

Dear Parents,

November 2007

Karl Fisch, Arapahoe's Director of Technology offers some rationale as to Why Wireless at our high school.

Ron Booth, Principal

As Arapahoe High School begins to offer wireless Internet access for personally owned devices, one of the questions that some folks have is, "Why? Why would you give students one more way to be off task when they are at school?" The answer to that question is not simple, but we would like to take a few minutes to share some of the reasons we view this as an extremely positive development for our students.

The most obvious reasons are rather straightforward. There is a wealth of information and resources available to our students via the Internet, and online resources are an integral part of many of our classes. This includes resources that Arapahoe and/or Littleton Public Schools creates and provides for students online such as:

- The Campus Portal, which gives students real-time access to their grades and assignments.
- Teacher Web pages, which can include assignments, notes, worksheets, presentations and links to additional resources.
- Electronic Databases - online, subscription-based services such as EBSCO and ABC-CLIO that Arapahoe pays to bring the best reference tools possible to our students.

Then there are the vast resources of the open web, which include not only sources of information and knowledge, but communication tools and practically unlimited storage capabilities. AHS teachers utilize blogs, wikis and other Web 2.0 tools to enhance and extend their students' learning, to knock down the walls of our classrooms and the idea that learning only takes place in classrooms, with desks that are in straight rows, and only happens between 7:21 a.m. and 2:16 p.m. each day.

There are other reasons that may not be so obvious, but are perhaps more important in the long run. Our students will spend the rest of their lives in a multi-tasking, technology-driven world and will need information and communication technology literacy in order to be successful - in both their professional and personal lives. They will need to be continually learning throughout their lives. "Lifelong learner" will not be an educational buzzword for them; it will be an economic and personal necessity.

The world our students are entering is a much different world than the one in which most of us (their teachers and parents) grew up in. In a flat world, in a constantly connected world, in a world where the answers one needs may be found from the teacher down the hall, from a server in Indiana, or from a blogger in India, students need access to the tools of the modern learner. We feel that to be successful in the 21st century, our students are going to need different skills, abilities and habits of mind than we did in the last century. They will need to know how to create and maintain their own Personal Learning Networks. Our students must know what to do when they don't know what to do. They will need to know how to learn.

The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read or write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn and relearn. - Alvin Toffler

Our students are the ultimate knowledge workers - their primary “job” is to learn - and we need to make sure they are able to take advantage of the resources available to them. By offering wireless access, we are allowing them to practice “just in time” learning, whether they are in the classroom, the library or the cafeteria.

We need to engage our students through relevant, timely and meaningful activities. We cannot limit them just to the knowledge available to them within AHS, they need to explore and interact with the global society of which they are a part. Technology is not the goal, but rather it is the enabler that allows us to achieve our goals.

These are just technologies. Using them does not make you modern, smart, moral, wise, fair or decent. It just makes you able to communicate, compete and collaborate farther and faster. -Thomas Friedman

We are trying to foster a collaborative environment among students - sharing not only with other students in the classroom, but with other classrooms around the world. Students need not only to be able to present information to their classmates, but to share their work with the much wider - and often more authentic - audience that the Internet provides. We need to move from an isolated to a connected classroom. None of this can happen if technology and access is an “add-on.” Students need ubiquitous access to these 21st century technology tools.

The computer is the primary instrument for intellectual and creative work in our society. -Gary Stager

Wireless access to the Internet is a force multiplier; it allows students to leverage the knowledge of folks all over the world.

Ask yourself these questions:

- Are you ever going to be 18 again?
- Are your students ever going to be your age?
- Should we be preparing students for the world as it was when we were 18, or for the world as it will be when they are our age?

As far as students being “off-task,” our philosophy at Arapahoe is to have high expectations for our students, to educate them to behave ethically, responsibly and safely and then expect that they will do the right thing. When they don’t, they know we will have a conversation and try to learn from the mistake, but we don’t assume they are going to mess up.

We give our students responsibility, and then help them live up to that.

We have created an environment where students are both respected and nurtured, where they are treated as professional learners, where they are seen as individuals that can contribute to the common good. An environment where they are viewed not just as passive consumers of information, but as active producers, who add meaning and value to the information. An environment where students are encouraged to interact, not only with others in their classroom, but with others in their community - and in communities around the world. Our students need to learn in a responsive information environment, where they are able to ask questions and seek answers, not just from their teachers, but also from the vast information and human resources that the Internet enables.

Our students are facing an unpredictable future, much more so than any of us faced. Yes, we didn’t know exactly what our future would hold, but this generation is the first generation in history to really have no idea what the world is going to look like when they are adults. They need to be continual learners, to be able to teach themselves, to seek out and refine their own learning networks so that their learning doesn’t end when they walk across the stage at graduation.

“Students need to know what to do when they don’t know what to do!” In order to do this, they need practice. We are offering them that opportunity, as well as our guidance.

We can’t solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them. -Albert Einstein

Why Wireless? Because their century demands it.

