



April 10, 2017

Dear Parents of the Graduating Class of 2017,

Congratulations to you on the completion of an amazing year! With many achievements, already to look back upon, it is clear to us that our graduating seniors are fulfilling the seven aims of an American Heritage School education—they are useful in the hands of the Lord, they have great faith, they love their country, they have developed academic knowledge, they discern truth from error, they are self-governed, and they conduct themselves as Christians. Their lives are a great tribute to caring parents, teachers, and friends.

The Graduation Committee has been working to make this year's Senior Celebration Week and Graduation Commencement memorable and inspiring. Described below and in the enclosed documents you will see the plans we have for you and your AHS senior through the end of the year. We are looking forward to many festivities and celebrations to honor your AHS graduate.

As previously communicated to families and students on several occasions, please note that to be eligible to participate in the Senior Trip and Senior Celebration Week activities, including the graduation processional, seniors must have completed all of the following by the dates indicated.

- Distance Education courses and required credit recovery from previous years must be completed by Monday, May 1. We will be passing out a graduation application document to all seniors on April 24. This must be completed by May 1 and returned to Mrs. Wood.
- All classes in which seniors are currently enrolled must have passing grades by Tuesday, May 16, the day before the Senior Trip. Students who are unable to meet this condition will have alternate activities available to them on campus while the rest of the class is in St. George.
- To be eligible to walk in the graduation processional on Thursday, May 25, seniors must return or pay for all AHS textbooks, library books and sports uniforms, be current in their school work with passing grades in all classes, and complete all credits for graduation by Wednesday, May 24. In addition, families of seniors must have their family tuition account paid in full by Wednesday, May 24.

Any exceptions to the above conditions and due dates require prior arrangements with administration.

Beginning Monday, May 1, please stop by the AHS office to pick up free tickets for Commencement on Thursday, May 25, at 4:30 p.m. We have priority seating tickets available for graduates' families in the front office, but only while those tickets last. Tickets will be open to the general public beginning Monday, May 8. Our commencement speakers will be Bruce and Marie Hafen. Elder and Sister Hafen served as President and First Lady of Ricks College from 1978–1985, following which President Hafen served as the Dean of the BYU Law School from 1985–1989. In 1989, Bruce was appointed as the Provost of Brigham Young University, where he served

until 1996, at which time he was called to the First Quorum of the Seventy. Over that same period of time, Marie was a writer, teacher, editor, mother of seven, and was elected to the Deseret News Board in 1994. In 2010, Elder Hafen was released from the First Quorum of the Seventy and designated an emeritus general authority, following which he and Marie were called to serve as President and Matron of the St. George, Utah Temple. Both Bruce and Marie have written and published significantly. We are honored to host them as our commencement speakers. Doors for the event open promptly at 3:45 p.m. for those with priority seating tickets (graduates' families and invitees), and the general public will then be invited to fill in the remaining seats beginning at 4:00 p.m.

The Senior Celebration Activities will be held May 16–25, 2017, and are designed for seniors to celebrate as well as to give back to both the community and the school. On Tuesday, May 16, seniors will participate in an off-campus activity as a Senior Class. Seniors will also participate in locker check out on this day before they leave for their off-campus activity. Wednesday, May 17 will be filled with celebration activities and a potluck barbecue lunch, following which we will depart at 12:30 p.m. for the Senior Trip to St. George where students will enjoy hiking in Snow Canyon State Park for the full day on Thursday, May 18. Students will return from the Senior Trip on Friday afternoon, May 19, by approximately 5:00 p.m. There will be no cost for this trip outside of certain meals that students will be asked to provide for themselves. Lodging has been arranged at a spacious, private residence in St. George (chaperones will stay there as well). A letter, detailed itineraries, and a preparation list for the Senior Trip are enclosed. Additionally, our Senior Class will be involved in various service activities both on and off campus. On Monday, May 22, seniors will be serving in the community during the school day. On Tuesday, May 23, they will provide service on campus. Caps and gowns will be sent home with students on Tuesday, May 23, with special instructions on how to prepare them for the graduation event.

The Senior Commencement Dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 24, at 6:00 p.m., for graduates and their parents. Also, invited to the dinner are various middle and high school teachers. The dinner will be catered at the school. Dress is Sunday best. The evening will also include a special slide show highlighting each of the seniors, with a tribute to each senior from selected teachers. Pictures for this event should be submitted to Laurel Hill by April 17. If you have questions about those pictures please contact Laurel Hill at laurel@networkprovidersinc.com.

Thursday, May 24, is the annual high school Field Day at Art Dye Park in American Fork. The Parent Organization will be assisting us to find volunteers to bring food for the picnic we will have at the park that day. We appreciate your assistance for this event.

