

# CHAPARRAL



Dear Firebird families,  
Today we have one major celebration and then several updates, so let's get going!

## **Scottsdale Charros**

The Scottsdale Charros is a local philanthropic organization that supports athletics and education throughout our area. One of the cool things they do every year is ask high schools to nominate two Outstanding Students and one Outstanding Educator of the year. We are so excited to announce that on Wednesday, we recognized Will Posorske, Elvia Uzdonas, and Mrs. Zhongyi Yuan as this year's nominees! In addition to receiving a check from the Charros, they will also be invited to the annual Charros Education Awards banquet. Congratulations Will, Elvia, and Mrs. Yuan!

## **Athletics**

Congratulations to all of our winter sports teams for great seasons! Pretty much everyone was in the playoff picture, but the highlight of the season came from Girls Basketball! After a difficult season, they survived two play-in games to make it to round two of the 5A playoff. Congrats to Coach Mo and the lady Firebirds!

Spring sports are starting up! Please come out to support baseball, softball, track and field, tennis, beach volleyball, and even girls flag football! Finally, the club lacrosse team will be out on the field this spring is well. Best wishes to all of our athletes!

## **Firearm Safety Training**

A ParentSquare message will go out next week regarding opt-in for a Firearm Safety training. It is a state requirement to *offer* this training to all students, and we will arrange a time for students to meet and watch the video. Our School Resource Officer, Officer Lines, will also assist with that training.

## **Grades**

Next Friday marks the end of the 3rd Quarter. It's hard to believe that we're down to only 53 days of school left! Please keep an eye on those grades and check in with your students if it seems like they're struggling. We stand ready to assist!

Spring means it's also testing season. Be on the lookout for adjusted bell schedules related to the ACT (11th graders) and ACT Aspire (9th graders). These are tests that are used to calculate our school letter grade, so we expect everyone to take them seriously. 11th graders can also use this ACT score for college admissions!

## **Seniors/Graduation**

We're trying to convince senior to hold off on senioritis as long as possible, but there will be lots going on after break. Be on the lookout from Mrs. Hardy for information about Honors and Awards Night, Senior Breakfast, Graduation, and Project Graduation.



### **Performing Arts**

Keep an eye on the calendar for our spring performing arts events! Theater is producing Mean Girls on the main stage, and our other groups will have their spring concerts. Come out to support band, orchestra, choir, and dance!

### **SCC Forensics Speaker**

Scottsdale Community College has been hosting a series of STEM speakers, and they want you to know that the next speaker, Professor Connor, will be speaking about forensic science. The STEM Speaking series is open to high school students, so please consider attending if your student is interested in these topics! See the attachment for more information.

