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Firebird Flash 11-21-2023

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Dear Firebird Families,

Today we were excited to welcome students from our two main feeder schools, along with some visitors, to our annual Firebird Fly-in event! During this event, students learn about many of the things that are important at Chaparral and get a chance to visit several classrooms to see the exciting things we have going on. A big shout-out to CHAPT's for providing the Class of 2028 (gasp!) shirts that each student received today!

Before you get to the items below, I want to wish everyone a restful Thanksgiving celebration! And if you are traveling, I hope it's safe and stress-free. At Chaparral we have a lot to be thankful for, and we are especially thankful for the involvement and support of our parents! Thank you for everything you do for your students and our staff - it is recognized and appreciated. If you are especially thankful for something related to Chaparral this year, please throw it in the comments (only I can see them), and I'll make sure the message gets to the responsible party.

Again, Happy Thanksgiving, and we'll see you again soon.

Core Values Recognition

For two months now, we have been recognizing students for representing our **CHAP** core values (**C**ompassion, **H**onesty, **A**gility, and **P**erseverance) in a variety of ways. Teachers nominate students once per month, and those students are recognized in their classes with a certificate. A subset of those students are also selected to be recognized on the live announcements and receive a gift card (thank you CHAPT'S!). Thanks in advance for doing what you can to promote those values with your own student.

Signing Day

Fall signing day was held on November 8, during which eight of our student-athletes were recognized for committing to compete (or perform) at the college level! Congratulations to these students, and thank you to athletic director Jack Bagley and his assistant, Peter Heikka, for putting the event together!

Most of all, thank you to a wonderful group of parents who have worked tirelessly for many years to support their children in their athletic endeavors.

Ethan Mindlin- Duke- Swim

Joy Felner- Georgia- Swim

Hudson Schuricht- NC State – Swim

Raegan Capizzi- Denver- Golf

Reeve Whitten- University of Rhode Island- Lacrosse

Peyton Clifford – University of Pacific- Softball

Chris Newstrom- Tennessee- Baseball

Kyle Kinkel- University of Colorado- Dance

We will have two more signing days this year - one to recognize commitments from football players and another one in the spring to recognize and celebrate any other athletes from winter and spring sports!

Athletics

Congratulations to all of our fall athletics teams on great seasons! We had a number of top finishers individually, and we have been working to recognize them at school. Please see the attachment for a comprehensive list. Winter sports are underway, so please plan on coming out to support girls and boys soccer, girls and boys basketball, and wrestling!

Lastly, we are still looking for coaches to work with our track and field teams this spring. If you know someone who might be interested, please have them reach out to athletic director Jack Bagley asap!

Food deliveries

This is another reminder regarding food deliveries. Students will be students, and that means they will try to push boundaries when they can. District code of conduct indicates there are to be no 3rd party deliveries, so they are confiscated on a regular basis. Parents are allowed to drop off lunches just after 12:45pm in the front office by meeting their students for the hand off. We do not have tons of space to store items.

Attendance

You already know this, but attendance matters!!! SUSD is asking all families to do their part in emphasizing good attendance for their own students, and part of that means trying to plan vacations and travel around the school calendar. The calendar can be easily access at susd.org. Our school goal is to maintain about a 93% attendance rate for the school year, and right now we're dipping below that. A 93% attendance rate means that about 130 students are absent from Chaparral on a daily basis. If there's something we can do to help encourage good attendance for your students, please contact your grade level administrator so we can schedule a chat.

PSAT

PSAT results are in! A preliminary look shows that we may once again have several students qualifying for National Merit recognition in the fall. Also promising is how many top performing sophomores we had! The future is bright for our Firebird students. If you're not sure how to access PSAT scores, you can reach out to Mrs. Bird's assistant, Keleigh Little.

Vape Highlighter

As you probably know, vaping is one of the more common discipline issues we have on campus. Use of vaping devices is difficult to combat because they are easy to conceal usually do not have a bad odor. One thing we have seen recently is a new vaping device that looks like a highlighter. The most obvious give-away is the charging port on the bottom (where you put the cap). If you have a student who suddenly appears to be using a highlighter, go ahead and give it a second look.

If your student or another child you know is struggling with addiction, there are several community resources available to help. Please reach out to me or your guidance counselor if you need any ideas!

Gift Card Fundraiser

Each year, CHAPTS supports our families in need by organizing a gift card fundraiser around the holidays. Please be on the lookout for more information coming soon!

Final Exams

Final exams will be December 20-22 according to the attached schedule. As a reminder, there are no early final exams at Chaparral unless it is approved by admin for an extenuating circumstance (leaving early for vacation not being one of them). Students who miss a final exam should notify teachers in advance and make a plan to make up the exam the week we return after break. Lastly, all final exams will now be worth 15% of the semester grade (as opposed to 10% previously).

Shout-out

Finally, I want to give a shout out to Chaparral student Jesmina DeGuzman. She recently won FIRST PLACE in the annual Mayor's Constitution Contest by writing an essay titled "Constitutional Harmony: An Ode to Black Women Illuminating the Constitution's Promise of Justice, Unity, and Peace." She finishes the essay with the following statement, on which I think we can all agree:

"In my life, I find a profound reminder that the Constitution's promises of liberty and justice are not just words on paper; they are the music that carries the hopes and dreams of a nation."

Congratulations, Jesmina!

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Final Exam Bell Schedule December 20 – December 22, 2023

Wednesday, December 20 th		
0 Hour	6:44am	7:39am
1 st Hour	7:45am	9:25am
2 nd Hour	9:40am	11:20am
Thursday, December 21 st		
0 Hour	6:44am	7:39am
3 rd Hour	7:45am	9:25am
4 th Hour	9:40am	11:20am
Friday, December 22 nd		
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