

# CHAPARRAL



January 27, 2023, FIREBIRD FLASH

On Friday, January 13 I was lucky enough to chaperone my son's field trip to the World Wildlife Zoo. I was responsible for three kindergarteners plus one 5th grade "leader." It was quite inspiring to see how excited the younger students were to see and learn about the animals, and great to watch the 5th grader lead and facilitate discussion among the others. Combine that with being next door to Luke AFB and the F-35s flying around, and you've got yourself quite the outing! It was a clear reminder of why we do what we do every day - not only in teaching our young people the "three Rs," but in giving them authentic experiences to make their learning more concrete while inspiring them for future careers. So far this year, our teachers have organized more than 50 field trips. I encourage your students to participate when possible and to suggest field trips to their teachers when they have a good idea!

Congratulations to the theater department on wrapping up their 2nd show of the year tomorrow! *A Monster Calls* has been playing all week and is receiving rave reviews. Be on the lookout for *Into The Woods* later this spring on the big stage.

Also, congratulations to the following students:

- Marco Montemore, for being the only SUSD student to be selected for the 2023 All-State Jazz Band 1. Not only is he a gifted musician, he carries a GPA over 4.0, is a member of the Improv troupe, and can often be seen on the daily announcements. Way to go, Marco!
- Kaitlyn Baughman, for receiving "Gold Key" recognition from Scholastic Arts and Writing Awards for her painting, *Wonder*. A photo of Kaitlyn's painting is attached to this message.
- Raquel Lille, for receiving "Silver Key" recognition for her drawing, *Beneath the Colors*.

Just a quick reminder: the spring semester is always busy and can fly by quickly. Please don't hesitate to reach out to teachers or guidance counselors if your student is struggling so that we can get them the help they need.

## Course Selection

Most students are completing the course selection process for next year. If you have questions, please contact either your current teacher for recommendations on what to take next or your guidance counselor. These course selections will help us make staffing decisions and drive next year's master schedule. As a reminder, individual student schedules will not be available until mid-late July.

## Parking

This is a reminder about parking on campus. Only students with a valid school parking permit can park, and they must do so in their assigned spot. Students without a parking permit must park off campus. They can also ride with a friend or use the school bus.

Students found to be parking on campus without a permit may receive consequences, including being disqualified from the senior parking lottery (if that student is a sophomore or junior).

### Principal Search

District has been gathering information from staff and parents on the desired characteristics of next year's principal. This is intended to be an open and inclusive process. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Milissa Sackos, Assistant Superintendent. In the end, it is my hope to be chosen as the principal for next year and continue serving our community!

### Bathrooms

In the fall, our student bathrooms suffered from a variety of plumbing and graffiti/vandalism issues which have caused some bathrooms to be locked. However, currently only the boys bathrooms in the A building are locked, in addition to all upstairs bathrooms during lunch. Otherwise, everything should be available for student use. The one-person bathroom in the lobby and the bathroom in the nurse's office are also available to students.

### Intro to PE Classes Prevention Lessons

On Thursday, February 2nd and Wednesday, February 22nd, the non-profit, notMYkid, will be providing prevention lessons in our Intro to PE classes. The February 2nd lesson will focus on bullying prevention. The February 22nd lesson will focus on prevention of vaping/cannabis use. If you have a student in an Intro to PE class, please look for an email from the teacher with details on what students will be learning in each prevention presentation. If you do not receive an email, please reach out to your student's teacher for a copy of the email or more details.

### Local Events

Any long-time resident of Scottsdale knows that the January-February window is a popular one in the valley, especially when the Super Bowl is in town. We've got golf tournaments, car auctions, concerts, and all the fun that goes along with them. Unfortunately, with those events comes both traffic and *trafficking*. Our district security director recently reminded schools to remind students of the following: (1) Be aware of your surroundings - if you're being followed, find help or call 911, and (2) Do not respond to people you don't know who reach out online or through social media - often these people are not who they claim to be and are simply trying to take advantage of you. If you are aware of human trafficking, please report it using the national hotline: 1-888-373-7888 (or text \*233733).

February 8:	Early Release for Teacher Professional Development
February 15:	Future Firebird Night
February 20:	No School
February 20:	Spring Sports Begin! Track and Field, Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Beach Volleyball
March 1:	Early Release for Teacher Professional Development
March 3:	StuGo Blood Drive
March 10:	End of 3rd Quarter