



Chaparral High Association of Parents and Teachers

April 2008

Dear CHAPTS Families,

I hope your Spring Break was relaxing and fun.

After many months of hard work and preparation, Mardi Gras Golf Tournament Dinner and Auction was a huge success! The Fundraiser Committee would like to thank the parents and members of our business community for their generous support. The event generated over \$76,000; the money will go toward helping our students and staff maintain the high standard of excellence that Chaparral has been able to achieve over the years. The most important piece of making this event successful was YOU! Thank you to all that participated in preparing for the event, to those that attended, and donated to our event of our school and our kids. A special thanks to all that volunteered their time and talent is included in this newsletter.

Our next CHAPTS meeting will be held on April 14, 2008 in the library, 6:30 hospitality and 7PM meeting. I hope you plan to attend as we begin our preparation for next year. Updates will be given by STUGO, Officer Boltz, a Girlwise representative, and of course, Mrs. Muccino.

CHAPTS continues to review funding requests monthly. The following gifting was approved at February and March APT meetings.

- Flex Cams for Science Dept; will attach to microscopes so image can be seen by entire class (\$2000)
- Instructional materials/DVD(s) for Social Studies Dept. (\$268)
- Used digital camera for Journalism class. Will be used for school newspaper and yearbook (\$400)
- Math Dept--Set of Geometric Solids. Allows hands-on experience with geometric shape/volume relationship (\$40). Classroom set of compasses, protractors, & shatterproof rulers. (\$86)
- 2 Used EZ-Go 4 seat golf cart for Security use in parking lot/campus. (\$5,000)
- Replacement printer for Homework Coordinator (\$161)
- Class set of literature books/teaching materials: Lord of the Flies and Things Fall Apart. (\$2415)
- Funding toward Stay Alive at 25 Leadership retreat. (\$2400)
- Work island and shelving for new Teacher's Workroom in (rebuilt) Administration Building. (\$1420)

Project Grad is well under way. Karen Phelps and Paula Ullman are organizing a wonderful evening for our graduating seniors. Please be sure to get your forms in to them with your check/payment ASAP. You can find all the information you will need at CHAPTS.org.

Respectfully,

Carla Partridge

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March 28, 2008

Dear Parent/Guardian

The Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) Math and Science exams will be held at Chaparral on April 8th and 9th, 2008, along with the TerraNova exam for freshman. School will run on a late start for both these days, with schedules attached below. Please note that there is a different schedule for each day, but busses will run 3 hours late on both days for non-testers. For those students taking the exam, the busses will run at their normal time.

The AIMS math exam will take place on Tuesday, April 8th. All sophomores will take this exam, along with any juniors or seniors who have not yet met the standard and any students who wish to exceed the standard. At the same time, all freshmen will be taking the TerraNova exam for Language Arts and Mathematics. At the conclusion of the testing session, lunch will be provided, followed by 6th and 7th period.

On Wednesday, April 9th, the new AIMS Science exam will be administered. This test will be for all FRESHMEN and SOPHOMORES who are currently enrolled in a Biology course. Freshmen and sophomores not currently enrolled in Biology will not take the exam. The AIMS Science exam is not yet a graduation requirement for Arizona students, but we are still requiring all freshman and sophomores enrolled in Biology to take the exam. At the conclusion of the testing session, lunch will be provided, followed by the first 4 periods. Please see the attached schedule below, and call the school if you have any questions.

APRIL 8th

8:15-10:05 AIMS Math session 1
TerraNova Reading/Language Arts
10:05-10:35 Break
10:40-12:10 AIMS Math session 2
TerraNova Math
12:10-12:45 Lunch for testers
12:52-1:45 6th period
1:52-1:45 7th period

APRIL 9th

8:15-10:50 AIMS Science
10:50-11:25 Lunch for testers
11:32-12:15 1st period
12:22-1:05 2nd period
1:12-1:55 3rd period
2:02-2:45 4th/5th period



Mark your Calendar... Important Date Information

AIMS SCHEDULE INFORMATION

APRIL 8

8:15-10:05	AIMS Math session1 Terra Nova Reading/Language Art
10:05-10:35	Break
10:40-12:10	AIMS Math session 2 TerraNova Math
12:10-12:45	Lunch for testers
12:52-1:45	6th period
1:52-2:45	7th period

APRIL 9

8:15-10:50	AIMS Science
10:50-11:25	Lunch for testers
11:32-12:15	1st period
12:22 –1:05	2nd period
1:12-1:55	3rd period
2:02 –2:45	4th/5th period

CHAPTS

MEETINGS

REMAINING MEETINGS FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR:

MON. APR 14

MON. MAY 12

MEETINGS START AT 7PM WITH HOSPITALITY /SOCIAL AT 6:30 PM UNLESS OTHERWISE ANNOUNCED. MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE LIBRARY.

