officers at the Business Recognition Dessert on May 5 at 6:30 p.m.

### **DECA Update**

The 1st Annual March Madness 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament was held on March 16 during Warrior Week. DECA students in Ms. Krueger's Sports & Entertainment Marketing class planned and hosted the event. Twenty teams, including two teacher teams and two teams from Powell Middle School, participated in the tournament. All the money raised at the tournament was donated to The Joshua School, which was the chosen charity during Warrior Week. It was a fun event, which included some exciting fundraising entertainment provided by Mr. Low, Mr. Morahan, and Mr. Conway. Magic Mark (Mark Lederhos) also had a special magic performance for those in attendance. Congratulations to the team representing CSU for winning the Championship. Thanks to all the teams that participated and all the fans who came to support the event.



## Arapahoe Choir Auditions Scheduled

**Auditions for the 2016-2017** Arapahoe Concert Choir, Choralettes and Arapahoe Singers have been scheduled for **April 18-22**. We are looking for piano players for two of the choirs. Students interested in being a piano accompanist should also schedule an audition.

Students, including incoming Freshmen, may contact, **Ms. Kelly Parmenter** for audition information at 303-347-6070 or [kparmenter@lps.k12.co.us](mailto:kparmenter@lps.k12.co.us).

## 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 March 2016:

<b>Vocal Music:</b>	<b>Kevin Murrow</b>
<b>Instrumental:</b>	<b>Jess Cooper</b>
<b>Theatre:</b>	<b>Nick Beckman</b>

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

## Student Council News

**All Arapahoe students are invited to student council meetings every Tuesday morning at 6:45 a.m. in the forum.**

### Election Information

We will hold elections for next year's sophomore, junior, and senior officers at the end of April. Students interested in running for class office and executive positions must be active members of the council for at least one year and receive Student Council sponsor recommendations.

Freshmen elections	Will take place in the fall
Applications	Due April 5 <sup>th</sup>
Campaign week	April 18 <sup>th</sup> through April 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Election Day	April 25 <sup>th</sup>

### Staff Appreciation Week- May 2<sup>nd</sup> -May 6<sup>th</sup>

Student Council asks parents and community members to show support for our staff during this year's appreciation week by giving donations. Donations will be given away in a raffle each day during the week. In the past, donation items have included gift cards from restaurants, movie theaters, Starbucks, salons, bookstores, dry cleaners, grocery stores, etc. Your support of our staff is greatly appreciated. Please drop off or send donations to either of the Student Council sponsors, Audra Binney or Shannon Kershaw, by Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.

## News from AHS Bookkeeper

**ALL FEES ON STUDENTS ACCOUNTS ARE NOW DUE!** Please check infinite campus to see if you have unpaid fees. All class, athletic and activity fees are on accounts as well as many book and class fines. (Note - class books may be returned to have the fee waived.) Visit the Bookkeeper's Corner on the Arapahoe website for links to Infinite Campus and our credit card payment system Revtrak. **Students with unpaid fees will not be able to pick up their yearbooks in May (all students) or cap and gown (seniors).** Additionally, underclassmen will be delayed at Arena scheduling if they have unpaid fees. For questions about fees, contact the bookkeeper at [MLCHENEY@LPS.K12.CO.US](mailto:MLCHENEY@LPS.K12.CO.US).

## Summer School 2016

The Summer School Program will be held in conjunction with Arapahoe Community College again this year during June and July. Programs offered will be:

- **Day Summer School Program**
- **Evening Summer School Program**
- **Online Summer School Program**



Registration will begin on April 4 with the deadline on May 25. Course schedules are available in the Arapahoe Guidance Center or [online](#). **Any questions, please contact Arapahoe Community College at 303-797-5722.**



**It's a great day to be a  
Warrior!**

- Tradition of **academic excellence**, **strong school spirit**, and **positive student-faculty relationships**
- **Blue Ribbon School of Excellence** as recognized by the United States Department of Education
- Our **Warrior Mascot** is endorsed by the **Arapaho Tribe** – we are proud of our sincere relationship with people in the Native American culture.
- Recognized as “**One of the Best Public High Schools**” – by **5280 Magazine** (2013)
- Recognized nationally by **US News and World Reports** in their “**Best High Schools Rankings**”

**John Irwin  
School of Excellence  
Award**

Colorado Department of Education

**Blue Ribbon School**  
US Department of Education

# Arapahoe High School Freshman Registration Night Monday, April 4, 2016 6:00 PM

## Sitting Eagle Gymnasium

Park and enter at the West Event Entrance

- ◆ Get information about Academics, Athletics & Activities
- ◆ Find out about Parent Volunteer Opportunities
- ◆ Get your questions answered

## Honors Testing Schedule

Audition Times and Locations - Please enter AHS through the West Entrance.  
Please bring a #2 pencil to all auditions

### **Tuesday, March 1, 2016**

Language Arts/Social Studies 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM – Room W201

### **Tuesday, March 8, 2016**

Swim Waiver 6:00 PM or 7:30 PM – Pool

### **Wednesday, March 9, 2016**

Honors Algebra II 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM – Room S8  
Non-graphing calculators are permitted, but not provided.  
Swim Waiver 6:00 PM or 7:30 PM – Pool

### **Thursday, March 10, 2016**

Honors Geometry/Biology 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM – Room W201  
Non-graphing calculators are permitted, but not provided.

