

CHAPARRAL



Happy New Year!

With so many students at Chaparral High School, you can imagine all the great things going on all the time. Yesterday, news of a great student-initiated project came to my attention. I want to give a big shout-out to Jackson Washburn for creating *ROCKET, The Coloring Book*. If you don't know, Rocket is our Crisis Canine, and his handler is our own School Resource Officer, Officer Lines. Jackson designed several pages of Rocket-themed artwork for his book that Chaparral and other schools will be able to use with students. Officer Lines will have copies available very soon for anybody who needs one. Great job, Jackson!

Speaking of Officer Lines, he would like to thank all of the students who participated in a supply/donation drive for the Arizona Humane Society in honor of Rocket's December 25th birthday. The Chaparral community did an amazing job! You can view a highlight video using the following link: <https://fb.watch/hz4gVlpb4j/>

Tax Credit Donations

Tax credit donations are a great way to support extracurricular activities at school, and we hope you will consider making a donation this year. If your student is not participating in an activity or field trip this year that uses tax credit funds, you can instead make a donation to the school's general tax credit fund. The Site Council meets every month to review and approve funding requests from this account. This fund is used to provide support for many things, including field trips, supplies, tutoring, etc. At this month's meeting, we approved the following:

- Transportation costs for the Science Olympiad Club to participate in an invitation tournament
- Substitute costs for a teacher to take the Reading is Fundamental Club to a community service/book distribution event
- Substitute costs for two teachers to take Student Government students to the state convention

Attendance

As you know, a strong indicator of student success is attendance (or lack thereof). In Scottsdale we have a practice of revoking credit for students who have shown excessive absences, and we want you to know that 6 students were denied credit for 1st semester coursework based on having poor attendance. If your student is struggling to get to school, we have some things we can do to provide support, so please reach out to your student's guidance counselor or grade level assistant principal. And if your student does have to miss school due to illness or appointments, please make sure you call the attendance office and provide the reason for the absence. In some cases, we may ask for documentation.

Internet Safety

You may recall that we held an assembly in November for students to learn about kindness, bullying, and appropriate use of social media. Next week, NotMyKid will be hosting a webinar for parents specifically on internet safety. This hour-long presentation will focus on risky behavior, warning signs of cyberbullying, how to monitor for inappropriate content, identity theft, and legal aspects. Take a look at the attached flyer for more information.

A Monster Calls

The next theater production is A Monster Calls, which will be held in the Black Box beginning January 23. Stay tuned for information about tickets or check the Chaparral website!

January 11:	8th Grade Parent Night
January 12:	NotMyKid Internet Safety Webinar (see attachment)
January 14:	STEM Robotics Expo
January 16:	No School
January 23-27:	A Monster Calls (nightly in the Black Box)
January 24:	SUSD Middle School Honor Orchestra Festival (in the Chap Auditorium)
January 25:	Early Release for Teacher Professional Development
February 8:	Early Release for Teacher Professional Development
February 15:	Future Firebird Night
February 20:	No School