



Chaparral High Association of Parents and Teachers

December 1, 2009

Dear Chaparral Families,

Welcome to December.... It is amazing that the year is almost over! The Chaparral Telephone Directories are here!!! A great big thanks goes to Kathy Carter and helpers who worked so hard on preparing the information for printing and distributing the fantastic Directories. Thanks to the Chaparral families who have joined CHAPTS. Each family who joined CHAPTS should have received their directory, if not ---check the backpack of your youngest student at Chaparral.

As the month and year come to an end, please reflect on the many activities at Chaparral and all the volunteer opportunities around the campus. It is never too late to get involved.

Mark your calendar today and come visit with Dr. Catalani, as he will have "Office Hours" at Chaparral on Wednesday, December 9th from 11:00 – 1:00. Also, put the next CHAPTS meeting on your calendar now --- January 11th. Watch the FIREWORKS and FIRECRACKER for the latest news and information about Chaparral.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season (whichever one you celebrate) and a safe and Happy New Year!!!

Merry Christmas,

Kathy Barney
CHAPTS President
2009-2010



Mark your Calendar...

Fireworks Newsletter

The CHAPTS newsletter is published monthly. We welcome information for the newsletter. The anticipated deadline schedule for this school year (2009-2010) is listed below.

NEWSLETTER	DEADLINE
January 2010	December 16
February 2010	January 28
March 2010	February 25
April 2010	March 29
May 2010	April 28

Firecracker

Weekly updates will be shared in the Firecracker as need dictates. Deadline is Fridays at noon for posting no later than end of the day the following Monday.

All information should be sent to: newsletter@CHAPTS.org

An email reminder will be sent to announce a new posting to website.

CHAPTS

MEETINGS

MEETINGS START AT 7PM WITH HOSPITALITY /SOCIAL AT 6:30 PM. MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE LIBRARY AND OPEN TO ALL CHAPTS MEMBERS.

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

JANUARY 11

FEBRUARY 8

MARCH 15

APRIL 19

MAY 17

Dr. Catalani holds "office hours" at Chaparral High School

Dr. Catalini returns to CHS on Wednesday, December 9. Dr. Catalani will be on campus from 11AM to 1PM.

If you have specific need to speak with Dr. Catalani, please call the CHS Administration office.

DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

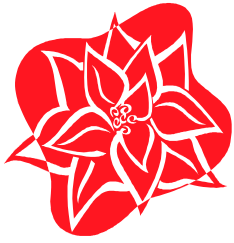
Wed. December 2: Early Release

HS Finals: Early Release
Wednesday, December 16

Thursday, December 17

Friday, December 18

Winter Break: December 21 to December 31



Thank You, Volunteers

This month, CHAPTS wishes to thank the volunteers who participate in and attend additional meetings at CHS or within the district.

Five CHS parents attend **CORE** meetings monthly. This team reviews the school improvement plan, review tax funding requests, and general “campus” issues. CORE includes CHS administration, teachers, guidance/career center, student government and parent volunteers. The parent volunteers are: Mary Kim Brown, Cathy Keyser, Lou Leibowitz, Karen Phelps, and Mick Sampson. Kathy Barney is the parent alternate and will fill in if another parent cannot attend. Mary Kim Brown is the recording secretary for CORE.

CHS has two parents who serve as **Parent Council Representatives**. Thank you to Amy Casebolt and Menaj Shamsaee for serving in this capacity.

Thank you to Carla Partridge. She is the CHS **School Board liaison** and **Tax Credit Liaison**.

*Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless,
but because they're priceless.*



**CHAPTS wishes all families a
Wonderful Winter Break!**

Student Government



CHS StuGo prepares for Yavapai Drive

It is hard to believe that the Holiday Season is already approaching once again. Students at Chaparral High School know what that means... 'Tis the season of giving! Every student at Chaparral has the opportunity to be a part of the annual Yavapai Drive. In case you are not familiar with this "all school donation effort", it is the Student Government's greatest traditional project in order to give back to those in our community who need our help the most. The Yavapai Drive collection will begin on November 30 and continue through December 11. Every homeroom class will be given one or two people who need our thoughtful students' generosity, creativity, and love. Every class will be given the individual "wish list" for the person assigned to that classroom. This list will include a name, age, and three times that a person hopes for over the holidays. The objects most wished include clothes, shoes, socks, and children's toys. It is up to every student's homeroom class to supply the holiday gifts for these families who cherish our support and charity. Once the gifts are turned in to the classrooms, Student Government wraps the presents and will deliver them to the Yavapai students and family as the semester ends. It is truly a wonderful and rewarding holiday drive to be a part of! More information about this event will be given out to the students at school. As this drive ends, school will be out for Winter Break and before we know it, it will be 2010!



Chaparral's Student Government wishes everyone a safe and wonderful Holiday Season!

