



¡Para ver los anuncios importantes en español en la tercera página de este boletín!

Week of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

## Alta High School

### Soar to a New ALTitude

We are an inclusive learning community with a tradition of inspiring, supporting, and collaborating with students as they prepare to be engaged citizens in their pursuit of continuous success.

- ✓ **Attention Junior Families!** Please remember the ACT is quickly approaching and all Alta juniors will take it on Tuesday, March 9. All Juniors must pre-register for the test prior to March 9. Online learners and in-person juniors who missed pre-registration last week during their English class can attend a make up session this week. They are happening March 1 - 4 from 2:30 - 3:30 in the Counseling Conference room. The FINAL session will be on Friday, March 5 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Library. Please make sure this is complete so you're ready for the ACT next week!
- ✓ **AP Families** – If you need to be considered for an alternate AP exam format or date other than the in-person, paper and pencil exams at Alta High May 3<sup>rd</sup> – May 17<sup>th</sup>, please make sure to submit your online request by this Friday, March 5. Please see the information on page 5 or on the Alta High website to select the correct exam(s) for which you are requesting alternate testing options.
- ✓ **Math Tutoring** – Both in person and virtual math tutoring is available Monday-Thursday after school or by appointment with individual tutors. Please see the [Alta High Tutoring Webpage](#) for more information about this and other tutoring opportunities.
- ✓ **Class of 2021 Graduation Ceremonies** – All families of Alta High 12<sup>th</sup> graders have been mailed a letter with details about this spring's graduation ceremonies. A copy of this letter can be found on pages 6 and 7. We encourage all 12<sup>th</sup> graders and their families to take note of the important dates and action steps for the ceremony, caps and gowns, the Hawk Medallion award, Department Honor Cords, graduation performances, photographs and more. Students who need transcripts for applications can order them on the [Parchment webpage](#).
- ✓ **Alta Blanket are Back!** – The Alta PTSA are once again selling Alta the popular Alta blankets. See page 8 for a visual and [order yours here!](#)
- ✓ **Hawk Stash** – The Alta Hawk Stash is open after school on Thursdays in room 1110. Students and family members can also visit either the Counseling Center or Attendance Office to access the Hawk Stash during any other school operating hours.
- ✓ **Registering for Next Year's Classes** – Counselors will be working with students to register them for their 2021-2022 courses. If your student does not receive registration information in class, it will be available on the [Counseling Center website](#).
- ✓ **Scholarship Opportunity** – Seniors: We have a great scholarship opportunity for you. The Canyons Education Foundation is offering two different scholarships for Alta Seniors - The Bright Star Scholarship for any senior who has shown improvement or exemplary effort in working toward post-secondary education and the Rising Star Scholarship which is for a student who has risen above difficult circumstances. The application deadline is March 23<sup>rd</sup> to Mrs. Scheffner in the Alta Counseling Center. Don't miss out on this opportunity!
- ✓ **Virtual Healthcare Career Experience:** Students can learn about a variety of Healthcare careers through the Wasatch Front Health Science Partnership Virtual Health Career Day. Join us in the Library during Advisory any Tuesday or Wednesday in February or watch the videos on your own. Return the completed Exit Ticket to Janet Jefferson in room 2117 for a prize and to be entered in a drawing.  
<https://sites.google.com/murrayschools.org/virtualhealthcarecareerday/home>
- ✓ **SheTech Registration** is open now. The SheTech Virtual Summit is in collaboration and partnership with STEM teachers, technology companies, government officials and education leaders. Students compete in the Tech Challenge, interact with mentors in live mentoring sessions, engage on collaborative workshops and activate their interest in STEM. Register to secure your spot for SheTech Summit 2021: <https://shetechexplorer.com/>
- ✓ **Hawkeye, Alta Student News** – Visit [The Hawkeye website](#) for student-written stories about Alta High School. The latest additions are on the topics of the Alta Musical photo gallery, the Utah County Ballroom Competition, the upcoming Junior Prom, the Utah High School Art Show and much more!