### **Tuesday, April 19, 2016**

Spanish II & III – for Non-LPS Students 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM – Room C21  
Chinese II, III & IV - for ALL incoming Students 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM – Room C23

### **Tuesday, April 26, 2016**

Spanish II & III – for Non-LPS Students 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM – Room C19 & C21

Arapahoe High School <http://arapahoe.littletonpublicschools.net/>  
2201 E. Dry Creek Rd., Centennial, CO 80122 303-347-6000



## The Coffee Break

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

### Spring Has Sprung

The end of the year is coming like a freight train, and with it comes great weather and fun activities. After working many years on patrol, spring can be a dreaded time of year. With the warm weather and major events, there are usually many calls for juvenile parties. Contrary to popular belief, officers generally dislike giving young people tickets. Officers also struggle even more when dealing with the devastating effects of underage alcohol consumption. Please enjoy your activities and accomplishments of the year with responsibility and think safety and legality first.

**PLEASE REMEMBER**, there are unpleasant consequences for getting caught during irresponsible underage drinking activities. Some potential consequences are criminal charges, fines, community service, and losing privileges, but other risks are often far more permanent and life impacting.

Persons under the age of 21 can be charged with possessing and consuming alcoholic beverages and marijuana and, if caught driving, can be charged with a DUI when the blood alcohol content is 0.02 or greater. This means that youth under 21 can be charged with an alcohol-related crime when any indication of intoxication is present.



Let's Have a Great and Safe School Year!

**Please feel free to contact us at:**

[jenglert@lps.k12.co.us](mailto:jenglert@lps.k12.co.us) and [jmason@lps.k12.co.us](mailto:jmason@lps.k12.co.us)

303-347-6086



## Alive @ 25 Class

### Free for AHS Students

Tuesday, May 10, 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.



# Arapahoe High School Journalism Information

## Journalism Students Win Top National Awards

Recently, the student journalists of AHS have been nominated for and have received some very prestigious awards. The Calumet yearbook was awarded a Silver Crown by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association in March. In addition, last fall The Arapahoe Herald newspaper was nominated as a Pacemaker Finalist by the National Scholastic Press Association. The Crown and Pacemaker awards are the highest national honors for scholastic journalism.

## Journalism Applications Are Available

Any students interested in working on the Herald student news magazine, the Calumet yearbook, the Spear broadcast/video/website staff and the student media website, [ArapahoeXtra.com](http://ArapahoeXtra.com), should contact the adviser, Greg Anderson at [ganderson@lps.k12.co.us](mailto:ganderson@lps.k12.co.us) for information and an application. Instructor approval is required to be part of the student media staffs.

We also encourage all interested students to register for an introductory course called "Journalistic Writing: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Media" if they want to get a sampling of the student media and journalism program at AHS. No application or instructor approval is necessary to register for "J-Writing."

## Class of 2017 ~ Senior Portrait Information

The yearbook staff plans to send a mailer in late April / early May to all members of the class of 2017 with information about senior portraits, senior biographies, and senior memory ads. We will include promotional brochures and materials from the AHS Yearbook Senior Photographers & Sponsors for 2016 – 2017 for you to look over and to help with your selection of a photographer.

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 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. Please plan ahead and make arrangements and appointments with your photographer as soon as possible. We recommend that you have your portrait taken by July 31<sup>st</sup> to receive the best prices and to avoid the rush as the school year begins anew.

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 [arapahoeyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:arapahoeyearbook@gmail.com) for suggestions.

We will also include a senior ads brochure in the spring mailer sent to all members of the class of 2017. 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, and for seniors who are members of an athletic team or extracurricular club. Memory block orders and payment are due on **Friday, Oct. 7, 2016**.

## Yearbook Distribution Day ~ May 9, 2016

The 2016 yearbook will be distributed from 2:20 to 3:15 pm on Monday, May 9 in the cafeteria. Following that event, we will distribute books in the cafeteria during both lunches and after school until May 12. Any yearbooks not picked up by May 11 may be re-sold. In order to pick up a yearbook, students will be asked to show their school I.D. card or a driver's license or a printout with their picture from Infinite Campus. To check whether you ordered a yearbook, check your Infinite Campus account or see the Bookkeeper's Corner on the AHS website for a list.

While we may have some extra books for sale at distribution day and during the week after, we can make no guarantees. We do not have the budget nor the storage space to order extra books on a speculative basis. However, often the printing plant sends us a few "over-runs" or extra copies. If we do have any extras, we will sell them on a first-come, first-served basis for \$80, which can be paid in cash or by check made payable to Arapahoe High School.