Karl Fisch, Directory of Technology
Arapahoe High School

**ARAPAHOE HIGH SCHOOL
2007-2008
ONLINE SUBSCRIPTION RESOURCES
HOME ACCESS INFORMATION**

ABC-CLIO Social Studies Databases

<http://www.socialstudies.abc-clio.com/unifiedlogin.aspx>
Username = arapahoehs
Password = arapahoehs

Congressional Digest Pro & Con Online

<http://www.pro-and-con.org/login.htm>
User ID = arapahoe
Password = media

EBSCOhost

<http://search.ebscohost.com>
User login = arapahoe
Password = media

FACTS.com

<http://www.2facts.com>
User ID = araphs
Password = facts

Gale Databases

<http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/litt24484/>
Password = litt_rpa
eReference Books
Infotrac Custom Journals
Literature Resource Center
Opposing Viewpoints

Grove Music Online

<http://www.grovemusic.com>
Username = arapahoehs
Password = arapahoe

Maps101.com

<http://www.maps101.com/Login.aspx>
Username = arapahoehs
Password = warriors

Oxford English Dictionary online

<http://dictionary.oed.com/entrance.dtl>
Username = arapahoehs
Password = arapahoe

Oxford Reference Online: Premium Collection

<http://www.oxfordreference.com/pub/views/home.html>
Username = arapahoehs
Password = arapahoe

Rosen Teen Health and Wellness

<http://www.teenhealthandwellness.com>
Username = arapahoe
Password = warriors

unitedstreaming

<http://www.unitedstreaming.com>
Username = ahsus
Password = ahsus

World and I School Edition

<http://www.worldandischool.com>
Username = arapahoehs
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***PERFORMING ARTS
DEPARTMENT***

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The Performing Arts Department would like to recognize and thank the following outstanding students who were named Students of the Month for October 2007.

Vocal Music **Shamita Punjabi**

Instrumental **Emily Haller**

Theatre **Jessie Whelan**

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

ARAPAHOE PTO WEBPAGE

Have you checked out the Arapahoe PTO Webpage?

It contains contact information for our Board Members, minutes for recent meetings and information on upcoming PTO sponsored events. Be sure to check it out. Just go to the Arapahoe High School website - www.arapahoe.littletonpublicschools.net and click "PTO" on the left menu.

THANK YOU AHS PARENTS

Homecoming 2007 was a huge success!

Student Council would like to thank the following parents for their help at the Homecoming Dance with coat check and refreshments. We appreciate your time and efforts in helping to make our dance a success. We could not have done it without your help!

Beth Hanlon
CeCe Malaterre
Stacy & Rick Hathaway
Amy Gregory
Cindy Johnston
Cara Reardon
Ann Rozzell
Tom & Kim Monson
Kathy Salzman
Connie Jordan
Debbie Dement
David & Stacy Thompson
DJ Holland
Barbara Soehngen
Joyce & Ken Kearns
Chris Sugo
Kelley Semin

Special thanks to **Mr. Brett Gunnell** and **Mr. & Mrs. Wunderlich** for helping to organize the two events.



AHS GRADUATES IN THE MILITARY

Arapahoe High School would like to recognize and honor all graduates who are now serving our country in the war. The Arapahoe Guidance Department is collecting pictures and information that will be put on display in the school.

If you have a son or daughter now serving in the military, please send in a photograph, the year of graduation, the branch they are serving in and the group number if applicable.

Please send the information to:
Arapahoe High School
Attention: Guidance Department
2201 E. Dry Creek Road—Centennial, Colorado 80122

**Thank you, and best wishes
to all the families and friends.**

ARAPAHOE AFTER PROM UPDATE

Do you....

- Play **Cards**?
- Drive a **truck**?
- **Party** all night?
- **Build** tall structures?
- Want to **travel** the world?
- **Dance** under the moonlight?
- Use loud shiny **power tools**?
- Like to see smiling **happy faces**?
- **Hang out** with fun seeking parents?
- Want to be told **THANK YOU** all night long?

Then We Need YOU!!

The After Prom Committee
“Wants to take **YOU** on a sea cruise”!

We are looking for parents (grades 9-12) to join in the fun to make this year’s After Prom the best one ever.

**Please mark your calendars for meetings on
November 27 and January 22.
Meet at Arapahoe - Room E9 at 7 p.m.**

Please call **Barbara Hall** - 720-344-1092 or
e-mail drbghall@yahoo.com to join in the fun.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF ENGLISH AWARDS ANNOUNCED

We are proud to announce that two Arapahoe High School seniors have been awarded The Superior Writing Award by The National Council of Teachers of English.

This national professional organization has recognized **William Hea** and **Rob Newell** for their superior writing abilities. A total of 1,937 juniors submitted their essays last year, and only five from Colorado received the Superior Writing Award recognition.

William and Rob were presented certificates by **Mr. Booth** in their AP English Literature class in recognition of their accomplishment.

Congratulations, William and Rob!

THE CHEER SPOT



Competition for the Arapahoe Warrior Cheerleaders is getting underway. Both squads are doing great. The fall Mini Cheers clinic and game were a huge success. We had a record turnout and want to thank every one who participated and supported the program.

UPCOMING CHEER COMPETITIONS

UCA Regionals- November 10
(Englewood High School)

Continental League Championship- November 14
(Highlands Ranch High School)

CHSAA State Championships- November 30
(Denver Coliseum)

**Please come out and support the Auction
November 10 - 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Columbine Country Club.**

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

BRONCOS WIVES FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to everyone at AHS who contributed to the Food Drive success. The final results have not been announced yet. A special thank you to **Mrs. Kelly Parmenter** and her choir classes for their huge support and contributions toward the Food Drive this year.

FALL STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The following Student Council students attended the Fall State Leadership Conference. **Shamita Punjabi, Ashlyn Booth, Audre Damico, Kiersten Peterson, John Moore, Taylor Mitchell, Jordan Senior, Leigh Johnson,** and **Lily Nguyen.** The conference was held at Highlands Ranch High School on October 15-16 where leadership development and positive networking took place.