PLEASE ATTEND AS THIS IS AN EASY WAY TO STAY CONNECTED AND "IN THE KNOW". ALL ARE WELCOME!

CHAPTS Newsletters

The CHAPTS newsletters are published monthly. Look for our final newsletter of this school year in early May. Deadline for submitting information is April 28. We welcome information for the newsletter. Suggestions include department events or wish lists, club meetings and sponsored activities, student achievements/recognition.

Information can be shared by sending it to:
newsletter@CHAPTS.org.

TAX RECEIPT AVAILABLE

Members! You should have received a letter by snail mail or e-mail which serves as a tax receipt for your membership contribution. The membership donation (amount given) to CHAPTS is tax deductible. If you haven't joined this year, you may still join. Please e-mail Maria Townsend at leflo@cox.net with any questions. Thank you for your support.

PROJECT GRADUATION APPROACHING



The Project Graduation Committee is thrilled to hold Chaparral's post graduation all-night alcohol and drug-free party at F1 Race Factory this year. Plans are in the works to make this Project Grad more fun than ever before! We want 100% attendance, and all seniors are invited and encouraged to attend this "once in a lifetime" event.

The cost for Project Grad is approximately \$100 per senior which includes admission to F1, transportation to and from Chaparral, food, coffee bar drinks, games, prizes, cash raffles, and many more surprises! As in years past, we are once again going to the senior class to help defray the cost of this event. If you can afford to pay for your graduate we are asking for your help. However, ***NO SENIOR WILL BE TURNED AWAY DUE TO INABILITY TO MAKE A MONETARY DONATION.*** Thank you to those families who have already made a donation.

We need ALL seniors to complete the permission slip and F1 Race Factory Waiver forms. We would like to have every senior's paperwork on file, even if they are undecided about attending. Additional forms can be downloaded on the CHAPTS website (under EVENTS link), and are also available in the front office at the Receptionist desk. **PLEASE TURN IN THE COMPLETED FORMS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

Questions? Please contact Karen Phelps (480)998-0069, Judy Shano (480) 390-7747, or Paula Ullman (480) 991-2165.



Graduation Speech Audition Information

ATTENTION SENIORS:

Informational meetings and sign ups for graduation speeches will be held on April 15-16 and 17 at 8 a.m. and at the beginning of each lunch period in Gusty's room 321. The meeting will take about 10 minutes. Please be sure that you see Gusty to sign up and get the information before April 18th. Auditions are on April 30th at 3 p.m. in the conference room in the main office. This is the only date and time available for auditions.

ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS: "Memory Lane"

As graduation approaches, it time to reflect upon all the wonderful memories our children's lives have brought to us as we celebrate this magical time. "Memory Lane" is a Chaparral tradition. We need your help to surprise our graduates. Each family is asked to create a collage filled with photos of their graduate's life. The collages will be displayed at Senior Breakfast. The students seek out their collage, laugh at each other's baby pictures and reminisce over the times they have shared together. The graduate will bring their collage home after breakfast. The collages can be enjoyed for years to come.

To start: gather pictures (from album, CD). Make a laser color copy that can be cut/resized to mount on the collage as you may not wish to "damage" an original picture." Place (lightly tape) desired photos on white paper to make laser color copy.

Pick up Memory Lane Poster Board/Instructions in Guidance Office

Making the collage: Place your "copied" pictures on the Memory Lane poster boards. Use your creativity in completing this project. Enjoy your stroll down memory lane as well.

Make color copies of collage. You may wish to display in office, dorm rooms, or share with grandparents.

Alphagraphics (10330 N. Scottsdale Rd) is our official "Memory Lane copy shop. They will offer reduced prices for project.

Color Laser copies: \$.99 (8 1/2 x 11); \$1.99 (11 x 17)

Laminating charge: \$3.50

The finished collage should be laminated for display.

Drop off on Tuesdays, by 5PM. Pick up Fridays, after 3PM.

Questions: call Monica Carpentieri @ 480-367-0752 or

Kathleen Tomasullo @ 480-607-6688.

