



Fireworks

Principal's Message for March 2010:

Athletics:

Congratulations to all our winter athletes and sports programs. On Saturday night, Boy's Basketball beat Tucson Ironwood Ridge 62-58 to advance to the Semi-Finals in 5All Basketball. They will play on Tuesday, March 2nd at 2:30 p.m. at Wells Fargo Arena. Wrestling had nine boys participate in the State Tournament this year. This is the most we have had in many years. Both Boys and Girls Soccer made it to the quarter finals of the State Tournament. I am truly proud of all our coaches for their hard work and dedication to the students at Chaparral High School.



Dress Code

As the warm weather returns, I ask you to discuss Dress Code with your child as it is covered in the Uniform Code of Conduct. Last week on Firebird Word, I spoke to the students about wearing appropriate clothing as the weather gets hot. As a reminder to the girls, no backless, strapless, or halter top shirts are allowed. Additionally, I reminded them if I could see the pockets of their shorts – they are too short. We do have shirts for violators, however if short shorts are an issue, we will call parents to bring their child change of clothing.

Teacher Requests

Please remember that Chaparral's policy does not allow for specific teacher requests. If there is an issue you would like addressed, contact your son/daughter's counselor.

AIMS/Stanford 10 Testing—April 7 and April 8. Late Start for all students NOT testing.

On Tuesday, April 7, 2010 **all freshmen will take the Stanford 10 Exam.** The Stanford10 is a norm referenced test covering Reading, Language, and Math. **All sophomores as well as those juniors and seniors who have not passed the math portion of the AIMS exam will take the AIMS Math test on the morning of April 7, 2010.** AIMS Science will be administered on April 8th to all freshman and sophomores currently enrolled in Biology. Additionally, all sophomores who did not take this test last year will be tested on April 8th. The late start schedule will be posted on the CHS website the week we return from Spring Break.

Junior/Senior Prom: Chaparral's prom will be held on April 24th at the Paradise Valley Doubletree Resort. Prom begins at 8:00 p.m. Remind your children that all school rules apply while at prom and that if any Uniform Code of Conduct violations occur, graduation activities will be forfeited. **Students MUST BE checked in at the Prom by 9:00 p.m.**

Graduation Information:

Attention Senior Parents: Chaparral's graduation ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday evening, May 25, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. at ASU's Wells Fargo Arena. **Please note this is ONE day BEFORE school is officially out in order to hold the graduation at the arena.** Two years ago, it became evident with the larger class sizes and limited seating and parking at Chaparral we would need to look for another venue. Last year was our first at Wells Fargo and it was an overwhelming success. ASU provides us with ample parking, lots of seating and best of all air conditioning to accommodate you and your family and friends. Admission to graduation will be by ticket ONLY. Each graduate is provided two complimentary tickets. Each additional ticket costs \$5.00. A letter will be mailed home to each Senior Parent the week of April 1st with dates for parent information meetings about graduation. Mrs. Holland and I will be visiting Government/Economics classrooms in May to discuss the graduation process and ceremony. The Senior Honors Assembly is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19th at 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Senior Breakfast is scheduled for Thursday, May 20th at the Scottsdale Hilton at Lincoln and Scottsdale Road from 8:00-9:30 a.m.

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Focus Group Information

Early in February, seventy three community members took part in the Chaparral Focus Groups. The Focus Group was made up of parents, teachers, alumni, empty nesters, church members, and members of the business community. Here is synopsis of the feedback they provided that evening and what I passed on to the district.

I have analyzed the data collected during the Focus Group Meeting of February 2nd held at Chaparral High School. Below are the results:

The top three things SUSD should not be willing to compromise.

- Quality teachers and staff
- Class size
- Student safety

The top three things that would make SUSD the best in the world

- Rigorous academic standards
- Extended school day
- Competitive salaries for teachers and staff

The top three things SUSD is going to help us get there

- Focus groups for community input
- Updating and improving technology
- Retaining quality teachers and staff

The top three things SUSD is currently in the way of our getting there

- Money or lack of it
- Increasing class size
- Too much emphasis on AIMS
- Lack of parental involvement

The top three things SUSD should be doing that we may not be doing that will help us get there

- Lower class size
- Pursue business partnerships and internships for students
- Improve communication between SUSD and the community

Sincerely,

Mary Lou Muccino, Principal



Chaparral High Association of Parents and Teachers

March 1, 2010

Dear Chaparral Families,

March is here and the 3rd quarter is nearly done. The school year is seemingly flying by. In a week, our students and families will be enjoying Spring Break. The break is a “spring board” to CHAPTS’ two biggest events in the school year: the annual fundraiser, the Golf Tournament and Dinner Auction and Project Graduation.

