

# CHAPARRAL



Dear Firebird Families,

This week's Firebird Flash contains several updates and reminders. I've been thinking a lot lately about our seniors. Many of you know that November 1 is an important early deadline for college applications, and the regular deadline around December 31 is not very far away. And THEN it's only a few months before graduation. Regardless of your student's after-high-school plans, the next several months can be both exciting and stressful. They might need your support and encouragement, and I want you to know that our teachers, counselors, administrators, and support staff are ready to do the same. Never hesitate to reach out to any of us if there's anything you think we can help with!

As you'll see below, the second quarter is full of events. I have a feeling it's going to go quickly, so if you haven't checked up on grades lately, now is a good time to check before it's too late.

## **Food Deliveries**

This is a reminder that food deliveries are not allowed at SUSD schools. The only exception is parents who deliver food directly to their student in the front office during lunch. When deliveries arrive from any other source (e.g. door dash, postmates, etc.), the food is either refused by staff or held in the office until after school.

## **Coffee House**

Please consider attending Coffee House November 7-9 in the Chaparral Auditorium! This will be a great opportunity to see our students perform in a variety of ways in an intimate setting on stage. Refreshments will be served while you enjoy the performances. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$50 per table (4 seats). Please take a look at the attached flier!

## **Signing Day**

Many of our students will be recognized on November 16 after early release by signing a National Letter of Intent to play sports in college. We will hold a ceremony on campus that day to recognize our Chaparral students who will be signing. Family and friends are welcome to attend! Please reach out to Jack Bagley or his assistant, Peter Heikka, if your student is committing to play and wants to participate in the school ceremony.

## **Social Media Assembly**

On November 21 we will be holding an assembly on Internet/Social Media Safety for students. This panel-style assembly will be led by representatives from NotMyKid and will focus on supporting a safe culture around the use of social media, along with outlining some of the dangers of over-use and healthy alternatives to being on cell phones too much.

## **Firebird Fly-In**

On November 22, we will be resuming a tradition of hosting Firebird Fly-In. Students from several feeder schools will be taking a field trip to Chaparral to learn about course offerings and extracurriculars, in addition to touring the campus and meeting important students and staff.

### Winter Sports

Winter sports (Girls and boys soccer, girls and boys basketball, wrestling) kick off on November 28! Tickets are available on [GoFan](#), so please come out and support our student athletes!

### Final Exams

For those of you new to high school or SUSD, we use a modified schedule at the end of each semester for final exams. December 14-16 are early release days for finals - students will have two periods each day, during which the final exam will be administered. We have a policy of no early final exams, so if you have travel plans your student will likely have to make up the exam after our return from Winter Break. Please check ParentVue for a current look at grades and reach out to teachers if you have any concerns. We have several opportunities for extra help when students need it.

### Dates:

November 7-9:	Coffee House - 7pm in the Auditorium
November 9:	Site Council Mtg - 7am
November 11:	No School - Veterans Day
November 16:	Early Release for Teacher PD
November 16:	NLI Signing Day Event
November 21:	Internet Safety Assembly
November 22:	Firebird Fly-In (during the school day)
November 23-25:	Thanksgiving Recess
December 1:	Orchestra Concert
December 6:	Band Concert
December 7-10:	Hoophall West Basketball Tournament
December 12:	Choir Concert
December 14-16:	Early Release for Final Exams