HOMECOMING 2007

“New York, New York” was jam packed with fun events and school spirit. The Freshman Class won the Dress Up Day Spirit Week Competition and the Senior Class won the Float/Parade Competition between the classes. Congratulations to the Drama Club for designing an incredible winning float this year. Special thanks to **Adison Rounds** for organizing the Homecoming Parade for the third year in a row.

THE TOM TOM BEAT

The Arapahoe Varsity TOMS are preparing for a very busy competitive month. They're planning on participating in several dance competitions leading up to the CHSAA State Championship. The TOMS have been working diligently on perfecting their choreography. They have been practicing several dance routines that are visually entertaining and full of energy for everyone to enjoy. The TOMS have appreciated performing at the special invitations and during half time at the Football, Soccer and Volleyball games this fall season.

Please come and support our Arapahoe Warrior Sports teams and the Varsity TOMS.

Upcoming Competitions

November 3 - USA Regional
November 10 - UDA Regionals
November 14 - Continental League
November 30 - State Competition

GO TOMS!

THANK YOU ARAPAHOE STUDENTS

**For helping make our
2007 Homecoming Dance a success!**

A special thank you to **Lily Nguyen** and **Emily Levin** for their time and efforts planning the decorations for the event.

Thanks to the following students for helping with decorating. We appreciate your time!

Jordan Kiszla	Caitlin O'Brien
Kerry Leary	Cecily Johnson
Leigh Johnson	Janie Williamson
Kiersten Peterson	Janessa Nelson
Shamita Punjabi	Rain Francisco
Ashlyn Booth	Keely Quinn
Audre Damico	Jordan McKinnon
Jordan Hall	Dawnielle Norris
Caryn Shebowisch	Anthony Garbiso
Jessica Ward	Kiri Eberheart
Patrick Wyman	John Moore
Ashley McCulloch	Aaron Weber
Alyson Schrock	Kyle Mayo
Lauaryn Schrock	Hannah Leffingwell
Spencer Zepelin	Allison Nonko
Jordan Lawler	Kaity Mattei
Scotty Hall	Abby Masters
Romina Siruentes	Kate Scarpa
Rachel Krantz	Adrienne Bouveron
Michelle Shebowich	Tyler St. Pierre
Dan Huh	

CLOSE UP WASHINGTON, D.C. 2008

Arapahoe will be participating in the Close Up Program for the 26th year. We have not been since 2005 and look forward to going back. Arapahoe usually takes one of the largest groups in the state to Washington. A few years ago we had 34 students participate. This is a terrific opportunity for students to experience their national government first hand and understand our connection with the rest of the world. **This is NOT a monument/museum-a-day trip, but a full week's immersion into our government and culture and how our nation works.** The week is filled with seminars, workshops, Congressional visits, question-and-answer sessions and provides students with the opportunity to meet others from around the country.

We will attend Close Up from March 9 (Sunday) through March 15 (Saturday). This is the week that Arapahoe will be administering the CSAP testing. The program is for sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Juniors and seniors who attend will miss less class time than they would in any other week of school and, therefore, have less to make up. Sophomores will also miss less class time, but will have to make up the CSAP test. It is not just for AP, Honors, or "A" students, but **for ANY-ONE who has a sincere interest in learning about our nation.** Close Up is non-partisan and is a non-profit agency.

If interested students and parents were unable to attend the informational meetings held at Arapahoe last week, please contact Mr. Brad Meyer, Social Studies teacher and Close Up Sponsor for the 6th year, to discuss the program, costs, and answer your questions.

**Please contact
Mr. Meyer - bmeyer@lps.k12.co.us**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE NEXT ARAPAHOE PTO MEETING

**Wednesday, November 14
Arapahoe Main Office Conference Room
7:00 a.m.**

**We hope to see you there!
Arapahoe High School PTO Board**

NEWS FROM THE POST GRAD CENTER

Commendations to seniors and their parents! The class of 2008 is on top of the college application process. Many students have been in to ask questions so they can complete their applications for early admission. It does not mean your student is behind if his/her applications aren't already submitted! It does mean that using the next 6 weeks to 2 months to finalize a list of colleges would be a great idea.

Important to remember: Adhere to application deadline dates for all colleges to which your student is applying. This can't be emphasized enough. Deadline dates are what they say they are.

In the midst of transcripts, test scores, and deadlines lie some terms that may be unfamiliar to you. To help navigate new territory, we've compiled some common terms related to the college application process.

Admission Index: A number calculated using students' ACT or SAT scores and GPA or class rank. A percentage of students accepted at each public college in Colorado must be at or above a specific Admission Index. The Colorado Council of Higher Education (CCHE) sets the Index requirements, and they vary at each university.

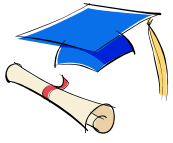
Common Application: An application, accepted by over 300 colleges nationwide that may be submitted to participating colleges rather than completing separate applications for each institution.

Early Action: An application process with earlier deadlines and notification of decision dates than regular admissions. Early action applications do not commit applicants to attend the college if accepted, unlike early decision.

Rolling Admission: Admission decisions are made by the college on an ongoing basis, with notification sent to students once determined, rather than being sent to all applicants at the same time.

While there are many choices and decisions to make, there is always help available as you navigate the college search/application process. The Post Grad Center is staffed Monday through Friday 8AM to 2PM.

Please contact **Mrs. Jan Lewallen** in the Post Grad Center with any questions you have, at 303-347-6089, or jklewallen@lps.k12.co.us.



