



# ANDERSON PREPARATORY ACADEMY

## “The Jet Gazette”

In an effort to better communicate with parents and community stakeholders, we at APA are proud to introduce “The Jet Gazette!” This quarterly newsletter seeks to keep you informed on the major happenings at APA. Whether it be information regarding academics or athletics, we believe this newsletter provides accurate and up-to-date information which will further help our students, parents, and community partners.

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## Corporation Announcements

### Compass Information

The Pre-Academy would like to announce Language Arts and Math Compass will now account for 50% of student’s grades. This Compass work is based on grade level standards. Grade level progress will be posted in Skyward once every grading period. If there are any questions regarding Compass, there will be a Compass Informational Night held on Tuesday, October 10th, from 6—7 at the Pre-Academy. Here, parents can be trained on how to access Compass progress, lessons, and reports.

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# A Few More Corporation Announcements

## APA online payment now available

**APA patrons can now make payments online for school fees, lunches, or donations. You simply click on the School Fees link on our website and you will be directed to the payment page. You must enter the student's name, grade, and then select where you want the money applied. After entering said information, a submit button will appear and you will then be directed to a secure site to enter your credit card information to complete the process. If you have more than one student, you must repeat the process for each student. Please allow 24 hours for us to post your payment.**

## APA Report Cards Go Paperless

**APA will no longer be printing out hard copies of reports cards for grades 6-12. Report cards will be available on Skyward within 1 week after the close of each grading period. Students and parents may go to Skyward to view and print report cards if they wish. If a paper copy of the report card is desired, contact Mark Dickson and we will print a copy out and send the document home with your child.**

## APA's WINGS Program

**APA's Gifted Program, known as "WINGS" adequately enriches the lives of our gifted and talented learners at APA. Carol Ann Tomlinson, Ed.D, of The University of Virginia, argues "Gifted learners need learning experiences that are rich. That is, they need learning experiences that are organized by key concepts and principles of a discipline rather than by facts. They need content that is relevant to their lives, activities that cause them to process important ideas at a high level, and products that cause them to grapple with meaningful problems and pose defensible solutions. They need classrooms that are respectful to them, provide both structure and choice, and help them achieve more than they thought they could. These are needs shared by all learners, not just those who are gifted. But good instruction for gifted learners must begin there." And this quality instruction is at the focal point of our vision in the Wings Program. With teachers like that of Karen Crist, Derek Kramer, Jessica Hornocker, and Amy Wiles leading the way, there is no doubt our gifted and talented students are receiving cutting edge education. APA is proud of such a program! Go Jets!**

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# Counselor's Wing

## Bullying Prevention Information

The school board of Anderson Preparatory Academy prohibits acts of bullying of a student. The school board has determined that a safe and civil environment in school is necessary for students to learn and achieve high academic standards. Bullying, like other disruptive or violent behaviors, is conduct that disrupts both a student's ability to learn and a school's ability to educate its students in a safe and disciplined environment. Since students learn by example, school administrators, faculty, staff and volunteers should be commended for demonstrating appropriate behavior; treating others with civility and respect, and refusing to tolerate harassment, intimidation or bullying.

At APA, we take pride in a culture where students can feel safe and focus on learning without the concern of bullying or harassment. Parents and cadets may view the APA policy, bullying report forms, and levels of discipline and consequences on our website: [www.goapa.org/bullyinginformation.aspx](http://www.goapa.org/bullyinginformation.aspx) . Once a report is completed, the incident will immediately be investigated by an administrator.

It is important to keep in mind that bullying does not include peer conflict, horseplay, or fighting. Mutual conflict where both parties are participating equally is not considered bullying.

Cadets are educated each year through CAP and JROTC classes, as well as at the Elementary level about bullying prevention, the APA policy, and how to report. It is important to encourage our cadets to look out for one another and to speak up if they witness something that isn't right. Any teacher, staff member, or administrator can talk with a cadet about what is happening and refer them to the appropriate resource.

## Tips for Parents

Make sure your child knows how to get help if needed and can identify a trusted adult.

Encourage your child to stick up for others (respectfully) if they feel safe doing so.

Teach your child not to cheer on or even be an audience for bullying.

Help your child learn to support others and to include those who may feel left out.

Praise "quiet acts of courage" where your child does the right thing.

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# Commandant's Corner

## A Quick Message from Commandant Barker

Welcome back to another year at Anderson Preparatory Academy, a military style academy for girls and boys focusing on college preparatory curriculum of liberal arts and sciences. As a public charter school, we are tuition-free and enrollment is open to any student in the state of Indiana.

APA was founded on Academics, Leadership, and Citizenship as is symbolized in our logo, three soaring jets in a pyramid formation. The leading jet represents academics while being flanked by jets representing leadership and citizenship. Today we continue that tradition in and out of the classroom, empowering students through the education and training necessary to become academic and social leaders.

Using differentiated and individualized instruction and a blended rotation methodology, APA students receive a proper public education providing the foundation and training necessary to prepare today's youth to become tomorrow's leaders. Teachers and faculty at all levels expect excellence not only from students but also from themselves and their peers. Enrolling your student in APA assures they will learn in a safe, structured, disciplined, and creative environment teaching them honor, trust, respect, patriotism, respect for self, community and country.

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