

# CHAPARRAL



Welcome to another edition of the Firebird Flash! There are some updates today, along with some important dates to keep in mind for student events coming up. Please take a look and let me know if you have any question!

## **Thank You**

Thank you to all of the freshman and junior students who tested this week, and to the parents for making sure they got here! Way to go juniors! There were only 15 students absent, which is a great turnout. We are required to test at least 95% of the eligible students, so that was a great start! We're looking forward to seeing our results and making plans for further improvement with next year's group.

## **Mean Girls**

No, I'm not talking about teenagers - I'm talking about our spring musical! It's not too late to come out and catch Chaparral Theater's production of Mean Girls! The show starts at 7pm tonight and Saturday. Tickets at the door are \$15 for students and \$20 for adults. See you there!

## **Tax Credit and Site Council**

If you have not yet filed your 2023 taxes and did not make a tax credit donation, there's still time to take a dollar-for-dollar credit on a donation made to Chaparral High School. You can donate to a particular program or to the general Chaparral fund by clicking here: <https://www.susd.org/Page/453>. Each month, the Site Council meets to review funding requests from teachers and allocate money from the undesignated fund. That money usually goes to pay for materials or expenses related to extracurricular activities like field trips, athletics, etc.

Recent approvals include:

- Continuation of before and after school math tutoring
- Sub days for an orchestra field trip
- Sub day for Jazz Festival field trip
- Supplemental pay for the NHS adviser (currently a non-paid, volunteer role)
- Registration for the State Jazz Festival and the State Concert Festival
- Bus and sub costs for the adaptive PE field trip

## **Prospective Parent Night**

Do you know any parents of current 8th grade students either in SUSD or in other schools that would consider sending their students to Chaparral? CHAPTs is sponsoring a "prospective parent" social on April 18th to specifically target those families who are on the fence about where to send their students for 9th grade. We would love the opportunity to meet them in person, share information, and answer any questions they might have about Chaparral! Several parents and staff members, including administration, will be there for exactly that purpose. Please pass the information from the attachment on to anyone you feel might be interested!

## Seniors

Senior students and parents should have received information about all of the important spring activities, including graduation. If you haven't, please check with your student or contact Mrs. Hardy's assistant, Marianne Silovic at [msilovic@susd.org](mailto:msilovic@susd.org). This year's graduation ceremony will again take place at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick on May 23 at 7pm. Students are to arrive by 6pm according to the details shared previously.

## E-Bikes

Please read the following message regarding E-bikes from Mr. Joshua Friedman, SUSD's director of security and safety:

*Dear Scottsdale Unified School District Parents and Guardians,*

*Electric bikes and other modes of transportation that include motors, such as skateboards, hoverboards, single-wheel scooters, gas-powered motorbikes or anything that has a motor, have become a safety issue for everyone. The district does not allow any of these items to be ridden or operated on school property, including our parking lots. Students may push them or carry them to the location on campus where they can be secured, but they cannot be ridden or operated at school (SUSD Code of Conduct, page 68).*

*To reduce serious accidents and dangerous behavior by children using these types of devices, local jurisdictions have changed some of their ordinances and are encouraging their law enforcement officers to conduct enhanced and targeted education and enforcement.*

*We encourage all families to research the laws of the jurisdiction in which you reside or that your child may travel through to get to school. The links to the Scottsdale and Phoenix city ordinances are below.*

*The biggest change we have seen is to the City of Phoenix ordinance which states that **no person under the age of 18 may ride an electric bicycle (Sec. 36-510).***

*Please review the laws with your child and, should they opt for this form of transportation, please make sure they are equipped with proper safety gear and understand the "rules of the road." We want every child to be safe and in school, learning.*

### **Phoenix Municipal Code**

[https://phoenix.municipal.codes/CC/36\\_ArtXVII](https://phoenix.municipal.codes/CC/36_ArtXVII)

Article XVII, Section 36-500 through 36-514

### **Scottsdale Municipal Code**

[https://library.municode.com/az/scottsdale/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=REVISED\\_CODEVO1\\_CH17M\\_OVETR\\_ARTIVBISKMOSKMUPA](https://library.municode.com/az/scottsdale/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=REVISED_CODEVO1_CH17M_OVETR_ARTIVBISKMOSKMUPA)

Article IV, Section 17-76 through 17-100



### **Important dates**

Pops Concert: Tuesday, April 16

Orchestra Concert: Thursday, April 25

Improv: Friday, April 26

Prom: Saturday, April 27

NHS Induction Ceremony: Monday, April 29

Senior Honors and Awards Ceremony: Tuesday, April 30

Senior Sunset: Tuesday, April 30 (football field)

Band Concert: Thursday, May 2

AP Exams begin: Monday, May 6

Dance Concert: Friday, May 10

Musical Theater Showcase: Monday, May 13