WANTED:

PARENT VOLUNTEERS FOR PROM

Saturday: April 26 8 to 11PM

Monterra @ West World

Contact Jen MacColl if you can help

jmaccoll@susd.org



SUSD Hosting Community Forums

SUSD will be holding community meetings to present district facility realignment and facility usage plan options within each complex. All forums begin at 6:00. This is your chance to provide direct input to Dr. Baracy and the Governing Board on this very important issue. Come and have your voice heard. Remaining meeting sites are:

April 7: Desert Mountain High School

April 14: Coronado High School

April 21: Saguaro High School

April 22: Arcadia High School.

(Chaparral High School hosted a forum on March 20.)

Thank You to our Mardi Gras

Golf, Dinner & Auction Volunteers

Our Mardi Gras Gold, Dinner and Auction event was held March 2. It was a huge success!. Thank you to all that attended, donated and especially worked to make this such a lovely day and evening.

A special debt of gratitude goes out to Peter Kolesar, David Cantor, Peg Vakula, Judy Shano, Karen Phelps, Julia Libling, Cheryl Lennon and Sarah Shea. Without all of you this event could not have been so successful. We are blessed to have so much talent to draw from to help not only raise funds for our students and school, but to make it fun while doing so. All of our volunteers deserve a round of applause. Thank you to other volunteers who served on event committees:

Alan Fireman, Karen Nieto, Julie Lavidge, Marcia Anderson, Melinda Studnicka, Tracy Quick, Sam Luft, Camille Bergeron, Karen Onken, Diane Quinn, John Quinn, Kim Graunke, Daniel Fox, Lisa Bruns, Susan Nsubuga, Marlene Woods, Cindy Hazelwood, Bennee Hilton, Tobi Hollingsworth, Christi Abraham, Barbara M. Burke, Lisa Cole, Michelle Targun, Merry Medvec, Heather Eaton, Kathy Carter, Candy Davis, Mary Ann Niccoli, Marty Murphy, Cathy Keyser, Alice Meyer, Cathy McBride, Kari Redman, Lynn Cummings, Veronica Japp, ME Fusco, Helene Presutti, Carla Carter, Mary Kim Brown, Risa Markovitz, Jodi Peruch, Carol Norman, and Glenda Schillinger.

We hope that all volunteers were included in the list. If you were missed, please know that we appreciate you, one and all!

SPECIAL EVENTS...

INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM



Chaparral senior, Therese Hills, competed Saturday March 29 at Arizona Culinary Institute, for C-Cap (Careers Through Culinary Arts Program) scholarship funds. She was awarded a \$2500 scholarship from Barbara Fenzel, a local TV food host. Therese will be enrolled in the Culinary Arts Program (SCC). Therese has completed both Culinary 1 and 2 and this year is helping in Culinary as a TA. Ms. Fenzel will also serve as a mentor for Therese.

Congratulations Therese!

CHAPARRAL ART AWARDS and WORKS ON DISPLAY

The Shaddegg Congressional Art Exhibit was held March 26. Chaparral walked away with 50% of the awards. Winners included:

Emma Lyddon: 1st in painting, \$300 and a \$5000 Art Institute Scholarship.

Mike Carter : merit award in painting, \$100

Margaret Gardner: merit award in painting, \$100

Dana Paikowsky: merit award in mixed media, \$100

Logan Peterson: merit award in mixed media, \$100

Chaparral has had numerous students selected for Honors Art exhibit. These items were displayed at Desert Mountain HS Auditorium on 3/25/08.