GRADUATION INFORMATION 2008

DATE AND SITE INFORMATION

Graduation will be held at Littleton Public Schools' Stadium on Thursday, May 22, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. The alternate rain site will be Arapahoe High School Gymnasium at 11:00 a.m.

CAP AND GOWN INFORMATION

March 3, 2008 is the deadline for a fee payment of \$50.00. The \$50.00 Graduation Fee was included in the total "option amount" in your student's registration fees. If this fee has not been paid by January, it will show as an amount due on your student's invoice that will be mailed at the end of January.

The Graduation Fee covers your student's cap and gown rental and diploma expenses. Cap and gown and diploma name verification were completed at Schedule Pick-up in August. **Seniors new to Arapahoe also need to have their name verified in the Guidance Office for their diploma.**

TICKET INFORMATION

Graduates will receive six (6) tickets for the Littleton Public Schools' Stadium. Each family may request a reasonable number of extra LPS Stadium tickets. Graduates will receive **ONLY** four (4) tickets for the Arapahoe High School Gymnasium. Over-flow seating will be available in the AHS Cafeteria through closed-circuit television displayed on a big screen. Tickets are **not** inter-changeable and lost tickets will not be replaced.



GIRLS' BASKETBALL TO START SOON!

COACH BURGIN'S PRESEASON CAMP

Girls interested in playing basketball should attend Coach Burgin's preseason camp starting November 5.

Juniors and Seniors - 2:30 to 5:00 PM.

Freshman and Sophomores - 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Make time to follow the Lady Warriors and Coach Burgin's fast and fun style of basketball. There will also be upcoming announcements on fun half time events.

Listed here are a few of the upcoming Girls' Basketball Games. To see their complete schedule, please go to the Arapahoe website - arapahoe.littletonpublicschools.net - click on Activities.

11/29/07 - Cherry Creek @ AHS - 7:00 p.m.

12/04/07 - Horizon @ AHS - 7:00 p.m.

12/13/07 - Green Mountain @ AHS - 7:00 p.m.

DON'T MISS

**The Arapahoe Girls' Basketball Tournament
December 6, 7, and 8 - Times TBA**

ART DEPARTMENT NEWS



ART CLUB

The AHS Art Club has decided to meet every Monday after school. The group is actively pursuing different projects. They are painting, drawing and applying designs on shirts. **Alex Foyle** is the Art Club President. Art Club is open to any AHS student. You do not need to be in an art class to be a member.

FRAME-IT-UP

Dylan Pierpont is the November artist for Frame-It-Up. The Frame-It-Up store across from Arapahoe is again sponsoring a monthly Outstanding AHS Art Student display in their store. Frame-It-Up mattes and frames the rotating student art work and displays it for one month. Please take the time to see Dylan's creative art work. **Congratulations to Dylan!**

MORE AHS ART WORK ON DISPLAY

November is a busy month for Arapahoe artists. They will have their work on display November 9-14 in the Arapahoe Theater Hallway during the *Dinner Theater* and *Jazz Concert*. Student art work will also be on display during November at ESC--the LPS District Administration Building--5776 S. Crocker Street, Littleton 80120.

VISIT TO ART MUSEUM

Arapahoe art students had the unique opportunity to tour the new Museum of Contemporary Art after school on October 22. The special preview was for students to experience the museum before it was open to the public.

BOYS' SWIMMING & DIVING NEWS



The AHS Boys Swimming and Diving Booster Club recently held their first meeting of the new Executive Board. The board voted to shorten their name to, "**The Arapahoe Wave Club.**" The first general meeting for members was held on October 30. Attendees learned about fund-raising opportunities to help reduce booster fee costs.

The next parent meeting will be on January 27, 2008. This is a required meeting for all swimmers and parents. Equipment orders will be collected and registration information confirmed. **LATE ORDERS MAY NOT ARRIVE IN TIME FOR OUR FIRST MEET!**

Swimmers should be conditioning now for the upcoming season, which begins on February 19. Getting in the water now makes for a stronger and more injury-free season. There are several year-round clubs in the area. Contact information can be found at CSI.org

Are you getting your emails? All of our communication is handled primarily through e-mail. If you are not receiving mail or you missed the meeting and would like information about fund-raising or anything else, please contact the president, **Robin Francis** at francisfive@msn.com or call 303/470-8622.



NEWS FROM THE GIRLS' SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAM

FALL PICNIC PROVIDES FOOD AND FUN FOR 80 SWIMMERS

The Girls and Boys Swimming/Diving Picnic at deKoevend Park was a blast! The weather was sunny (maybe a bit windy for volleyball?) and the food plentiful, as 80 swimmers from both teams played for two hours. Thanks to all of the athletes and parents (*especially the volunteers!*) who attended.

REMINDER *It's not too late to join the team!* If you would like to swim or dive this season and have not registered, pick up your registration information in Coach Richmond's office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars with these **important dates!**

- November 5 **Mandatory** Parent Meeting, 7:00 pm - AHS Forum
- November 10 **Mandatory** Practice begins

BOOSTER CLUB OFFICERS

- Co-Presidents: Jane & Dan Thompson 303-795-3496
- Co-Vice Presidents: Deb & Steve Smith 303-779-0866
Bill Youmans 303-850-9903
- Diving Rep: Alyse Howe 303-877-0487
- Secretary: Sue Perron 303-910-2353
- Treasurer: Trece O'Donnell 303-221-2025

You may contact any of the officers at the phone numbers above

WE NEED YOU!!

We need your help to make the swim and dive team fun and successful for our girls. There are lots of ways to help, whether it's volunteering at a meet or spending some time behind the scenes. When we call for help, and we will, please give us your time and assistance. Thanks.