## UPCOMING Events

Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

**Test to Play – Athletic/Activity COVID-19 Testing in the Hawk Field House**

7:00am, Track

7:10am, Boys Basketball

2:30pm, Drumline & Color Guard

2:40pm, Football

**Spring Sports Tryouts**

See the [Alta Athletics Webpage](#) or Individual Coaches for details

Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Softball Parent Meeting**

5:30pm, Hawk House Gallery

**Boys Basketball State Tournament, Quarter Finals**

7:00pm, Timpview High School

Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Test to Play – Athletic/Activity COVID-19 Testing in the Hawk Field House**

7:10am, Softball

7:20am, Boys Soccer

7:30am, Boys Tennis & Girls Golf

**Alta Career Fair**

9:00am, In Advisory Classes

Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

**Final ACT Pre-Registration Session**

10:00am-12:00pm, Alta Media Center

**Sundance District Debate Tournament**

3:00pm, Virtual Event

**Boys Basketball State Tournament, Semifinals**

7:00pm, Salt Lake Community College

**Congratulations to the Alta Speech and Debate Team  
for their Region VII Championship,  
to the Alta Ballroom Team for sweeping the  
Westlake Competition with four 1<sup>st</sup> place trophies,  
and to our Boys Basketball Team for advancing to  
the Quarterfinals of the State Tournament!  
Good luck this week!  
Go Hawks!**



Semana del 1 de marzo de 2021

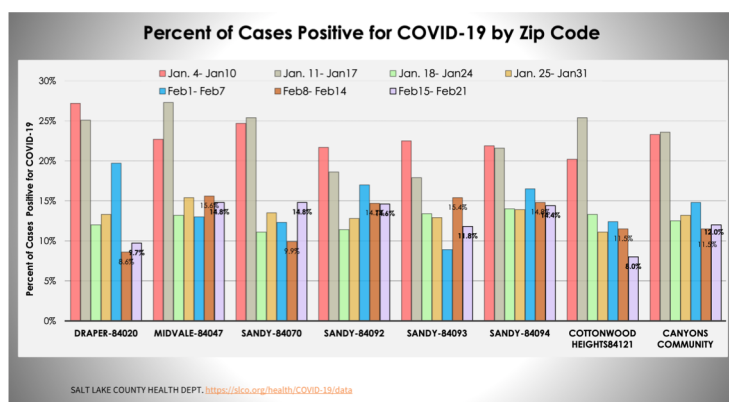
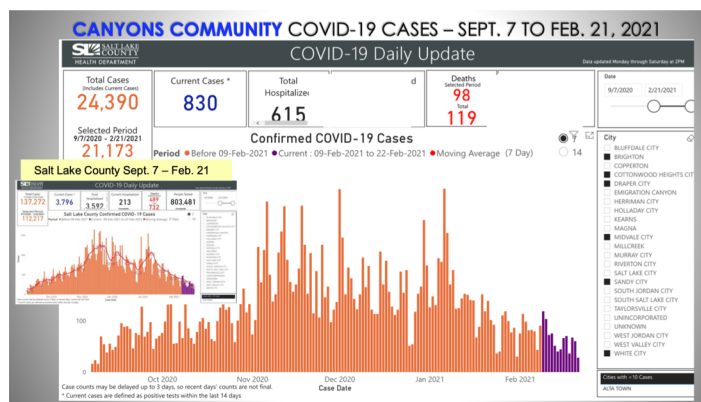
## Escuela Secundaria Alta

### Vuela a una nueva ALTitude

Nosotros somos una comunidad con un ambiente inclusivo de aprendizaje que tiene como tradición inspirar, apoyar, y colaborar con los estudiantes en su preparación para convertirse en residentes dedicados a la búsqueda continua del éxito.