The last day of school, Thursday, May 25, seniors will participate in classroom end of year celebrations from 8:10–9:30 a.m. They will also take part in the Middle School and High School Awards Assembly scheduled from 9:40–10:15 in the Recreation Hall. Seniors will be recognized during this assembly. Parents are welcome to attend. Students will also sign yearbooks, and practice for their Commencement Ceremony from 11:10–12:30 p.m. School will end at noon for all students not participating in the rehearsal for the Commencement Ceremony.

In preparation for the Commencement Ceremony, seniors should arrive at the school at 3:30 p.m. that evening and report to the North Auditorium to prepare for the Processional into the Commencement Hall (Recreation Hall). Young men should wear a collared white dress shirt, Friday dress tie, dark dress pants, and dark dress socks and dark dress shoes under their robe. Young women should wear a collared white blouse, Friday dress cross-over tie, dark dress skirt, dark tights, and dark dress shoes (no boots please) under the robe. Doors open at 3:45 p.m. for priority seating. Seating for the general public begins at 4:00 p.m. Commencement exercises begin

at 4:30 p.m.

Heartfelt thanks to Deanne Crockett and Keisha Hansen, Graduation Committee Co-Chairs, and to those who have served on the Graduation Committee.

If you have any questions about the celebrations, please do not hesitate to contact us at bhunsaker@ahsmail.com or eacuna@ahsmail.com or at 801-642-0055, ext. 307 or 305.

Sincerely,

Blaine Hunsaker
Assistant Principal, K-12

Elizabeth Acuña
Assistant Principal, 7-12



April 5, 2017

“Senior Summit” Class Tour 2017

Dear Parents of Twelfth Grade Students,

We are pleased to inform you that, in an effort to continue a powerful learning and bonding experience for our students, American Heritage School will be conducting its sixth annual “Senior Summit” Tour for graduates of AHS. This will be a wonderful culminating activity for the year that will be personally chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Haymond, Mrs. Acuña and Mr. and Mrs. Hunsaker.

What we need from parents:

- (1) Please review the preliminary details about the tour attached to this letter and make a decision based upon these preliminary details as to whether your graduate can commit to attend. If your student will not be attending, please return this letter with a note from you at the top stating that your student will not be attending.
- (2) If your student will be attending, please complete the attached form and return to Mr. Haymond or Mr. Hunsaker **by Monday, May 8.**

Once you have submitted your authorization, the school will make arrangements for your students’ transportation and participation in the “Senior Summit” Tour. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Hunsaker (bhunsaker@ahsmail.com). We are very excited about this opportunity and look forward to providing an extraordinary experience for our graduates!

Sincerely,

Mr. Hunsaker, Assistant Principal, Grades K–12
Mrs. Acuña, Assistant Principal, Grades 7-12
Mr. Haymond, 12th Grade Instructor

American Heritage School “Senior Summit” Tour 2017 Snow Canyon State Park, Utah



Date: May 17-19, 2017 (Wed.–Fri.)

Cost: Free except for the meals to be provided by students for themselves, as indicated below.

Preliminary Itinerary:

- **Wednesday, May 17:** Load vehicles and leave American Heritage School at 12:30 p.m. and arrive in St. George early evening. We will stop briefly at Cove Fort and have dinner on the road (**students bring sack-dinner or money for fast food**). After dinner, proceed directly to the home we will be staying where all students and chaperones will be staying. There is ample room and multiple large rooms at the home where we are staying, including separate levels in the house for boys and girls, but **each student will need to have their own sleeping bag or blankets and pillow**.
- **Thursday, May 18:** Arise at 6:00 a.m. and prepare to depart for Snow Canyon. Breakfast will be provided. Stop for lunch sandwiches and food to include in hiking packs (**Students need to bring enough money to buy their own lunch, trail snacks, and water**). Snow Canyon State Park at approximately 8:00 a.m. Any students not hiking will remain at the trailhead with a chaperone. Meet back at trailhead at 2:30 p.m. Return home for relaxing by the pool at the home where we are staying. Students should bring money to purchase dinner at a local restaurant. After dinner there will be optional games at a local park (Sardines and Capture the Flag) or more fun and relaxation at the home where we are staying.
- **Friday, May 19:** Arise by 8:00 a.m. and prepare to depart for home. Proceed to St. George Temple grounds for devotional at 10:00 a.m. Depart for home at approximately noon. Lunch on the road (**students need to bring money to buy their own lunch**). Arrive at AHS by 5 p.m.