Submitted by Molly Argue, Student Body Public Relations Director

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Chaparral Creates Empty Bowls

This week Courtney Darby, a visual arts teacher at Chaparral High school, and her students are making ceramic (clay) bowls that will be donated to Empty Bowls. Empty Bowls is a grass-roots movement in which artists and students (or staff members) create ceramic bowls and donate them to an event. At these events patrons choose a bowl and purchase it for a minimum donation of \$5. They then take their newly purchased bowl to the "chow line" and have it filled with a scrumptious meal - usually soup or pasta.

The clay and glaze materials have been generously donated by the school's Art Club! Chaparral's goal is to make and donate 300 bowls.



A Helping Hand

Service Learning students across the Scottsdale Unified School District spent the Thanksgiving week giving back to their community. Service Learning students delivered turkeys and all the trimmings to less fortunate families throughout the area. The holiday boxes are a result of weeks of food drives and fundraisers. In all, about 170 turkeys made their way into more than Phoenix and Scottsdale homes this year! Thank you SUSD community for making this possible!

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

PLANTERS BUILT; EAGLE PROJECT COMPLETED

In coordination with Chaparral Science Department's Mrs. Jennifer MacColl, botany teacher, senior Tyler Washichek completed his Boy Scout Eagle Project on Saturday, November 21 with the help of 34 other volunteers, many of whom were from the on-campus A.P.E and Panacea Clubs. The project was to build three raised bed planters between the E and F buildings; one made of cement block, one of straw bales and one of redwood. Funding for the project was raised by Tyler. Donations were received from CHAPTS, Home Depot, Einstein Bagels, Starbucks, The Wegner/Elloit Family, The Vijay Family, Mrs. Weiss, Mrs. MacColl, the Washichek Family, the Love Family, the Rutt Family, a Safeway manager and the Widener Family. Capriotti's Sandwich Shop, Pioneer Sand & Gravel and Whitefield Nursery gave discounts on their products. The total cost of the project exceeded \$1,500 and included the donation of items for the class to use in order to plant and maintain the planting beds.

Desert Doghouse Competition

Chaparral High School students Evan Yatabe, Robbie Weyers, Nick Canivez, Scott Snarrenberg, Jason Bouchard and Tanner Mortensen under the supervision of CTE instructor, Chris Perry competed in the "Desert Doghouse:" competition sponsored by Arizona State University. The purpose of the competition was to have students research recycling materials and use items not normally associated with doghouses to construct a "green" sustainable structure. The Chaparral students used recycled materials from the Theater Department and a few items that they had at home to produce the structure with zero emissions. The students also designed a drainage system to allow rain water to automatically re-fill the dogs' water bowl. They were very happy and proud to win the award for Most Innovative Design.

'Tis the Season to Share

Collecting Beanie Baby Toys

The CHS People Not Politics Club is collecting gently loved (and discarded) beanie babies to deliver to military personnel overseas. Our military troops use these beanie babies to connect with the local children. There have been instances where these children have in turn, identified locations of IEDs and other key information to our military.

Beanie baby donations can be made to the front office.



DONATE OLD MAGAZINES

Classrooms need magazines throughout the year for various assignments and projects.

All magazines are welcome (in good taste of course).

Drop off in box in front office, behind desk.

Thank you for supporting the CHS community!!

REMINDER

Please check with your child(ren) and assist them in their participation in the Yavapai Day program . CHS Student Government welcomes the support of CHS families in this most important effort!

Let's make the holiday bright for others who may need our help!

Chaparral Firebird Marching Band News



2ND PLACE!!!! First ever State Marching Band Competition,
and

Best Musical Performance Award,

1ST PLACE!!!! ASU Sun Devil Showdown Division III

1ST PLACE!!!! Vista Murrieta Marching Band Competition
Class AA

1ST PLACE!!!! Rainier Marching Classic, Division III, and
Best Musical Performance Award,
Best General Effect Award,
Best Percussion Performance Award,
and Best Visual Performance Award.

Thank you to everyone who helped support the CHS Marching Band
and made this year so fabulous!

December Calendar

December 3: Winter Concert: You've heard the Marching Band at football games, you've heard them marching through the halls, you've heard them early in the morning and late at night for practices, but you have never really heard them until you hear them in the Chaparral Auditorium! All CHS bands perform starting at 7 pm.

