

CHAPARRAL



Dear Firebird Families,

We are rolling into spring, so we have many updates to share today. Please read carefully and let us know if you have any questions!

Pom and Cheer

Both teams recently competed at nationals and represented Chaparral well! JV Pom won a national championship and Varsity Pom won third place out of over 100 teams! JV Cheer finished 6th out of 13 teams, and Varsity Cheer placed 17th out of 113 teams in the largest "traditional" routine division. Wow!

Winters Sports

Congratulations to all of our winter sports participants on a great season! Two of our wrestlers placed in state, and the girls soccer team play in the championship game tomorrow (11:30am at Mesa Dobson High School).

Spring Sports

Baseball, softball, tennis, track and field, and beach volleyball are getting underway. Come out and support our athletes while relaxing in our beautiful AZ spring weather!

Lacrosse

Did you know that Chaparral has a club lacrosse team? Lacrosse is not an AIA sport, but your students can still play by participating in this club - we have both boys' and girls' teams. Many games are played right on Chaparral's own field.

Spring Testing

Stay tuned for a special email regarding spring testing. As a heads up, here's what we're looking at for this year:

- ACT for all juniors - March 22 (all other students stay home for asynchronous learning)
- AZ-Sci for all juniors - March 28-30 during class (normal bell schedule for all students)
- ACT Aspire for freshmen - April 3-6 (block schedule for all students)

It is important that students take these exams seriously. The exams for juniors in particular directly affect our annual school letter grade, and the ACT score can be used as a college admissions exam. Schedules for these days are posted on the school website and attached to this message.

Lockdown Reminders

It is extremely rare that we have a "real" lockdown situation, but we practice them enough to know exactly what to do. When a real one occurred last week, everyone jumped into action right away to secure classrooms, and fortunately the alleged threat turned out to be false. During situations like this it is difficult to get information out quickly because we're all involved in addressing the immediate needs of the school. As a result, we can only ask for your patience and trust that we will communicate as soon as we possibly can.

In reviewing what happened last week, Officer Lines has one important reminder for parents. If you become aware of a lockdown occurring campus, please do not come to school (even though we know you will probably want to). In the event of a true emergency, police cars, fire trucks, and ambulances are trying to respond and render aid. If parents are also arriving, that could create traffic jams that prevent first responders from getting here.

Sparrow Club

Yesterday we held an assembly for all students to introduce them to a very important person/family. Student Government has partnered with Sparrow Club USA and Blackrock Coffee to adopt a child in need. We hope that this will be the beginning of an annual tradition! Students met Azul, an 8th grader in the valley who is undergoing treatment for a form of leukemia. They also learned about how, through performing community service, they can unlock financial support for Azul and her family. We are so excited to see how our students respond to this opportunity to put our first core value (compassion) into action!



Site Council

Our Site Council meets regularly to review requests to use the "general" tax credit fund, so I have listed the approvals to date below. Thank you so much to anyone who has donated in the past or who is considering donating. This money is directed to great things for students!

- Science Olympiad Invitational Transportation
- Substitute for teacher to attend Reading Is Fundamental Club - Book Distribution to St. Peters Mission School
- Substitutes for teachers to attend Student Council State Convention
- Physics Day at Castles N' Coasters Transportation
- Model UN Hotel Cost

Parking

This is a reminder that parking is only available to seniors with permits. Students who try to park on campus without a permit may be subject to disciplinary action. Also, students must park in their assigned spots - parking permits cannot be shared or transferred. If someone is parked in your spot, please go around to the staff lot off Gold Dust to park and report the violation to the office.

Food Deliveries

For some reason, there has been an uptick in food deliveries to students. As another reminder, we do not allow food deliveries. The only exception is when food is delivered to a student by that student's parent/guardian in the office. Any other food deliveries will be confiscated. Students can pick up their food after school.

Tutoring

Is your student struggling in any classes? If so, please reach out to teachers asap. We have some tutoring options on campus, and we encourage you to take advantage of those. Almost every teacher we have also has office hours during the week, during which help can be provided.

Seniors

Soon after spring break, Mrs. Hardy will be sharing lots of senior year/graduation information with seniors. There's a lot to get ready for, but we'll be there to help every step of the way! Stay tuned for more information.

2023-2024

Spring is always a busy season because we're getting ready to wrap up the current year while also making plans for next year. Staffing season is in full swing, and we're making decisions about which courses to offer. If you have questions about next year, guidance counselors are a good first point of contact aside from your teachers this year.

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
March 13-17:	No School - Spring Break
March 22:	ACT for juniors (no in-person school for other grades)
March 28-30:	AZ Science Testing (normal schedule)
March 30:	Art Walk hosted by Student Government
April 3-6:	Block Schedule for ACT Aspire