Meals: Breakfast for both Thursday and Friday mornings will be provided. **Students will need to provide the other meals for themselves, and stops will be made at restaurants and grocery stores where they can choose a variety of foods to purchase. They will need to bring enough money (\$20–\$30) for dinner Wednesday night and Thursday night, lunch on Thursday and Friday, and trail snacks and water for the hike.**

Transportation and Chaperones: Mr. and Mrs. Haymond, Mr. and Mrs. Hunsaker, Mrs. Acuña and Mr. Valencia will serve as drivers and activity chaperones for the full three days. Many thanks to each of them! Should you have any need to contact your student, the chaperones mobile phone numbers are:

Elizabeth Acuña: (801) 318-3463

Ruel and Tresa Haymond: (801) 592-5648

Blaine Hunsaker: (801) 358-2284

Preparation and Packing List:

- Layered clothing for warm or cool weather.
- Comfortable hiking shoes. Note that an old pair of sturdy athletic shoes is far better than a new pair of hiking boots. The trails are paved and do not require technical rock climbing gear.
- Canteen or large water bottle (otherwise, bring multiple small water bottles).
- Swimming suit for pool at home where we are staying. Must be one piece and modest.
- Sleeping bag or blanket
- Pillow
- SMALL backpack with one change of clothes and hygiene items. It is essential that this be very small. It is only a two-day trip.

More Information on Snow Canyon State Park

We are well acquainted with trails and risks in Snow Canyon State Park. Of course, every precaution will be taken to ensure the safety of the students while hiking. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Hunsaker directly with any concerns that you may have.

For a map of Snow Canyon State Park:

<http://static.stateparks.utah.gov/docs/SnowCanyonBrochure.pdf>

American Heritage School
“Senior Summit” Tour
Authorization, Medical Release & Liability Waiver

Student Participant _____ Date of Birth _____

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Participant's parent or guardian _____
Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Other _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

In an emergency when parent/guardian cannot be reached, please contact the following:

Name _____ Relationship to participant(s) _____
Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Other _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Does the participant(s) have any of the following:

Special Diet _____ Allergies _____ Medication _____ Chronic/Recurring Illness _____
Physical conditions that limit activity _____ Surgery or serious illness in last year _____

If yes, please explain

THIS AUTHORIZATION, MEDICAL RELEASE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT, AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE PARTICIPANT(S) CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE TOUR. TREATMENT FOR INJURY WILL BE BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED HEREIN. IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY OR NON-EMERGENCY SITUATION IN WHICH MEDICAL TREATMENT IS REQUIRED AS A RESULT OF PARTICIPATION ON THE TOUR (INCLUDING TRAVEL TO AND FROM), EVERY REASONABLE EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO CONTACT THE PERSONS LISTED ABOVE.

I the undersigned parent/guardian of the above listed minor participant (and/or undersigned participant if participant is 18 years of age or older):

- acknowledge and fully understand that each participant will be engaging in activities that involve risk of serious injury, including permanent disability or death, and economic losses which might result not only from their own actions, inactions or negligence, but action, inaction or negligence of others, and that there may be other unknown risks not reasonably foreseeable at this time;

- assume all the foregoing risk and accept personal responsibility for the damages following such injury, permanent disability or death and acknowledge that the Releasees (defined below) do not carry accident or medical insurance on Tour participants;
- release, discharge, covenant to indemnify and not to sue American Heritage School, its affiliated organizations, sponsors, managers, employees and associated personnel, officers, directors, and agents, and American Heritage Schools, Inc. (all of whom are defined herein as "Releasees"), from and with respect to any and all liability to each of the undersigned, or his/her heirs or next of kin, for any claim by or on behalf of the participant as a result of the participant's participation in the Tour and/or being transported to or from the Tour, which participation, after careful consideration I hereby authorize, and which transportation I hereby authorize;
- assert that the participant is physically capable of participating in the Tour and authorize the Releasees to coordinate, arrange and/or administer emergency medical treatment to the participant for any accident or illness and to act in my stead in approving necessary medical care, and I further agree to be financially responsible for the cost of any such assistance or treatment. This authorization shall cover the Tour and travel to and from the Tour.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Participant's Signature _____ Date _____
(Participant's signature is required if participant is 18 years of age or older)

NOTE: BEFORE THE TOUR, THE SCHOOL WILL NEED A COPY OF YOUR INSURANCE CARD, FRONT AND BACK, TO EXPEDITE MEDICAL TREATMENT IF NECESSARY. If you can provide a copy of your insurance card with this form, we would appreciate it. If not, please sign and return this form immediately and provide a copy of your insurance card to the AHS office at your convenience before the tour begins.