Please plan to be a part of our fundraiser event, The donations of items for auction, sponsorships, participation, and volunteer hours add up to helping CHAPTS raise money to support Project Grad and other key programs and needs on campus. With ever tightening budgets, the need becomes even greater. The Golf Tournament and Dinner Auction are scheduled Saturday, March 27 at Camelback Golf Club. Registration begins at 11:30 with shot gun start at 1PM. The reception and silent auction begins at 5:30 with dinner and live auction at 6:30PM. Ways that you can help include Hole Sponsorships and Tee Signs, donation of items for the auction, attend this event and purchase auction items. Invitations were mailed; it is also available on the CHAPTS website (www.CHAPTS.org). Return your registration now; a fun afternoon and evening awaits you!

Project Grad is “gearing up” and preparation is well under way! Information has been shared with the senior students and packets provided. The necessary forms are also available on the CHAPTS website. Project Grad provides an all-night celebration of graduation and the friendships. Once again, Project Grad will be held at F1 Race Factory immediately following graduation, on May 25. Volunteers are needed for preparation and the night itself. Project Grad includes many “giveaways”; donations are being sought. Additional information is included within Fireworks.

CHAPTS is also looking to 2010-2011. There are countless volunteer opportunities. You may be interested in serving on the Board of Directors and/or the CHAPTS Executive Board. We will be seeking nominations for open positions to ensure that an officer slate can be announced in April. If you are interested, please contact any of the current executive Board members. Parents are an invaluable resource for Chaparral. Volunteers make a difference in countless ways and brighten the lives of our students, teachers and staff every day.

A busy spring is on the horizon. Please check the CHAPTS and CHS websites often for updates.

Kathy, thank you for all that you do. We are thinking of you and wishing you a speedy and full recovery after your knee surgery.

Enjoy the rejuvenation that comes with Spring....

Mary Kim Brown

“to support the Chaparral community through fundraising, volunteering,
and allocating funds for the benefit of all students”
Source: CHAPTS mission statement

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
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!

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APRIL 19

MAY 17

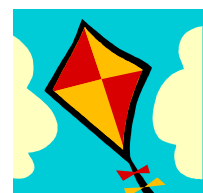
Important March Dates

Friday, March 5: Third quarter ends.

Monday, March 8 to Friday, March 12: Spring Break

Saturday, March 27: CHAPTS Golf Tournament/Dinner Auction at Camelback Golf Club. 1PM Golf shot gun start, 5:30 Reception and Silent Auction; 6:30 Dinner-Live Auction

CHAPTS wishes all the CHS students, families and staff a refreshing (and rejuvenating) Spring Break Week!





Thank You, Volunteers

CHAPTS wishes to thank the hospitality volunteers who assisted with the luncheon for teachers and CHS staff on February 10. This team of volunteers is chaired by **Linda Lachot, Karen Phelps, and Cathy Sherill**. The hospitality committee includes the following: Julia Libling, Carla Monson, Judy Bassett, Kim Beaty, Marilyn Kolesar, Veronica Jaap, Melissa Diamond, Leslie Welk, Mandy Brown, Karen Nieto, Carol Davis, Tanya Nelson, Penny Wagge, Mary K. Reinhart, Lisa Kuhn, Lisa Mercier, Catherine Ritchey, Betsy Owen, Patty Smith, Karen Write, Ana Parker, Alice Meyer, Maria Townsend, Erin Cravens, Crystal Rimsza, Christine Taratsas, Cyndi Brown, Marni Hirshman, Lisa Andrews, Claire Stivrins, Marcy Finn, Kathy Salzetti, Linda Shardlow Burton, Lisa Ornstein, Sue Klinger, Brenda Kirton, Rhonda Connell, Michel Stone Grassel, Leslie Kramer, Lou Leibowitz, Kathy Barney, Mary Kim Brown, Pam Weyers, Menaj Shamsae, Cathy Dufoe, Kelly McFarland, Ginger Walker, Cheri Schoch, Denise Salomon, Janean Fortuen, Cathy Keyser, Mary Conklin, Kelly Loonam, Denise Salari. Please note that this list may not be all inclusive as additional volunteers step in or are sought as needed. CHAPTS thanks one and all who assist with the special events and treats for the CHS faculty. It is something that they all greatly appreciate.

