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Dear Chaparral Families,

Welcome to another edition of the Firebird Flash! It's really just the facts this time. And as always, feel free to comment if you have any questions =) Only I will see comments you make.

Raptor

All SUSD school front offices are currently being outfitted with new visitor check-in software by Raptor Technologies. This includes Chaparral, and as a result all visitors will need to make sure they bring in their ID. There is a machine at the front desk that will scan your ID before printing out a visitor badge. The nice thing about Raptor is that their system will alert us if a visitor should not be admitted for a variety of reasons. Once we get the computer kiosk installed, you only have to use the machine on the first visit and then subsequent visits will take less time for check in.

Please bear with us as we all get used to this new system!

Course Selection 2024-2025

Guidance Counselors are in full swing with the course selection process for 2024-2025. Course requests are made online, and the deadline for all students to have theirs submitted is February 2. These course requests will inform us as we make staffing decisions throughout the spring.

Theater

Please come out to see our talented students perform in the musical, *Urinetown*! This is a funny and energetic show that everyone should enjoy. *Urinetown* is playing tonight and tomorrow starting at 7pm in the auditorium!

Future Firebird Night

Earlier this week we hosted 8th grade parents and shared lots of information related to 9th grade academics. On Monday, January 29th, we will have Future Firebird Night. This is basically an open house style event, during which representatives from clubs, activities, and athletics will be available to speak with both students and parents about our offerings. You can meet coaches, club sponsors, elective teachers, and student leaders to learn more about what your current 8th grader might be interested in at Chaparral! Doors are open from 5:30-7:30pm, so please stop by! And let your friends know who are parents of 8th graders.

Teen Town Hall

Teen Town Hall will be held for students during lunch on January 30. This is an opportunity to ask questions that are important to students of a panel that includes school and district representatives. Interested students should be on the lookout for a QR code they can use to either attend or list questions in advance!

Lunch Deliveries

Once again, please do not deliver lunches until lunch time. Our hope is that you can meet your student in the front office to hand off the lunch - there is just no space for us to store lunches that are dropped off. Thank you.

Early Release

Reminder that we have an early release for teacher PD next week on Wednesday. Students will be released at 12:20 and there is no lunch period.

Parking at apartments/condos

Several of the condo/apartment complexes nearby have complained about students parking in their lots. They have begun towing, but would appreciate encouragement from parents to avoid parking in those areas. We have also made statements to students during Firebird Word.

Roofing Project

The painting project is nearing its end with final walk throughs and punch lists. However, the roofing project is in full swing. Most of the work is being completed overnight because it involves loud noise, several moving cranes, and many workers. One issue we have noticed recently is an unpleasant odor in the upstairs D building. This is where they have been laying (and gluing) the top layer of roof covering, and although there are no windows or air vents nearby, the odor of glue is seeping into some classrooms. We are actively working to find a solution with ventilation and possibly postponing use of that particular glue to the weekends. Some classrooms were impacted today with a move to other areas of the campus.

Seniors

Just a heads up for two items to put on your calendar!

- April 30th will be the Senior Honors and Awards Ceremony at school in the auditorium. The reason for the early event is to avoid conflicts with performing arts and studying for AP exams (which have a late window this year).
- May 1st will be the Senior Breakfast. This is a field trip for students, and they will be excused for the first two periods of school to attend. Ticket prices and other info will be coming later this spring.

That's all for now - see you next time!