OPEN ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Arapahoe High School is accepting Open Enrollment Applications for the 2008-2009 school year for students entering grades 9-12 **only**. An application form and other information may be picked up in the Arapahoe Main Office. **A copy of Proof of Residency must be provided with the application.** Any questions may be directed to **Marsha Soria** at 303-347-6023.

The deadline for submitting an application for the 2008-2009 school year is Thursday, January 31.

ARAPAHOE BASEBALL BOOSTER CLUB HAPPENINGS

Thanks so much to everyone who helped at Fall Field Day.

ARAPAHOE FALL FIESTA AUCTION November 10 - 6:00-9:00 p.m.

The auction is coming soon. We still need donations!! If you have a donation for the auction, please contact me. I'll be happy to pick up your item. The proceeds from the auction will help fund winter workouts, new uniforms and summer ball - all our players will benefit!

Please contact **Stacy Newman - 303-683-7293**
stacynewman@msn.com

Your support is key to our program being the best in the state!

BASEBALL PROGRAM GUIDE – see online at website www.arapahoebaseball.com check under downloads

WINTER WORKOUTS (DATES AND FEES)

Winter Workouts will begin Dec 5
Wednesdays (8:00 – 9:30 p.m.)
Saturdays (10:00 – 11:30 a.m.)
Fees for Winter Workouts will be \$100 / player

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FIELD MAINTENANCE CREW

We are looking for 4 volunteers to split work equitably and minimize time involved.
Please contact **Ron Shaffer - rvshff@cs.com**

Thanks to all of the volunteers who devote so much of your time to making Baseball at Arapahoe a place Players want to be!

CONGRATULATIONS AHS SENIOR CADE SCHACHER

Arapahoe senior **Cade Schacher** (2nd degree Black Belt) competed in July at the Senior National Taekwondo Championships in San Jose, California. Cade won 4 matches to reach the finals and was awarded a Silver Medal in a tiebreaking final. Cade competes in the middle weight division with ages 18-35.

FINAL EXAMS

Final Exams will be given December 17-20, 2007. The last day of the first semester is Thursday, December 20, 2007. The final exam schedule is listed below.

Monday, December 17

Class	Time
Period 1 MWF.....	7:21- 8:46
Period 1 T/R.....	8:56-10:21
Period 2 MWF.....	10:31-Noon
Lunch	12:00-12:30
Study Time.....	12:30-2:16

Tuesday, December 18

Class	Time
Period 2 T/R.....	7:21- 8:46
Period 3 MWF.....	8:56-10:21
Period 3 T/R.....	10:31-Noon
Lunch	12:00-12:30
Study Time.....	12:30-2:16

Wednesday, December 19

Class	Time
Period 4 MWF.....	7:21- 8:46
Period 4 T/R.....	8:56-10:21
Period 5 MWF.....	10:31-Noon
Lunch	12:00-12:30
Study Time.....	12:30-2:16

Thursday, December 20

Class	Time
Period 5 T/R.....	7:21- 8:46
Period 6 MWF.....	8:56-10:21
Period 6 T/R.....	10:31-Noon
Lunch	12:00-12:30
Study Time.....	12:30-2:16

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 a.m. until 2:16 p.m. on each exam day. Students will sign in at the study areas (Library, Cafeteria, Department Offices, and selected classrooms).

Buses will run on the regular schedule.



BAND NOTES

by Dr. Ed Cannava

Congratulations to all members of the Warrior Marching Band for a great start this year!! The Pride of Arapahoe is truly the best of the best!!!

The Back-to-School Night Performance by our **Marching Band** was very impressive—nice job everyone! What a great football game performance with all the incoming 7th and 8th graders on August 30! We had over 200 members in the band—what a tremendous sound!! **Thank you to everyone who helped out that night!!!**

Our **band was quite busy during homecoming week—Congratulations** to all of you for your **fine performances** at the Royalty Assembly, Bonfire, Pep Assembly, Homecoming Football Game, and Homecoming Parade.

Congratulations Warrior Marching Band for your **third consecutive 1st Place/Grand Champion award at the New Friendship Cup Band Competition**. Arapahoe placed first out of the twenty bands in competition throughout the day. The Warrior Band scored their highest early season score ever in the school's history—77.85 points!! We won all caption awards in the areas of marching, music, and general effect. **Way to go Warrior Marching Band!**

Congratulations everyone for hosting a very successful **Second Annual Arapahoe Marching Invitational** on September 29. You all helped us earn a lot of revenue for our fine band. **Way to go everyone!**

*This is turning out to be a great year everyone!
Let's continue to go for our vision—
"All Excellence—No Bull!"*

On August 17 we kicked off the exciting **2008-09 England Band Trip!!** We hope all you 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th graders **join us on this band concert tour of a lifetime!**

The highlight of the **2008-09 Warrior Marching Band Trip to England** will be our performance in the **2009 London New Year's Day Parade!** This is the Macy's Parade of England and all of Europe!! Millions of foreigners will watch us perform in this world famous parade!!! **There will also be an Arapahoe Wind Symphony performance in a London concert venue**—this is part of the Annual Concert Gala Series. Our Marching Band has also been invited to perform in Dover, England. This will be a mayor gift exchange program.

Many activities will take place during our 2008-09 England Band Trip. We'll be traveling to **Stonehenge, Bath, and Windsor**, among other places. You're going to love the **jazz club, London Eye, London Dungeon, a West End musical, a classical orchestra concert, the Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum**, and many other fun excursions throughout our 8-day concert tour. **Be sure to check out our website for all the details on how to sign-up for this band trip of a lifetime!!!**

So far, these 21 students are going to England!