On February 2, a number of CHS parents participated in a Focus Group. Dr. Gary Catalani, SUSD Superintendent, is collecting information that can be used by the SUSD Governing Board in the development of a mission and vision statement for SUSD. Focus Groups were held on each SUSD campus to collect this input from parents, teachers, students, business leaders, religious community leaders, and retired community members. Thank you to the parents who participated in this exercise. They include: Andy Anderson, Barry Stachel, Ginger Walker, Janet Reiser, Jim Phelps, Karen Phelps, Kathryn Petsas, Kathy Barney, Kelly Loonam, Kim Van Pelt, Laurie Mychaels, Leslie Kramer, Linda Scorzo, Maria Townsend, Marilyn Anderson, Martin Robins, Mary Ann Niccoli, Mary Kim Brown, Matthew Hatten, Maureen Bradley, Mick Sampson, Mike Barney, Mitzi Schechter, Penny Wagge, Rikki Light, Shelley Ackerman-Hirsch, Steve Rizley, Sue Tooker, Tom Brown, Ian Wagge, Sandy Kravetz, Lou Leibowitz, Debbie Arn, and Cathy Keyser.

You give but little when you give of your possessions.

It is when you give of yourself that you truly give. Kahlil Gibran

Student Government

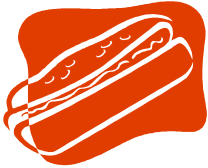


CHS StuGo prepares for Spring Activities

With second semester in full swing, Student Government has been busy planning events!

March 1st-5th: is 'Spring Fling' week, which will lead into Spring Break the right way. Lunch Activities will be taking place during both lunches and there will be events to attend after school hours as well!

March 4th: is the All School Picnic and the Student/Teacher Basketball Game! Student Government has put together a lunch of hot dogs, chips, drinks, and ice cream sandwiches... So don't worry about packing or paying for a lunch on Thursday. Don't miss out on this year's Student/Teacher Basketball Game. It will be taking place on Thursday night at 7 o'clock in the main gym... See you there!



March 25th: 2nd Annual Dodgeball Tournament at 6 o'clock PM in the main gym. Admission is \$5 and teams may begin signing up by picking up a packet from the front office or from room D123 during fourth hour. Teams may consist of 6-8 players... So get your teams together and get practicing!

April 24th: PROM! This year Prom will be held at the Doubletree Paradise Valley Resort from 8:00-11:00 p.m. More information will be shared soon.



Submitted by: Molly Argue, Student Body Public Relations Director



Project Grad Wish list



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

Calling all volunteers to make Project Graduation a lasting memory for our seniors! This is a night of FUN! FUN! FUN! For both seniors and parent volunteers! We have many volunteer opportunities such as bus chaperones, raffle, tattoos, carnival games, casino, and many more. If you would like to volunteer email Janean Fortune at jkfortune@cox.net and I will send you more information

SEEKING DONATIONS:

NEW novelty boxers for Boxer Bingo: Need sizes S to XL. Donations can be left in the front office, attention Linda Lachot.



Restaurant connections: seeking restaurants willing to help feed our hungry graduates.

Restaurant Gift Certificates: Will be used as prizes. Examples include: Arizona Bread Company, Wildflower Bread Company, Paradise Bakery, Subway, Blimpie, Cousins, etc.

Raffle prizes: Seeking larger items and dorm/apartment essentials. Suggested items: inexpensive bikes, luggage, long boards, TV's, DVD players, iPod(s), Playstation, Xbox, flash drives, camera, iHome, microwaves, mini refrigerators.

Smaller raffle items—for bus ride (\$10 to \$20 range)



These gift cards will be used as prizes on bus ride to Project Grad. Examples include Target, Chipotle, Qdoba, Starbucks, Smoothie shops, Dairy Queen, McDonalds, Einstein's)

Donations can be brought to the office; please place in Project Grad mailbox in the mail room.

Congratulations, CHS Pom

On January 9th, the Chaparral Pom team won first place and earned the overall high score in Varsity Pom at the UDA Cactus Cup. Chaparral Pom went on to win the state championship at the AIA State Finals on January 30th. At the UDA National Dance Team Championship in Orlando, Florida on February 7th, Chaparral Pom placed 5th overall in Small Varsity Pom. As one of the top five teams in the country, their performance will be nationally televised and broadcast on ESPN2 April 24th from 9-10 AM and again on May 1st from 7-8 AM.



SPRING CLEANING?

CHS may be able to help....



PROM ATTIRE

Maggie's Baggies is collecting prom dresses (all sizes), suits, ties, dress shirts, dress pants, tuxedo's, accessories, and shoes for Tumbleweed, a center for youth development that serves abused, abandoned, troubled, and neglected youth in our community. If you would like to donate any of these items please drop them off at the main office, attention Mrs. MacColl.

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!!