Participants were: Billie Heitzman, Asta Karalis, Skylar Butcher, Margaret Gardner, Alessandra Tambasreras, Molly Trammell, Jacy Schulgasser, Katie MacDonough, Nicole Williams, Liat Spiro, Ryan Sasso, Emma Lyddon, Hayley Mayne, Amanda Andrei, Allie Gardner, Tana Nash, Warren Stoneburner, Vivian Kvitka, Ari Gruys, Rachel Forst, Romy Shane, Kayla Newman, Molly Ohara-Smith, Nicci Latino, Michaela Karis, Ashley Brewer, Logan Peterson, Ellyn Korn, Evan Einhorn, Taylor Bilby, Nathan Sherman, Felicia Borden, Liz Li, Katie Vogel, Britny Minamyler, Derek Miranda, Skyler Scher, Sara Keeling, Sandra Spade, Zoe Vidgoff, Madalyn Robbins, Tanner Ross, Beth Bouchard, Morgan Harrington, Greg Simoncic, Oliva Huesing, Emilie Gram, Carissa Earls, Blake Schembri, Andrew Fridman, Summer Martinez Vera, Anita Shannon, Emily Bondank, Carissa Patricki, Austin Hughes, Tiffany Thompson, Hank Rodey, Gina Weisman, Bethany Biers, Alexa King, Michelle Riffer, Christine McCully, Chelsea Crawford, Cody Wolfe, Ashley Archambault, Christine Clark, Francesca Scorzo, Sean Davis, Leah Pisto, Makenzie Redman, Kelsey Johnson, Marissa Anderson, Ashley Harness, Denver Miller, Tori Rosenblum, Micayla Gramer, Christine Gabel, Ann Sautter, Jessica Abrams, Madeleine Evans, Samantha Williams, Austin Euell, Kati Moore, Haley Struthers, Jordan Frisbie, Krista Bennit, Sami Williams, Courtney Bogardus, Dalton Davis, Abby Kleinsmith, Katrina Van Gasse, Emily Rosen, Emily Tomilson, Stacey Mcguire, Billi Artwol, Gabriel Muniz, Greg Jones, Merin Stoneman, Max Van Benschoten, Jessica Lenstrhm, Sam Bear, Mat Levy, Daniel Campbell and Alex Hawley.

Congratulations to all the Chaparral artists and Art Department teachers.



CHAPARRAL BAND PLACES 1st

The Chaparral Band Students participated in the Anaheim Heritage Music Festival in Anaheim, CA on March 7. Participating in the Class AAA Concert Band Division, Chaparral came in first place! At the awards ceremony, a plaque and trophy were presented for scoring the highest in the entire band category for any division.

On March 18, the SUSD held its first annual honor band and concert. Twenty-seven students from the Chaparral Band were chosen to participate: Rachel Fehiner-Schufelt, David Scheer, Samantha Goldstein, Judith Giller, Jeff Abidor, Shane Maule, Mark Gardner, Kelsie Weinhold, Cat Clausen, Stephanie Weber, Lizzie Lentini, Akshay Vijay, Michael Carter, Kristy Foote, Jacque Lamb, John Clark, Hailey Berres, Glen Wallace, Shawn Maule, Nathan Gaw, Garrett Buzzard, Taylor Bartlett, Chris Griffin, Cody Harrell, Matt Coyle, Mike Ryan, and Edward Beyens. Chaparral HS had the most students in this combined honor band which also included students from Desert Mountain, Saguaro, and Coronado.



CHOIR NEWS

Two choir students, Ben Lebovitz and Sime Kosta, were recently selected to the All-State Festival Honor Choir. The audition for this choir included performing a vocal music solo and demonstrating sight-singing ability on very difficult examples. These two basses will participate with the All-State Choir on April 10, 11, and 12, at ASU in Tempe.

Forty-three choir students just returned from their annual spring festival trip, which took them to San Francisco and the bay area. Women's Choir, Vocal Ensemble, Nothing But Treble, and Mixed Jazz all competed in the event. All scored at the silver award level receiving high praise from the judges. Featured soloists from Vocal Ensemble were Carson Chappins, Kat Nichols, Brett Harris and Sime Kosta, and Hailey Berres played clarinet to accompany the Women's Choir on one of their selections.

The Annual Vocal Music and Jazz Band Pop Concert will be held Wednesday and Thursday, April 30 and May 1 at 7PM in the auditorium. The theme is "Enchanted Forest". Many songs will be taken from the shows *Jungle Book*, *Tarzan*, and *The Lion King*. Other songs are "When You Wish Upon a Star", "Lion Sleeps Tonight", and "Never, Never Land". The show will feature solos, small groups, five choirs, two jazz bands, and the ever popular parent singers. Admission is \$6.00 and tickets are available at the door.

WANTED:

300 + pairs of boxer shorts for BOXER BINGO

Especially adult small and medium

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GUIDANCE/CAREER CENTER UPDATE

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Web- Site: The Chaparral HS website has been modified. For instance, counseling activities and resources including scholarships, summer programs and college search tools are now accessed under the “students” on the home page. For additional information, please contact Mrs. Murray- College & Career Center coordinator at 480-484-6540.

Flinn Scholars Program 2009

Sophomore and Junior Parents - Please join representatives from the Flinn Foundation Scholarship Program, Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University, and the University of Arizona to learn about the exceptional education opportunities for outstanding high school students in Arizona. Flinn Scholars rank in the top 5% of the graduating class, attain a minimum 3.5 point average, score a minimum combined total of 1280 on their SAT 1 (critical reading and math) or 29 on the ACT, and participate and demonstrate leadership in a variety of extracurricular activities.

