



Chaparral High Association of Parents and Teachers

February 1, 2010

Dear Chaparral Families,

Happy February! I hope everyone has enjoyed the cool and rainy days. Personally, I enjoy the cloudy days, but mostly, I love the rain. The cool weather gives me energy and inspires me to work on projects. February will be a busy month with lots of activity; CHAPTS needs everyone to be ready and jump-in to help.

CHAPTS volunteers are busy with the usual jobs on campus as well as preparations for upcoming Teacher Luncheon, Project Graduation, the On-Line auction and the Spring Fundraiser. Take a look at the CHAPTS and the Chaparral website to keep up with all the events and happenings on campus. CHS Student Government will host Erik Weihenmayer and Kevin Cherilla on February 18 as they give a presentation to the Chaparral community. They will speak about their adventures climbing Mount Everest. Together, Erik and Kevin speak about harnessing the power of adversity, the importance of a "rope team," and the daily struggle to pursue your dreams. Their accomplishments show that one does not have to have perfect eyesight to have extraordinary vision. A portion of the admission and evening proceeds will go to the Chaparral Student Government.

Freshman, Sophomore and Junior students have been working with the Counselors on their class schedules for next year. Incoming freshman students are developing their four-year plans for classes. As the students decide on classes to take, parents are encouraged to consider ways that they can get involved at Chaparral next year. Parents are a great resource for Chaparral and I know that all of you have something to offer the school. This is a great time to think about what lies ahead and how we can collectively work to make those ideas happen.

Please look at the CHAPTS and Chaparral websites. Mark your calendars now for 'One Big Night' on February 18th and the CHAPTS Spring Fundraiser on March 27. Plan to attend the February CHAPTS meeting on February 8th at 7:00 in the Library.

I hope we can all enjoy the cool and beautiful weather a little longer and that we all get excited about the upcoming events at Chaparral. Remember it is never too late to jump-in and lend a hand.

Enjoy the beauty around you every day.....

Kathy Barney

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
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!

FEBRUARY 8

MARCH 15

APRIL 19

MAY 17

Important February Dates

Wednesday, Feb 10: Early Release, Teachers' Inservice

Monday, Feb 15: No school-President's Day

Tuesday, Feb 16: PSSS Testing for Sophomores

NOTE: Late start for all non-test takers (3 hour delay)

Thursday, Feb. 18: "One Big Night Out", Speaking Engagement held at CHS Auditorium. Buy your tickets now.

Tuesday: Feb. 23—AIMS Test-Writing

NOTE: Late start for all non-test takers (3 hour delay)

Wednesday: Feb 24-AIMS Test-Math

NOTE: Late start for all non-test takers (3 hour delay)

CHS Student Government

Presents

“One Big Night Out”

Hear the one of a kind story as Erik Weihenmayer and Kevin Cherilla share the story of their successful climb of Mount Everest, the world’s highest peak. This story is even more special as Mr. Weihenmayer is blind and worked closely with Mr. Cherilla to achieve this feat. The presentation is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 18 at 6PM. Cost of admission is \$10.00/person. Ticket sales will begin at 5PM. Tickets are available by presale. See separate flyer for additional information.



CHAPT\$ Golf Tournament and Dinner Auction

Plan now to attend the CHAPTS Golf Tournament and Dinner Auction on Saturday, March 27. Both events will be held at Camelback Golf Club at Camelback Inn.

Golf Tournament starts at 1PM with auction/dinner to follow.

Invitations will be mailed within next week to 10 days.

Your participation allows CHAPTS to provide necessary financial support to Project Graduation and gifting items that are needed in the classroom by our students and staff.

Come on out for a day/evening of fun and support your school at the same time! See you there!

Have you visited CHAPTS Online Auction??

CHAPTS is hosting an online auction as part of our fundraising efforts for this school year. CHAPTS is now making available items usually offered at the Silent Auction to the entire Chaparral community and all other Chaparral supporters.

All interested parties will need to register using the link on the CHAPTS website <http://www.idonatetocharity.org/shop.php?username=robim01>. Registrants will be notified of bidding changes and/or new items being added. We encourage our families to log in and take a look. Monies raised will support Project Graduation 2010 and other teacher/facility requests. Please share this information with your family and friends; all are welcome to participate.

One Big Night Out.....

Bring your parents....Bring your kids....Bring your friends....Bring yourselves.....

When: February 18th 2010

Where: Chaparral High School Auditorium

Address: 6935 E. Gold Dust Ave Scottsdale, AZ 85253

Time: 5-7:30 p.m. Ticket sales begin at 5 p.m. Movie and presentation begin at 6 p.m. Come early for preferred seating. **Possibility of selling out!**

Cost: \$10.00 per person. Credit cards and cash will be accepted for ticket sales, however; cash only for food and drinks.

Presale Tickets available: e-mail Kristen Sandquist at kristen1@salcito.com. You will be asked to pay by credit card.

Event Details: Join acclaimed author and athlete Erik Weihenmayer along with Kevin Cherilla as they share their amazing journey to the summit of Mt. Everest and screen Erik's film **Farther Than the Eye Can See**. This film has been nominated for two Emmy's and has won 21 International Film Festival awards. A portion of the proceeds from this event will go to their non-profits, No Barriers and K2 Adventures Foundation, as well as Chaparral student government. Arrive early to purchase tickets and refreshments, as well as shop through t-shirts, books and DVDs. Kevin and Erik have been climbing partners and friends for almost 20 years. Together, they have been to the far corners of the earth seeking new adventures and shattering the perceptions people have of those with disabilities.