# AHS ASSESSMENT NEWS

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

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

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

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

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

**ARAPAHOE HIGH SCHOOL  
ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE – APRIL 19-21, 2016**

**\*buses will pick up students 4 hours later than their normal time**

**Tuesday, April 19**

	CMAS (9 <sup>th</sup> )		ACT (11 <sup>th</sup> )		Senior Meeting (12 <sup>th</sup> )
7:20	Arrive in testing rooms	7:20	Arrive in testing rooms	10:00-11:00	Mandatory; theater
7:25-9:15	English Language Arts Test #1	7:25-10:55	ACT Test		
9:15-9:25	Break				
9:25-10:55	Math Test #1				

**11:00-11:30 LUNCH FOR ALL STUDENTS**

11:35-12:11	Tuesday, Period 1
12:11-12:16	Passing period
12:16-12:52	Tuesday, Period 2
12:52-12:57	Passing period
12:57-1:34	Tuesday, Period 3
1:34-1:39	Passing period
1:39-2:16	Tuesday, Period 4

**Wednesday, April 20**

	CMAS (9 <sup>th</sup> )		PSAT (10 <sup>th</sup> )
7:20	Arrive in testing rooms	7:20	Arrive in testing rooms
7:25-9:15	English Language Arts Test #2	7:25-8:10	Student Survey
9:15-9:25	Break	8:10-11:05	PSAT Test
9:25-10:55	Math Test #2		

**11:10-11:40 LUNCH FOR ALL STUDENTS**

11:45-12:19	Tuesday, Period 5
12:19-12:24	Passing period
12:24-12:58	Tuesday, Period 6
12:58-1:03	Passing period
1:03-1:37	Thursday, Period 1
1:37-1:42	Passing period
1:42-2:16	Thursday Period 2

**Thursday, April 21**

	CMAS (9 <sup>th</sup> )		CMAS (11 <sup>th</sup> )
7:20	Arrive in testing rooms	7:20	Arrive in testing rooms
7:25-8:55	English Language Arts Test #3	7:25-8:25	Science Test #1
8:55-9:00	Break	8:25-8:30	Break
9:00-10:30	Math Test #3	8:30-9:30	Science Test #2
		9:30-9:35	Break
		9:35-10:35	Science Test #3

**10:40-11:10 LUNCH FOR ALL STUDENTS**

11:15-11:57	Thursday, Period 3
11:57-12:02	Passing period
12:02-12:44	Thursday, Period 4
12:44-12:49	Passing period
12:49-1:30	Thursday, Period 5
1:30-1:35	Passing period
1:35-2:16	Thursday, Period 6

# FINAL EXAMS

## Bell Schedule - May 2016

Final Exams will be given May 16, 17, 18, & 20 2016. The last day of the second semester is Friday, May 20, 2016. The final exam schedule is listed below.

### Monday, May 16, 2016

#### 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

### Tuesday, May 17, 2016

#### 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

### Wednesday, May 18, 2016

#### 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, May 20, 2016

#### 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.





***This is not your typical fundraising dinner with mediocre food & boring speeches!***

**Please Join Us on Saturday, April 16, 2016**

at the Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center

for a fun filled evening of celebrating LPS schools!

Come socialize with friends, stroll along the art walk, eat a fabulous dinner, enjoy a short program, bid on awesome auction items and dance to That 80's Band!

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

For more information or to register visit

[www.spiritdinner.com](http://www.spiritdinner.com)

or 303-347-3478



# 2015-2016 Dates to Remember:

Monday, April 04, 2016	- Freshman (Class of 2020) Registration
<b>Thursday, April 07, 2016</b>	- <b>Advisement (New Date)</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 27, 2016</b>	- <b>PLC – Late Start Day</b>
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
<b>Thursday, May 19, 2016</b>	- <b>GRADUATION Class of 2016</b>
Friday, May 20, 2016	- <b>Final Examinations/Arena Scheduling/ Last Day of Semester</b>
Monday, May 30, 2016	- Memorial Day

## Senior “DITCH” Days

Arapahoe High School **does not, cannot, and will not** condone any activities surrounding a Senior “ditch” day or days.

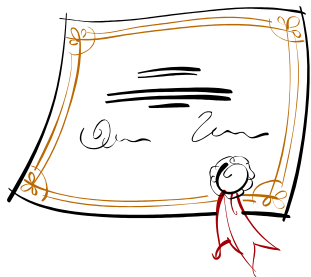
All students are expected to be in all scheduled classes every day. Students who miss classes on “unofficial” ditch days **will be considered UNEXCUSED**. Many dangerous situations and even deaths have occurred through the years in the metro area when seniors have chosen to ditch and “party” during school days in the spring.

**Parents**, for the academic rigor, health, safety and welfare of your child, please **DO NOT** support the activities of an “unofficial” senior ditch day.

## School Accountability Committee

Next meeting date:  
April 14, 2016  
@ 3:30 p.m.  
Main Office Conference Room

The SAC meetings are open to all Arapahoe parents and the community.  
**Any questions, please call Assistant Principal, Darrell Meredith at 303-347-6024.**



## Save the Date! Arapahoe High School Senior Awards Convocation Night

Monday, May 16, 2016  
6:00 p.m. held in our Arapahoe Theater

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