Alyssa Barton	Nick Kopischke
Scott Berres	KeKe Kosse
David Culp	Maureen Kosse
Cady Dixon	Kevin Matthews
Duncan Fedde	Jake Mirow
Phoebe Flynn	Madison Munn
Grant Furry	Tom Roberts
Jordan Gehring	Phillip Strom
Tyler Gehring	Donna Villanyi
Matt Hiler	Nathan Wait
Nicole Jensen	

So far, we also have one family member accompanying the band to England!

ABB MEETINGS

Parents of all band students are members of the Arapahoe Band Boosters (ABB). You are all encouraged to attend monthly meetings, the first Wednesday each month at 7 pm in the Band Room. We need your input and fresh ideas to keep the band program going and moving in a positive direction!



PRIVATE LESSONS

Private Lessons are **strongly** encouraged for all our band students. **You can use your share account funds to pay for approved private instruction!** All students studying privately receive 3 Letter Award Points. This is the way our musicians will make maximum progress on their instruments; please see the listing of private teachers on our website, or Dr. Cannava can recommend teachers for your student. Please contact him at 303-347-6031 or ecan11@msn.com. **The students who study privately usually make the highest band chair placements, honor/all-state groups, and music scholarships.**

ARAPAHOE BAND FUNDRAISERS

Each and every band student receives semi-private instruction from one of at least 12 sectional instructors whose salaries are ENTIRELY paid by our fundraising proceeds. The Arapahoe Band Boosters must fundraise to maintain our *outstanding* music program.

For details about these fundraisers and other information, please visit our website:

<http://arapahoe.littletonpublicschools.net>

Click on Activities Click on Band

GUIDANCE CENTER GUIDELINES

APPOINTMENTS WITH COUNSELORS

Students may see their counselors during unscheduled time. Students are not to miss class for counselor appointments unless it is an emergency. Mrs. Oeinck, the Guidance Center Secretary, is at the reception desk in the Guidance Center to make appointments for students. Counselors encourage parents to call with any questions or concerns.

COLLEGE VISITS

Over 100 college/university representatives from across the United States visited Arapahoe during the month of October. They met informally with small groups of juniors and seniors seeking first-hand information about their schools.

ACT PREPARATION

AHS students have access to an ACT Test Prep course through the Arapahoe Website: <http://arapahoe.littlepublicschools.net> or directly at www.access.bridges.com. If you go through the website you will Click on Links; Click on Subscriptions; then Click on TestGear ACT Test Prep. Either way you access: The site ID is: 0012866 and password is: hotpeppers. In order to get started as a new student you must click: New Student Click Here and enter the following enrollment code: Universal Code: 14816532.

ACT	
Postmark Deadline	Test Date
September 21, 2007	October 27, 2007
November 2, 2007	December 8, 2007
January 4, 2008	February 9, 2008
March 7, 2008	April 12, 2008
May 9, 2008	June 14, 2008
www.act.org	
SAT Reasoning/Subject Tests	
Postmark Deadline	Test Date
September 10, 2007	October 6, 2007
October 2, 2007	November 3, 2007
October 30, 2007	December 1, 2007
December 26, 2007	January 26, 2008
January 29, 2008	March 1, 2008
April 1, 2008	May 3, 2008
May 6, 2008	June 7, 2008
www.collegeboard.com	

SENIOR INFORMATION COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

In September, counselors visited senior social studies classes to discuss future planning and the college application process. The information the counselors presented is posted on the Guidance Center's web page. Go to the AHS home page (<http://arapahoe.littletonpublicschools.net/>), & click on Guidance Center on the left. Click on Post Grad on the right to access the links listed under the "Warrior Guide to College".

These links contain information for all seniors – a calendar with suggested deadlines, the application procedure, essay suggestions, test taking tips and other topics of interest. Please review "The Warrior Guide to College" with your student.

Before college applications can be accepted in our office, a completed college folder must be in the Guidance Center. The folder keeps all necessary documents together for your student so their college applications can be processed in an orderly and timely manner. Students are required to meet with his/her counselor to complete the Pre-Application Conference (PAC) before transcripts are sent to the colleges in which he/she applies. Transcripts must be requested via Naviance Family Connection. Check with Mrs. Schaff, Guidance Records Secretary, or the Post Grad Center if you need help requesting transcripts.

Deadline

Please note: College applications must be submitted two weeks prior to the deadline date in order for our personnel to meet the deadline. Submit college applications NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 30, 2007. FOR PROCESSING IF THE DEADLINE DATES FALL BETWEEN DECEMBER 7, 2007 AND JANUARY 14, 2008. Make sure to check the application to see if it needs to be *postmarked* or *received* by the date on the application. Please complete and turn in applications as early as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

JUNIOR INFORMATION

Juniors have received post-secondary planning information in their Western Civilization classes. Information included: testing information (PSAT, SAT, ACT, Strong Interest Inventory), College Day/Night Information Workshops, college visitations, Military/ROTC/Academy information and World Wide Web Resources. Students were encouraged to make appointments this year to meet with their counselors to discuss career choices, academic planning and course selection for graduation.

COLLEGE SEARCH

Create a list of your top ten colleges. Using **Naviance Family Connection**, consider academics, location, cost, social, and cultural environment among your criteria. Try to narrow down these choices to your top five. Investigate financing college of your top ten schools, using their web sites, volunteers, and other resources in the Post Grad Center.