Speaker Bios:

On May 25, 2001, **Erik Weihenmayer** became the only blind man in history to reach the summit of the world's highest peak, Mount Everest. Erik, a former middle school teacher and wrestling coach, is one of the most exciting and well-known athletes in the world. Despite losing his vision at the age of 13, Erik has become an accomplished mountain climber, paraglider, and skier, who never let his blindness interfere with his passion for an exhilarating and fulfilling life. Erik's feats have earned him an ESPY award, recognition by Time Magazine for one of the greatest sporting achievements of 2001, induction into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, an ARETE Award for the superlative athletic performance of the year, the Helen Keller Lifetime Achievement Award, Nike's Casey Martin Award, and the Freedom Foundation's Free Spirit Award. He has also carried the Olympic Torch for both the Summer and Winter Games.

In addition, Erik is also the author of the book, **Touch the Top of the World**, which was made into a film for A&E. **Farther Than the Eye Can See** was ranked in the top twenty adventure films of all time by Men's Journal. The film beautifully captures the emotion, humor and drama of Erik's historic ascent as well as his team's three other remarkable 'firsts': the first American father/son team to summit, the oldest man to summit at age 64, and the most people from one team to reach the top of Everest in a single day. Through screenings, the film has raised over \$600,000 for charitable organizations. Erik's extraordinary accomplishments have gained him press coverage including repeated visits to NBC's Today Show and Nightly News, Oprah, Good Morning America, Nightline, and the Tonight Show to name a few. He has also been featured on the cover of Time, Outside, and Climbing Magazine.

Kevin Cherilla served as the base camp manager for Erik's historic climb in 2001 and on June 5th 2007, Kevin fulfilled his own dream and reached the summit of Mt. Everest. Kevin is best known as a prominent businessman, an international mountain guide, philanthropist, motivational speaker, and educator. In 2004, Kevin started KC Summits, LLC, an adventure organization that engages all individuals in challenging themselves while reaching their goals of climbing mountains around the world. Many of his clients have individual disabilities such as blindness, paralysis, and muscular dystrophy. His teammates have ranged in age from 11 to 80 years old and have had a phenomenal success rate of over 90%. Kevin has led expeditions on six continents and over 20 countries. His teams have been featured on the front cover of TIME, Outside, Climbing, and Weekly Reader magazines, and on the Oprah Winfrey Show, Jay Leno, and many world news programs including CNN. In 2009, Kevin co-founded K2 Adventures Foundation, Inc. a non-profit organization that benefits less fortunate or disabled children throughout the world.

Together, Erik and Kevin speak about harnessing the power of adversity, the importance of a "rope team," and the daily struggle to pursue your dreams. Their accomplishments show that one does not have to have perfect eyesight to have extraordinary vision.

More Info: If you have any questions regarding this event please contact Kristen Salcito at kristen1@salcito.com or Kevin Cherilla at kcsummits@gmail.com

COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER

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Message to Parents

Remember to check the counseling calendar for upcoming events and activities sponsored by your counseling department when checking for grades on-line and contact information.

Important college and career activities are located on “School Fusion” under “Students” and in the College and Career Center “drop down” box. In addition, this is the area where scholarships, internships, college search engines, summer programs, testing information, etc are located.

Also, please call the counseling secretary at 480-484-6525 if you need to make an appointment with a counselor.

PRACTICE SAT/PRA TEST 1/2 SAT, 1/2 ACT

February, 6, 2010 – 8:30am-12:30pm - Media Center

Register in the bookstore by paying \$5.00 no later than 12noon on Friday, February 5, 2010.

Scores will be available Tuesday, February 6, 2010 in a workshop lead by the Princeton Review that begins at 6:30 pm and ends at 8:00pm company short program.

Registration Timeline - 2010-11 Academic Years

Feb 1. Sophomores to be Juniors Students turn in registration documents- Feb. 4.

Feb 8, Freshman to be Sophomores Students turn in registration documents- Feb.11.

Feb 16& 17 Open Enrollment

2010 TEST DATES -

College Board/SAT Test Dates and Regular Registration Dates

May 1	Apr 8
June 5	May 13

ACT Test Dates and Regular Registration Dates

April 10	Mar 5
June 12	May 7

School Code/Request for Official Transcripts

The Chaparral HS school code is **030-397**. This code is utilized when completing applications for: scholarships college admissions when registering for the SAT and ACT tests and the NCAA Clearinghouse.

Transcript request should be directed to www.docufide.com.

Peterson's StudentEdge

“Student edge allows students and their parents access to a variety of college planning, financing, and career exploration resources, as well as test preparation tools including: On line courses and practice test for the SAT, ACT, PSAT and AP 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 is listed on the counselor/college and career center link under “College Search Engines.”

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 Ad (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.

Free College Tuition

College of the Ozark-www.cofu.edu.

Copper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art-www.cooper.edu

Deer Springs College-www.deerspring.edu

Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering-www.olin.edu.

US Air Force Academy –www.usafa.edu

US Coast Guard Academy - www.cga.edu

US Merchant Marine Academy – www.usmma.edu.

US Military Academy – www.usma.edu.

US Naval Academy – www.usna.edu

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