TEMPE

Monday, April 7, 6:30-8:30pm
ASU
W.P. Carey College of Business
Lecture Hal, BAC 116

PHOENIX

Thursday, April 10, 6:30-8:30pm
Arizona Science Center
Irene Flinn Theater (enter through upper gallery)
600 W. Washington

2008 AP Exam Schedule

Monday, May 5 thru Friday, May 16, 2008. For more information, visit www.collegeboard.com.

SAT/ACT Test Dates - 2008

SAT Test Date: June 7; Regular Registration Deadline is May 6.
ACT Test Date: June 14; Regular Registration Deadline is May 9.

Scholarship Scoops

Alzheimer’s Teen Scholarship – A \$5,000 scholarship for one junior or senior who has had to cope with family disease in their family. Visit www.afateens.org for more information.

NASA Aeronautics Scholarships

Up to \$15,000 per year for two years to undergraduates admitted into a suitable aeronautical program or related field of study by the fall of 2008. For more details see www.asee.org/nasaasp.

Scholarships.com – Find money for College

To help students overcome financial obstacles, Scholarships.com offers The Scholarships.com “Resolve to Evolve” \$10,000 Annual Essay Scholarship and will be announcing 12 additional, major based scholarships in the coming weeks. In addition, the site allows you to conduct a free college scholarship search and provides access to information on over 2.7 million college scholarships and grants worth over \$19 billion.

Looking for Students

Given that admissions officers are seeking students with special talents or skills: here is what a few said:

Adelphi U.-Critical thinking, service to community/HS involvement.

Carnegie Mellon- Strong academically; good evidence of leadership.

Claremont McKenna- Leadership skills.

Cornell U. - Leadership, community service and involvement with high school.

Dartmouth C. – Evidence of intellectual capacity, motivation and personal integrity.

Dickinson C. - Seeks students that want to make a difference.

The Campus Visit: Is a campus visit a factor in admission is an important question that a majority of colleges responded in the following manner: “although there was an increase in the number of campus visits, it is not a factor in determining admissions

Rating Colleges: What you should investigate.

Admission Standards

Type of Students

Actual Cost of College to You

Graduation/Transfer Rate.

Campus Life

Academic Programs

Security and Related Issues

Support Services

Career Services

Advice from Admission Officers

Each year, admission officers are asked for advice for next year’s applications. A number of college recommended that students apply early.

Here are some other advice admissions officers have for **2008** applications.

Adelphi C.-Take a demanding college prep program through 12th grade

Babson C.-Study hard and keep up senior year grades!

Bucknell C.-Students must show how they would be a good fit.

Claremont McKenna C. –Think demographics, create manageable lists of schools.

Creighton U.–Apply early, visit, and notify schools once your decision is final.

Dickinson C.-Match college characteristics with their own.

Indiana State U.-Begin the admission process early and plan a campus visit.

Lehigh U.-arrow your list of schools and visit the places you like.

Oberlin C.-Challenge yourself in high school all the way through your senior year.

Pomona C.-Be yourself.

St Olaf C. - Follow your passion in high school; be a leader.

Free College Tuition

The following colleges and universities do not charge tuition.

Copper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art- (NY, www.cooper.edu)

Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering - (MA, www.olin.edu)

US Air Force Academy – (CO), www.usafa.edu)

US Coast Guard Academy - - (CT, www.cga.edu)

US Merchant Marine Academy – (NY, www.usmma.edu.)

US Military Academy – NY, www.usma.edu)

US Naval Academy – (MD, www.usna.edu)

Colleges Revamp Financial Aid

As Congress hammers out the details of the reauthorization of the federal Higher Education Act, colleges look to themselves to increase financial aid to college students. Some are pulling funds from record endowments; others are attempting to reduce the debt load of students. Here is a sample of recent college actions.

Bowdoin C. - Eliminates Loans –Beginning the 2008-09 academic year, Bowdoin C. in Maine will eliminate loans for all new and current students who receive financial aid.

Colby C. – Colby C. in Maine eliminated loans for all students.

Cornell U. Drops Loans – Building on a tradition of need-blind admission, Cornell U. will replace all loans with grants.

Washington U. eliminated loans for all students

If there are any questions, feel free to contact Emerson Smith at 480-484-6519.