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Registration Activity for the 2010-11 Academic Years

Jan 13	8 th Grade/Future Firebird Night	Auditorium - 6:30PM
Jan 28	Counselors At Cocopah MS	All Day
Jan 29	Counselors At Copper Ridge MS	All Day
Jan 27	8 th Grade Parent Open House	Auditorium - 6:30 PM
Jan 19 & 21	Juniors to be Seniors	All Day
Feb 1 & 4	Sophomores to be Juniors	All Day
Feb 8 & 10	Freshman to be Sophomores	All Day
Feb 16/17	Open Enrollment	All Day

TEST DATES - 2009-10

College Board/SAT Test Dates and Regular Registration Dates

January 23	December 15
March 13	February, 18
May 1	Apr 8
June 5	May 13

ACT Test Dates and Regular Registration Dates

February 6	January 6
April 10	Mar 5
June 12	May 7

Computer Basics Exam Schedule -

SIGN UP IN THE COUNSELING OFFICE

Location: Chaparral HS Room: C226

Wednesday, December 8 - 3:15-4:15 PM

Tuesday, May 1 - 3:15- 4:15 PM

School Code/Request for Official Transcripts

The Chaparral HS school code is **030-397**. The school code is utilized when submitting materials for scholarships, college admissions, when registering for college admission and when registering for the NCAA clearinghouse.

Request for official transcripts should be directed to www.docufide.com.

Peterson's StudentEdge

With Studentedge, students, and their parents have access to a variety of college planning, financing, and career exploration resources, as well as test preparation, including on line courses for the SAT, ACT, PSAT and AP's and various interest and personality test. To get started go to www.mystudentedge.com. First time users should select the option "New Use the access code, they complete a registration for including an e-mail address.

Free Online Funding Information Seminar

Enrolling for school is just a small part of the continuing education process. There is over \$100 billion in loans and grants that are available for those continuing school. Mind Streams will assist you in finding any available funding either via Financial Aid, Teacher loan Forgiveness Grants, Pell Grants and Scholarship opportunities. For additional information and to register for the November 17 and November 19 seminar, call 1-888-413-1940.

Financial Aid Flash

The US Department of Education and the Obama administration have introduced several reforms aimed at making college more accessible to low and middle income families. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is being revamped to make it "shorter, simpler and more user friendly. Effective in May 09, the DOE also began giving students instantaneous approximations of their Pell grant and loan eligibility. Other student aid changes include: 1) The Recovery Act which increases Pell grants by \$5000. to \$5350/year, 2) The act also includes the "American Opportunity tax credit," a \$2500. credit towards four years of tuition, and 3) The "Perkins loan Program will be expanded to 2600 extra schools and 2.7 million more students.

Admission Watch

* U.of California Campuses Reduce Enrollment – Of the nine UC schools, UC Santa Cruz experienced the greatest decrease in the number of incoming students who accepted their admission, with the school seeing a 2.3 percent decrease. UC San Diego, Irvine and Davis also experienced at least a 1% by accepted students. Officials state the drop off is most likely caused by the 10% higher fees student fees and the budget cuts to cal Grants and similar aid programs.

The combination of the recession, job security worries and heavier recruitment efforts by the military has all lead to an increase in students who are applying to military academies, According to the Associated Press; the US Naval Academy experienced a 40 percent boost in applicants. West Point and the Air Force Academy have had 9 percent and 10 percent application increase respectively.

Beloit C has released its renowned "Mindset" list for the class of 2013. For incoming freshman this year, the college reported the following: They have never used a card catalog to find a book. The KGB has never officially existed. And American students have always lived anxiously with high stakes educational testing. s

Admission Trends

* The number of test optional schools has increased to 838 with American U., The U. of the South, Washington & Jefferson, Sacred Heart and the U. of New York at Postdam and SUNY announcing they are test optional. For a list of test optional school, go www.fairtest.com.

* Student Movements. Some states are net importers of student, others are test exporters. US DOE data indicates that the fastest growing net importers are Arizona, Pennsylvania, Florida, Iowa and Indiana. The fastest falling net exporters are New Jersey, Maryland, Texas, Texas, Connecticut and Illinois.

International Affairs (Issues and Trends for the College Bound, October, 2008)

According to a recent report from the institute of International education, 55 percent of college bound high school students say they want to study overseas during their college years. Yet only 1 percent end up going overseas during their college years. Kalamazoo College in Michigan and at Dickinson in Pennsylvania are two schools attempting to change that. Virtually all of their students study overseas. And Goucher C. in Maryland has instituted a mandatory overseas study requirement. The new emphasis on global education should help increase the number of students who study in other nations from other schools.

Economics Dominates the News (Issues and Trends for the College Bound, October, 2008)

Housing crunch. The soaring cost of living off campus seems to be driving many upper –classmen back to college housing. That may help the spirit on campus, hut it also lead too a housing crisis as colleges have scramble to find enough places to room incoming first-year students.

Free College Tuition

The following colleges and universities do not charge tuition.

College of the Ozark - (- MO, www.cofo.edu).

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

Deer springs College - (CA. www.deerspring.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)

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

“Charity has in it sometimes, perhaps often, a savor of superiority.”

J. R. Howell