- ✓ **¡Atención Familias Junior!** Por favor recuerde que el ACT se acerca rápidamente y todos los estudiantes de secundaria de Alta lo tomarán el martes 9 de marzo. Todos los estudiantes de tercer año deben preinscribirse para la prueba antes del 9 de marzo. Estudiantes en línea y estudiantes de tercer año en persona que perdieron la preinscripción la semana pasada durante su La clase de inglés puede asistir a una sesión de recuperación esta semana. Se llevarán a cabo del 1 al 4 de marzo de 2:30 a 3:30 en la sala de conferencias de consejería. La sesión FINAL será el viernes 5 de marzo de 10:00 am a 12:00 pm en la Biblioteca. ¡Asegúrese de que esto esté completo para que esté listo para el ACT la próxima semana!
- ✓ **Familias AP:** si necesita ser considerado para un formato de examen AP alternativo o una fecha diferente a los exámenes en persona, en papel y lápiz en Alta High del 3 al 17 de mayo, asegúrese de enviar su solicitud en línea antes de este viernes de marzo. 5. Consulte la información en la página 5 o en el sitio web de Alta High para seleccionar los exámenes correctos para los que solicita opciones de prueba alternativas.
- ✓ **Tutoría de matemáticas:** la tutoría de matemáticas en persona y virtual está disponible de lunes a jueves después de la escuela o con cita previa con tutores individuales. Por favor vea el [Página web de tutorías de Alta High](#) para obtener más información sobre esta y otras oportunidades de tutoría.
- ✓ **Ceremonias de graduación de la clase de 2021:** todas las familias de los estudiantes del 12 ° grado de Alta High han recibido una carta con detalles sobre las ceremonias de graduación de esta primavera. Se puede encontrar una copia de esta carta en las páginas 6 y 7. Alentamos a todos los estudiantes del 12 ° grado y sus familias a que tomen nota de las fechas importantes y los pasos a seguir para la ceremonia, birretes y togas, el premio Hawk Medallion, los cordones de honor del departamento, la graduación actuaciones, fotografías y más. Los estudiantes que necesiten expedientes académicos para las aplicaciones pueden solicitarlos en el [Página web de pergamino](#) .
- ✓ **Alta Blanket está de vuelta!** - La Alta PTSA vuelve a vender a Alta las populares mantas de Alta. Consulte la página 8 para ver una [pide el tuyo aquí](#) !
- ✓ **Hawk Stash** - El Alta Hawk Stash está abierto después de la escuela los jueves en el salón 1110. Los estudiantes y miembros de la familia también pueden visitar el Centro de Consejería o la Oficina de Asistencia para acceder a Hawk Stash durante cualquier otro horario escolar.
- ✓ **Registro para las clases del próximo año:** los consejeros trabajarán con los estudiantes para inscribirlos en sus cursos 2021-2022. Si su estudiante no recibe información de registro en clase, estará disponible en el [Sitio web del Centro de Consejería](#) .
- ✓ **Oportunidad de becas** - Personas mayores: Tenemos una gran oportunidad de becas para usted. La Canyons Education Foundation ofrece dos becas diferentes para estudiantes de la tercera edad de Alta: la beca Bright Star para cualquier estudiante de último año que haya mostrado una mejora o un esfuerzo ejemplar en su trabajo hacia la educación postsecundaria y la beca Rising Star, que es para un estudiante que ha superado circunstancias difíciles. . La fecha límite para la solicitud es el 23 de marzo para la Sra. Scheffner en el Centro de Consejería de Alta. ¡No pierdas esta oportunidad!
- ✓ **Experiencia profesional en salud virtual:** los estudiantes pueden aprender sobre una variedad de carreras en el cuidado de la salud a través del Día de carrera en salud virtual de Wasatch Front Health Science Partnership. Únase a nosotros en la biblioteca durante el asesoramiento cualquier martes o miércoles de febrero o vea los videos por su cuenta. Devuelva el boleto de salida completo a Janet Jefferson en el salón 2117 para recibir un premio y participar en un sorteo. <https://sites.google.com/murrayschools.org/virtualhealthcareerday/home>
- ✓ **El registro de SheTech está abierto ahora.** La Cumbre Virtual SheTech se realiza en colaboración y asociación con maestros de STEM, empresas de tecnología, funcionarios gubernamentales y líderes educativos. Los estudiantes compiten en el Tech Challenge, interactúan con mentores en sesiones de tutoría en vivo, participan en talleres colaborativos y activan su interés en STEM. Regístrese para asegurar su lugar para SheTech Summit 2021: <https://shetechexplorer.com/>
- ✓ **Hawkeye, Alta Student News** - Visita [El sitio web de Hawkeye](#) para historias escritas por estudiantes sobre la escuela secundaria Alta. ¡Las últimas incorporaciones son sobre los temas de la galería de fotos de Alta Musical, la Competencia de salón de baile del condado de Utah, el próximo baile de graduación, la exhibición de arte de la escuela secundaria de Utah y mucho más!

# COVID-19 Updates for the Alta High Community



For more data and information, visit the Salt Lake County Health Department's [COVID-19 Data Dashboard](https://slco.org/health/COVID-19/data).

**NOTE:** School-specific data is also available on page 10 of this dashboard.

Canyons District provides its own [COVID-19 Dashboard](#). View it for updated school-specific data.

## CSD Starts 'Test to Stay' to Target Detection, Preserve In-Person Learning



### PREVENTION TRACK RECORD

FOUR MONTHS OF DATA SUGGEST SCHOOLS ARE AMONG THE SAFEST PLACES TO BE

40,000

Total number of CSD students and employees

9,700

Number safeguarded and placed on quarantine following a COVID-19 exposure at school

30

Number of those quarantined who ended up catching COVID-19



12%  
 Chances of catching coronavirus if someone in your house has it (University of Utah study)



LESS THAN 1%  
 Chances of catching coronavirus following an exposure at school

Data Gathered from August to Nov./Dec. 2020

### HEALTH, WELLNESS, LEARNING

KEEPING SCHOOLS OPEN, STUDENTS LEARNING, AND COMMUNITIES SAFE AND WORKING

Approximate number of students served this year by CSD schools:

