

# CHAPARRAL



Dear Firebird Families,

It is hard to believe that we're already winding down the school year as we head toward graduation. There are several events coming up, so mark your calendars! It's possible we'll send out one more newsletter before the end of the year, but if not please know that it has been a joy to work at Chaparral this year and we are very much looking forward to 2023-2024!

The first day of school for students in the fall is Monday, August 7. Annual Verification will take place in ParentVue, and most registration types of activities will be online. The campus will be open the week before school starts to allow students to take care of various things as needed and to allow families to walk the campus and find their new classes. We'll be sending out a summer newsletter with all of the information you will need to know!

Finally, next week is teacher appreciation week! If you have a teacher this year who has been particularly impactful, please reach out to them and let them know how much they are appreciated. And thank you to CHAPTs, who has planned a wonderful week of recognizing our hard working teachers!

## **Celebrations**

This is certainly not an exhaustive list, but I wanted to point out a few things that happened this year as examples of what great students we have at Chaparral!

- Boys and Girls Swim/Dive - State Champions
- Girls Soccer - State Champions
- Freshman Football - Undefeated season
- Robotics Team - Qualified for the World Competition
- Two perfect ACT scores
- Performing Arts groups received superior ratings
- Dozens of students are receiving the Seal of Biliteracy or the Fine Arts Seal

We are so proud of these amazing students and many others for their accomplishments this year. They are what make us Chaparral Proud!

## **Seniors**

There are many senior activities this month, so take a look at the important dates below. Most importantly, remember to continue focusing on your courses to make sure you graduate! And when the time comes, remember that students should arrive at Salt River Fields by 6pm. There ceremony begins at 7pm. More information will be sent specifically to seniors and their families. If you haven't already, please consider having your student attend Project Graduation

## **Final Exam Schedule**

Please find the final exam schedule attached to this message. Parents and students are reminded that there are no early finals and that attendance is required on the final exam days. Any student missing finals will have to

make them up in June by scheduling time with the office. Teachers will leave any needed exams for us to administer over the summer.

The only odd scheduling consideration is that seniors do not attend school on May 24. Seniors with 6th and 7th period classes will take their final on May 18 and May 19.

### **Senior Parking 2023-2024**

Information regarding senior parking for next year has been posted in the student Google Classroom for the Class of 2024. It was also emailed this morning to junior families. The deadline for submitting documents online is Monday afternoon.

### **Summer School**

If your student is interested in summer school for either in-person or online classes, please check out SUSD's summer school website. The deadline to register for session 1 is May 22. Some of the in-person classes are filling up, so register soon!

<https://www.susd.org/Page/5215>

### **Lessons Learned**

As you may recall, Chaparral experience a "real" lockdown several weeks ago. The report turned out to be a hoax, and our staff was able to quickly determine everything was safe and lift the lockdown. Just this week, Arcadia High School also experienced a "real" lockdown. There are two main things I want to share with you in light of those occurrences: (1) We are continually reviewing, analyzing, and modifying our emergency plans to create a safe environment and improve procedures, and (2) please do not come to school in the event of a lockdown. Our lockdown was pretty quick, but Arcadia's was a bit longer and hundreds of parents headed toward school to pick up their students. The backups and traffic jams made it very difficult for emergency response vehicles and district officials to access the campus and provide support.

We know that situations like these can cause extra stress for students and their families, and we empathize with you in wanting as much information as soon as possible. In the event of a true emergency, we will do our best to communicate clearly and often with parents. When it is safe to come to school, we will let you know. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### **Important Dates**

May 5:	Dance Performance @ 7pm (Auditorium)
May 9:	Band Concern @ 7pm (Auditorium)
May 16:	Orchestra Concert @ 6pm (Auditorium)
May 17:	Senior Honors and Awards Ceremony (Auditorium)



May 17:	Senior Sunset
May 18:	Senior Breakfast
May 18:	Choir Concert @ 6pm (Auditorium)
May 18-19:	Final Exams for seniors with 6th or 7th period
May 19:	Final Improv Show @ 7pm (Black Box)
May 22-24:	Final Exam Schedule (7:45am-11:20am)
May 24:	Graduation