Add a college visit to holiday travel. Call ahead to the admission office and make an appointment to tour the facility while your student is on break. Most importantly, encourage your student to achieve the highest grades possible in their junior year, and to take courses which prepare them for college admission and college coursework. **A student's grades and the courses taken are always primary admission criteria for colleges and universities.**

GUIDANCE CENTER GUIDELINES (con't)

MILITARY CHOICES

Any students who are looking at careers in the military are encouraged to speak to military service representatives in the cafeteria during lunchtime from 10:30AM – 12:10PM. Representatives from the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, ROTC and National Guard visit campus to speak to students who approach them with questions. Visitation dates for the remainder of the year are:

2007-08	
U.S. Marines	U.S. Air Force
November 8, 2007	December 4, 2007
December 13, 2007	February 5, 2008
January 10, 2008	March 4, 2008
February 14, 2008	April 1, 2008
March 13, 2008	May 1, 2008
April 10, 2008	December 4, 2008
U.S. Navy	U.S. Army
November 15, 2007	November 13, 2007
December 20, 2007	December 11, 2007
January 17, 2008	January 8, 2008
February 21, 2008	February 12, 2008
March 20, 2008	March 11, 2008
April 17, 2008	April 8, 2008
May 15, 2008	May 13, 2008
U.S. ROTC	National Guard
October 15, 2007	October 23, 2007
November 19, 2007	November 20, 2007
December 17, 2007	December 18, 2007
January 21, 2008	January 15, 2008
February 18, 2008	February 19, 2008
March, 17, 2008	March 18, 2008
April 21, 2008	April 15, 2008
May 19, 2008	May 20, 2008

SAT/ACT Scores - Both Academy and ROTC applications require early and impressive test results. All military applicants should start taking the entrance tests during the spring of their junior year and retake for a higher score first thing in the fall of their senior year.

Grades - Senior year grades do not arrive in time for the application process, so junior year grades are the last opportunity to excel in this most important area. Take the most challenging college-prep course load you can handle, earn the best grades possible, and prepare for the SAT/ACT tests.

Admissions Liaison Officer - Call with your questions; the Guidance Department has the phone numbers and addresses you need.

Important site: AFROTC www.afrotc.com

Leadership - You must demonstrate your ability to lead your peers. Get involved in school, sports and community organizations. Show what you can do with responsibility.

Admissions Tours - Call the Academy admissions office for a reservation. Meet a cadet and follow him/her through a day of classes and lunch.

CHOICES Computer Program

The CHOICES computer program has occupational searches and technical school searches. A student can research careers for education required, employment projection and salary among other categories. Information is available for colleges and technical schools as well. The Post Grad Center can assist students with CHOICES.

CAREER CHOICES

If your student is looking for a career straight out of high school, it is often wise to take courses through our Area Career and Technical Schools. These programs prepare them for the world of work. Students who do not know what type of work would best suit them are encouraged to research careers by using the personnel and computers in the Post Grad Center. The CHOICES program has an occupational search for careers. The Guidance Center also offers the Strong Interest Inventory which offers a detailed comprehensive assessment of a student's career interests after the test results are processed. The Strong Interest Inventory has a \$30 charge to cover the cost of the test. It is never too early to begin researching careers.

SOPHOMORE INFORMATION

GPA - Many colleges and employers look at the Grade Point Average (GPA) of students in grades 10 through 12, when evaluating them for admission or employment. This means that improving a student's GPA between freshmen and sophomore year can be beneficial if the student continues to do well. Your major task in pursuing college or career at this time is to do well in school, which translates to a higher GPA.

PLAN TEST

The PLAN test for sophomores was given at Arapahoe on October 27. The PLAN is a practice ACT test that is voluntary and does not affect college selection.

FRESHMEN INFORMATION

STUDY SKILLS - Bolster your student's study habits by impressing upon him/her the importance of taking a few minutes each day to review the notes they have taken in class. Be sure they understand the vocabulary and if they need help, have them ask their teacher or a classmate. If they review their notes with a friend they might add some additional points that he/she may have missed.

ACTIVITIES

Encourage your child to become involved in activities related to school such as student government, band, theater, class government, athletic events, athletic teams, clubs or dances. Students who are active in the classroom as well as in extracurricular programs have the opportunity to develop skills in leadership, setting priorities, meeting responsibilities and learning more about their strengths in working with people.

SEMESTER FINAL EXAMS

Final exams are coming in December. They are each 1 1/2 hours long. In some cases the exams are a review of the entire semester; in others, the tests are over a recent unit. **Students need to listen carefully to teachers for directions related to the content, and the effect (weight) the final exam has on their final grade in each class.**