34,000

0%

THE ADDED COVID-TRANSMISSION RISK POSED BY IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION FOR ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Percent of CSD's 29 elementary schools to be placed on a schoolwide quarantine:

0 2 OF 8

Proportion of middle schools that have shifted to online learning for a period of time:



362 DAYS OF IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION PRESERVED BY SAFELY RE-OPENING QUARANTINED HIGH SCHOOLS





# Alta High School

## Counseling Center

11055 South 1000 East • Sandy, Utah 84094-5433 • 801/826-5620 • FAX 801/826-5698

February 17, 2021

Dear Alta AP Community,

As you may be aware, College Board recently announced changes to the 2021 AP testing calendar. They have expanded testing from one administration session to three sessions, and *most* exams will now be in a paper and pencil or a digital format. AP students who have ordered and paid for their AP exams are currently scheduled to take their exams during the first administration session, May 3 - 17. If you have not yet ordered and paid for your exams, this must happen by March 12. College Board will not allow any additional exams to be ordered after this deadline. If you have decided you no longer wish to take your AP exam(s), you must contact Shannon Kershaw to process your exam cancellation and refund.

In order to offer the most equitable testing for all of our AP students, we strongly encourage our students to take the in-person, paper and pencil exams at Alta High School during this first administration session, May 3 - 17. If you plan to test on these original dates, *no further action is required*.

Our online learners and students with extenuating circumstances may *request* an alternate test date and/or format. Your application will be reviewed by a committee of AP educators, and you will be notified of the decision in a timely manner. Please note that “digital” exams will be taken at home, not at Alta High School, with the exception of the AP Chinese exam. Please also understand that requests to test during Administration 3, June 1 - 11, will be approved on an extremely limited basis. Finally, there is NOT a digital option for the following exams: AP French, AP German, AP Music Theory, AP Spanish Language and AP Spanish Literature.

ALL requests for alternate test dates/formats must be submitted by **March 5, 2021**. If you need to submit a request, please select the appropriate link below for your specific AP exam(s):

[AP Art History](#)

[AP Biology](#)

[AP Calculus AB](#)

[AP Calculus BC](#)

[AP Chemistry](#)

[AP Chinese](#)

[AP Comparative Government](#)

[AP Computer Science A](#)

[AP Computer Science Principles](#)

[AP English Language](#)

[AP English Literature](#)

[AP European History](#)

[AP French Language & Culture](#)

[AP German Language & Culture](#)

[AP Human Geography](#)

[AP Music Theory](#)

[AP Physics 1](#)

[AP Physics C: Mechanics](#)

[AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism](#)

[AP Psychology](#)

[AP Spanish Language & Culture](#)

[AP Spanish Literature & Culture](#)

[AP Statistics](#)

[AP US Government & Politics](#)

[AP US History](#)

[AP World History: Modern](#)

For questions, please contact Alta's AP Coordinator, Shannon Kershaw at 801.826.5654, or [shannon.kershaw@cayonsdistrict.org](mailto:shannon.kershaw@cayonsdistrict.org).

Sincerely,

Alta Administration and Counseling

Jennifer Scheffner A-CH

Christine Astle CI-GD

Sandy White GE-KH

Cierra Bell KI-O

Callie Bjerregaard P-SO



# Alta High School

11055 South 1000 East • Sandy, Utah 84094-5433 • 801/826-5600 • FAX 801/826-5609

Dear Graduate and Parents:

The administration and faculty of Alta High School are proud to present to the community the **Class of 2021**. This letter is to inform you of a few details concerning our commencement procedures. We ask that both the **student** and **parent** sit down for a few minutes together to review and plan for this important event.

It is very important that each student have his/her credits in order so that there are no last minute problems. If you have any questions concerning your student's credits or graduation status, please call your counselor between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at 801-826-5620.

Please know that Alta High is doing everything we can to provide a memorable and excellent graduation. We ask for your continued patience and understanding as we navigate through Covid 19 requirements and restrictions. Know that there will be changes and adjustments made throughout the next four months with a promise from Alta High to communicate through the weekly newsletter, Skylerts, and our school website.

## Items we know will not change:

### **1. Date, Time, and Location:**

Graduation **Parade** will be held on the **Alta High School** campus on **Wednesday, May 26, 2021 starting at 10:00 a.m.**

### **2. Caps and Gowns:**

Jostens will be handing out caps and gowns during both lunches on **Thursday, April 22- in the South Commons**. Caps and gowns not picked up on this date may be picked up from the Main Office if the cap and gown was ordered. If a cap and gown has not been ordered, students need to contact **Jostens.com** immediately or call **1-800-Jostens** to make necessary arrangements. Each graduate's gown must be returned at the end of the Alta High Graduation Parade **before** his/her diploma is issued.

