



Chaparral Middle School

Home of the Cougars

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Principal's Newsletter, December, 2018

Season's Greetings Chaparral Parents and Guardians,

As we come to the end of the calendar year, we also move toward the end of the academic semester. Please have your Cougar focus greatly in the next couple of weeks so that they may finish up the semester strong! The academic semester ends on December 19th. Please make sure that you have contacted teachers with any questions about grades, missing assignments, etc. Please be reminded that you may check Chaparral's Parent Portal for information about student grades and assignments. Access the portal here:

<https://parents.wvusd.k12.ca.us/aeries.net/>

Our seventh grade students are currently participating in an interdisciplinary, grade level wide unit of study which will culminate with a field trip to Pasadena's "A Noise Within" theater for a special showing of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." Students will attend on either Tuesday, December 4th or Thursday, December 6th. A very special thank you to our Language Arts teachers for organizing this exciting event for our Cougars!

The Chaparral Math Department will be participating in the "Day of Code" in their math classes on Wednesday of this week. Students will be taking part in various web based coding activities taught and administered by Chaparral Math teachers.

As part of Chaparral's continued commitment to your child's safety, we are constantly reviewing and adjusting our safety protocols to reflect current reality. Most recently, we have added a protocol to accompany our "lockdown" scenarios. The protocol is referred to as "Run, Hide, Fight." The entire Chaparral staff has been trained on this tactic, a parent education night on RHF was offered last month on November 14th. ***Next week, we will begin training students on the Run, Hide, Fight protocol during Advocacy classes.*** Students may wish to discuss this training at home. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to stress the seriousness of proper preparation in relation to any disaster situation.

Our music classes have been working hard to prepare seasonal concerts for your enjoyment. Our Chaparral Choir will be performing their annual holiday concert in the Multipurpose Room at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, December 5th. Also on December 12th, the Chaparral Orchestra will be performing their winter concert in the gym at 7:00 pm. Finally, our Chaparral Band will hold their holiday concert on Thursday, December 13th in the gym at 7:00 PM.

Our first semester will officially conclude on Wednesday, December 19th. This is a six-period minimum day with dismissal at 11:00 am. We wish you a wonderful holiday season full of rest and relaxation and look forward to welcoming your Cougar back to school on Monday, January 7, 2019.

Sincerely,

Ron Thibodeaux, Principal, Chaparral Middle School



Upcoming Dates to Note:

December 5th – Late Start Day, School begins at 8:40 am

December 5th – Choir Concert 6:30 pm, MPR

December 7th – CAPA Meeting, 10:00 am, Teen Scene Classroom

December 11th – Staff Meeting, *After School* – No After School Activities

December 12th – Late Start Day, School begins at 8:40 am

December 12th – Orchestra Concert, 7:00 pm, Gymnasium

December 13th – Band Concert, 7:00 pm

December 14th – Chaparral Community Club Meeting, 8:30 am, Teen Scene Classroom

December 19th – NO LATE START DAY, School begins at 7:45 am.

December 19th – ***Minimum Day, Students are released at 11:00 am.***

~ Winter Break, December 20th through January 6th, 2018 – No school on these days. ~

January 7th, 2019 – School resumes at 7:45 am.