**BE SURE TO CATCH ALL THE UPCOMING AND EXCITING
PERFORMANCES OF THE WARRIOR BAND!**

Monday, 11/5	4:30-9pm (5:30-8:30pm-Auditions)	Continental League Honor Band/Orchestra Auditions (Rangeview HS)
11/2, 11/3, 11/7, 11/9, 11/10, 11/12, 11/16, 11/17, 11/20, 11/23, 11/24, 11/30, 12/1	TBA	Possible MB Playoff Games/Rehearsals
Wednesday, 11/7	2:20-4:30pm	CB/SB/WE/JZI/JZII @ Yearbook Photos
Thursday, 11/8	Per. 3-CB; Per. 4-SB; Per. 6-3pm WE	CB/SB/WE w/Dr. Moore (CSU)
Tuesday, 11/13	5-8pm	JZII/Dixie/JZI @ Jazz Concert Rehearsal
Wednesday, 11/14	6:30-8:30pm (7pm Con- cert)	JZII/Dixie/JZI @ Jazz Concert-Cafeteria
Monday, 11/19	Per. 3-CB; Per. 4-SB; Per. 6-3pm WE	CB/SB/WE w/ Dr. Kish (MSC)
Friday, 11/23	4:30-8:30pm(5:30-7:30 pm- Downtown Littleton)	Small Ens @ Littleton Candlelight Walk (6:30pm-Downtown Littleton-Dress Victorian)
Friday, 11/30	2:20-10pm (6pm Parade)	MB @ Parade of Lights
Saturday, 12/1	3-11pm (8pm Parade)	MB @ Parade of Lights
Wednesday, 12/5	6-7pm	Orchestra Concert Rehearsal
Thursday, 12/6	6:30-8:30pm	Orchestra Concert

**DATES TO REMEMBER
2007-2008**

Wednesday, November 21-Friday, November 23	Thanksgiving Holiday – No School
Wednesday, December 5	PLC - Late Start Day
Monday, Dec. 17-Thursday, Dec 20	Final Exams
Thursday, December 20	Semester Ends / Last Day for Students
Friday, December 21	In-Service – Non-Student Day
Monday, December 24-Friday, January 4	Winter Break – No School
Monday, January 7	Classes Resume-First Day Second Semester
Wednesday, January 16	PLC - Late Start Day
Monday, January 21	Martin Luther King Day – No School
Wednesday, February 6	PLC - Late Start Day
Monday, February 18	Presidents' Day – No School
Wednesday, February 27	PLC - Late Start Day
Thursday, March 6	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Friday, March 7	No School
Tuesday, March 11 - Friday, March 14	CSAP Testing
Monday, March 24–Friday, March 28	Spring Break – No School
Monday, March 31	Classes Resume
Wednesday, April 9	PLC - Late Start Day
Friday, May 16	Last Day for Seniors
Monday, May 19	Final Exams
Tuesday, May 20-Wednesday, May 21	Final Exams / Arena Scheduling
Thursday, May 22	Graduation – No Classes
Friday, May 23	Final Exams/Arena Scheduling/Last School Day

ENRICHMENT NEWS

November 2007

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Rocky Mountain Talent Search

The Center of Innovative and Talented Youth at the University of Denver is seeking eligible students to participate in the 2007-08 Rocky Mountain Talent Search (RMATS) for academically gifted freshmen. This is the 26th year that the RMATS program is providing assessment, recognition, and summer acceleration and enrichment opportunities for bright students. The registration deadline for the SAT is November 27th; the deadline to register for the ACT is December 4th; and the deadlines for the Explore test are November 20th and December 19th. If you have further questions, please contact the Rocky Mountain Academic Talent Search at 303-871-2983 or city@du.edu. More information is available at www.du.edu/city on all of the opportunities available through the Center for Innovative and Talented Youth including the Early Experience Program.

Early Experience Program

This program is designed for students in grades 10-12 who wish to accelerate their education with University courses. Eligible students take regular University of Denver courses for under-graduate college credit. For more information about the Early Experience Program, contact Dr. Amy Rushneck, Early Experience Program director, at 303-871-2332 or arushnec@du.edu.



Destination ImagiNation

The Destination Imagination Program is open to any students interested in creative competition and working in small teams of five to seven students to solve a challenge. A complete summary of the 2007-08 Challenges is posted at www.destinationimagination.org or visit <http://www.extremecreativity.org/smetro/>. Interested students should meet with Mrs. Lobser in the Enrichment Room for details. The South Metro Regional Competition is scheduled for Saturday, March 15, 2008 at Douglas County High School.

Global Challenge

This challenge offers an opportunity for students to work together (virtually) to come up with solutions to any aspect of the global climate crisis. University of Vermont engineering students provide support. Scholarship awards and prizes are available to top entries. Please see their website for more information: www.globalchallengeaward.org

ARAPAHOE HIGH SCHOOL 2007-08 MATH COMPETITIONS

Competition	Date(s)	AHS Teacher Sponsor(s)
Colorado Math League (CML) Location: AHS in classrooms	#1 - 10/23/07 #2 - 11/20/07 #3 - 12/11/07 #4 - 1/15/08 #5 - 2/12/08 #6 - 3/18/08	Carol Blechschmidt Barbara Stahlhut Dan Swomley Roger Bartholomew Michelle Crookham Krista Bretz Melissa Jonson Andrea Korn Honor and AP teachers
Continental Math League: Euclidean Geometry – 9 th only. Location: AHS in classrooms	#1 – 11/8/07 #2 – 12/6/07 #3 – 1/3/08 #4 – 2/14/08 #5 – 3/13/08	Mary Habas Jared Rottschafer Kori Kruck
CSU Math Day Location: CSU, Fort Collins	Thursday 11/1/07	Jon Thurmond
University of Northern Colorado Mathematics Competition Location: AHS After school for first round only.	First Round - Friday 11/2/07 Second Round 2/2/08 1-4 p.m. on the UNC campus in Greeley	Monica Lobser
American Mathematics Competition AMC-10 AMC-12 Location: AHS	A Version 2/12/08	Monica Lobser
American Invitational Math Exam Location: AHS	3/18/08 or 4/2/08	Monica Lobser
Math Day at Metro State Location: Metropolitan State College, Denver	TBA April 2008	Krista Bretz Jon Thurmond

Please contact Monica Lobser if you have questions about the gifted & talented enrichment programs: 303-347-6064 or email to mlobser@lps.k12.co.us.