### **3. Appropriate Dress – Stage walk; filming; picture with principal**

All graduation gowns are black. Wearing these gowns represents a symbol of unity for the graduating Class of 2021. Please make sure the gown is pressed. Graduates are to wear appropriate attire under their graduation gowns. **Individual variations of this, i.e., flowers, leis, corsages, and other ornamentation are not acceptable during the ceremony, and will not be permitted within the building.**

### **4. Hawk Medallion:**

The purpose of the Hawk Medallion is to encourage and challenge students to be involved in a wide variety of activities while attending Alta High School. The hope is to have students who are well rounded and participate in several activities. The focus is to reward engagement and not necessarily achievement. It is the student's responsibility to pick up an application for the Hawk Medallion from the Counseling Center and to return the completed application to their counselor by **Wednesday, March 31st**. Students will be recognized at graduation and at an awards event at the end of the year.

### **8. Department Honor Cords:**

#### **National Honor Society Stoles**

National Honor Society stoles will be worn by ACTIVE, QUALIFIED members; this includes 40 individual service hours, meeting attendance and required GPA. Alta High School will purchase the stoles for students to check out and wear for graduation. Each student **MUST** do their exit interview and stole check out on or before **Friday, May 7th**. There will be a \$25 deposit required in the form of a check given to Mrs. Spears or Ms. Graff at the exit interview which will be given back to the student when the stole is returned. The stole will be returned with the student's graduation gown before receiving their diploma.

#### **High Honor Cords (red)**

These will be worn by students with a cumulative **3.75 or better GPA** as of the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

#### **Graduation Recognition Cords**

We are continuing with the cord recognition program for Seniors. Seniors will be able to apply for the cords in various departments. Paper applications for each department will be available in the Career

Center (room 1940) from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm beginning on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, and also on the Alta High website [ahs.canyonsdistrict.org/graduation-cords.html](https://ahs.canyonsdistrict.org/graduation-cords.html). The applications will need to be filled out completely and turned in to your respective department teachers. The due date for applications is Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> by 3:00 pm. **There will be absolutely no late applications accepted.** Once applications have been reviewed, students will be notified of which cords they qualify for.

**Picking up cords**

Lists will be posted outside the Main Office on Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup> with the names of students who qualified for graduation recognition and honor cords. Cords can be picked up in the Main Office starting Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be no charge for the cords.

**9. Diplomas:**

Diplomas may be picked up at **Alta High School** immediately following your drive through the graduation parade and after your gown has been returned. **Each student should make certain all financial obligations to the school have been cleared before graduation day.**

**10. Behavior: Stage walk; filming; picture with principal**

Best behavior is expected by all seniors. **Students will be removed from the ceremony for inappropriate dress or behavior.** Parents, please encourage your students and guests to maintain the formal atmosphere of graduation.

**11. Graduation Speaker/Music:**

Tryouts for graduation speakers and musical selections will be on **April 21st and April 28th** after school. Speaker Tryouts will take place on **Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 2:45, location TBD** (contact Rique Ochoa). Musical Auditions will take place on **Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:30-3:00 in the choir room** (contact Traci Raymond). Watch and listen for more information.

**12. Picture Taking:**

Because of the large number of graduates and guests, it is imperative that everyone attending remain in the areas designated for stage walk while your student has their name read, a professional photographer taking a color photograph of each graduate receiving his/her diploma cover, and the stage walk to a picture with the principal. There will be faculty there to help you with directions. Pictures will be available for purchase from Life Touch one week after graduation. All family/friends/gown pictures need to be taken **BEFORE** the GRADUATION PARADE ceremony. Taking pictures with gowns would be BEST after the stage walk in May.

**13. Graduation Parties:**

The school does not sponsor any after graduation parties.

**Items being planned but subject to change:**

1. "Formal" Graduation – stage walk; name read; picture with principal; filming (TBD – May 2021)
  - a. In the Alta HS Performing Arts Center
  - b. Virtual production will be available to view by all once all final edits are made
2. Filming of Graduation Speakers and Musical Performances (TBD – May 2021)

Your attention to these instructions will be appreciated. Through a cooperative effort, this year's Alta High School Commencement will be a very special occasion. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Alta High School  
Administration and Graduation Committee



# ALTA HAWKS

School Spirit Blankets



available for  
a limited time



Show Your School Spirit

  
HighSchoolBlanket  
Powered by GroupRatelt

**Order Yours Today!**