

CHAPARRAL



Dear Chaparral Families,

Last weekend, my family had the opportunity to visit Boston, MA. It was a surprise to us to learn that the area near our hotel is a hub for pharmaceutical research! I'm sure it's by design, so that these companies can pull knowledge and manpower from the local colleges. MIT and Harvard were both within walking distance! Anyway, while we were there it also happened to be move-in week at MIT. My wife and I were humbled to be surrounded by so many intelligent students who are at the very beginning of their collegiate journey, and it really brought home the importance of what our teachers and staff are doing every day. Having been in our classrooms this year, I can speak to the passion our teachers have for getting students ready for whatever their next steps might be. We hope your student's experience has been a great one so far!

DAA Town Hall Meetings

SUSD will be hosting several town hall meetings related to the District Additional Assistance Override question that will be on the November ballot. If you are interested in gathering more information or asking questions, please consider attending! One of the meetings will be held at Chaparral on September 8 at 6pm in the Library/Media Center. Please see the attached flier and check out the following links for more information:

<https://www.susd.org/DAA>

<https://www.susd.org/schoolfunding>.

Athletics

Tonight is the first home football game versus Tucson Salpointe at 7pm. This year, tickets for all paid sporting events are through GoFan. You can buy your tickets in advance online using the QR code at the gate. We will not take cash, checks, or credit cards at the gate. As a reminder, there is clear bag policy for adults, and they will be searched upon entrance. Students should not have bags.

1st Quarter Mid-Grade

September 9 is halfway through the first quarter and is a progress point for grades. Teachers will be posting grades to the report card area of StudentVue and ParentVue. This is also the first eligibility check for athletes - any student below 2.0 or with an F will become ineligible until their grades are brought up. Athletic Director Mr. Bagley will be reaching out to students affected by this policy.

PSAT

The PSAT will be administered to all Sophomores on October 25th. Sophomores are automatically registered to take the PSAT. Juniors that would like to take the test need to register by paying a small fee online through touchbase:

<https://az-scottsdale.intouchrecepting.com/> The deadline for Juniors to register is Friday, September 9th. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Bird, mbird@susd.org.

IDs

If your student does not have an ID, please make sure they visit the bookstore to have an ID printed. In addition, if they purchase a student activity pass, they can have it printed on their ID in the bookstore. Students must show their IDs as they enter campus and will be required to wear them during the day.

Picture Retakes

Yearbook picture retakes will be available Friday, September 16th during lunch for 9th-11th grade students. Seniors must book a free sitting at GRADS Photography studio to have their yearbook photos taken. This needs to be completed by December 8th. <https://gradsphotography.com/>

School Website

Please continue checking the school website for updates, especially related to clubs. As more clubs are either rechartered or started, the list will be updated. If you have questions specifically about website maintenance, you can contact Stephanie Arnold sarnold@susd.org in the front office.

Social Media

Please check out the great content we have going on social media like Instagram, Facebook, and Tik Tok. But also be reminded that some of the Chaparral-related accounts are not actually affiliated with the school - we (Admin) are unable to supervise what's posted there by accounts that we do not oversee.

College Visits

Our College and Career Center supervisor, Angela Vaught-Trier, has many college rep visits planned throughout the year. Please check her school website <https://www.susd.org/Page/1386> for more information!

Staffing

We still have a couple of vacancies at Chaparral, but there's hope. We have a candidate for English who may be able to start at the beginning of the 2nd quarter, and we interviewed a biology candidate yesterday. The art position will probably be filled by the current substitute, who has a background in art!

Interim Label

Just a quick note about the "Interim" label used in my title. When my predecessor left, we were already into the summer and there wasn't time to go through the full process of gathering community input, posting the vacancy, and interviewing candidates. Due to my experience in the district and at Chaparral, I was asked to take on the role of Interim Principal. It is an appointment for the school year. Throughout the school year additional input will be gathered and sometime this spring and a decision will be made to either remove the interim label or interview other candidates. Of course it's my hope to be here at Chaparral (without the "Interim" label) for quite a while. The important thing for you is to always reach out when you have questions or concerns so that we can try to address them. I cannot promise to make everyone happy all the time, but I can promise to always do what I feel is the best interest of everyone involved. And when I say "I,"

I usually mean the excellent members of the team responsible for making the decision. As for the label, sometimes you'll see it and sometimes you won't!

I hope everyone has a restful three-day weekend, and I look forward to seeing all of our students refreshed and ready to learn on Tuesday!

Sincerely,
Joshua Pantier, *Interim* Principal

Dates:

Friday, September 2:	1st Home Football Game @ 7pm
Monday, September 5:	No School - Labor Day
Wednesday, September 7:	Site Council Meeting @ 7am
Friday, September 9:	Deadline for Juniors to register for PSAT
Wednesday, September 14:	Early Release for Teacher PD
Friday, September 16:	Yearbook Picture Retake Day (grades 9-11)
Monday, September 26:	No School - District Recess
Wednesday, September 28:	Early Release for Teacher PD
Friday, September 30:	Homecoming Game vs. Mesa Mtn. View @ 7pm
Wednesday, October 5:	No School - District Recess
October 10-14:	No School - Fall Break