



Chaparral Middle School

Home of the Cougars

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Principal's Newsletter, September, 2018

Good day and Welcome Back, Chaparral Parents and Guardians,

For those of you driving your child to school each day, you understand that traffic congestion is a real issue here at Chaparral. Let me first apologize for the difficulties with this, but you can help. If parents follow the traffic pattern outlined on the video at the below link, it will save time. Please take a look...and remember...pull forward please! ☺

<http://www.chaparralmiddle.org/apps/news/article/111929>

On Friday, August 31st, we will be having a minimum day. **Students will be released at 11:00 am on that day.** Note that there is no late bus on minimum days. Additionally, there is **NO SCHOOL on Monday, September 3** in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Our first Late Start Day is scheduled for Wednesday, September 12th. On these days, classes will not begin until 8:40 am. We request that students use these mornings to get some extra sleep and to have a healthy breakfast before coming to classes. However, if your child needs to come to school at the normal time, we will have our blacktop area open to students beginning at 7:15 am. Please review this year's calendar to begin your Late Start planning.

<https://www.chaparralmiddle.org/apps/events/2018/9/calendar/?id=0>

Our Community Club is our largest parent organization and all are welcomed and encouraged to join. The annual Education Support Drive is their largest fundraiser and its success over the past few years has resulted in large donations toward school technology and extracurricular programs. Your child will be coming home soon with information about this fundraising campaign for you to read through. Please sign the envelope acknowledging your receipt of the information. It is our hope that all Chaparral families will decide to participate in this critical fundraising campaign.

Please click here for details: <https://www.chaparralmiddle.org/apps/news/article/905081>

We are also holding our "Club Rush" on September 27^h and 28th. Students will have the time to learn about the many clubs on campus at lunchtime on those days. We would like each of our students involved in at least one club, so encourage them to check out campus clubs during Club Rush.

Also, in case you have not "felt the heat," it is certainly hot out there. Please be assured that we are taking into consideration the heat when deciding our PE activities each day, but we still need your help. Nine times out of ten, when we have students reacting negatively to the heat, it is because they have not taken in any nutrition. Please make sure that your students are eating each day and hydrating.



HELP US TO BE NEIGHBORLY: Please refrain from dropping your students at the DiamondGate Complex at the base of Diamond Bar Blvd. and Mountain Laurel. It has been reported that our parents are driving through the complex to drop off their students. **DO NOT DO THIS!** DiamondGate is private property and the residents are having issues getting in and out of their own homes. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

The next CAPA Meeting, Friday, September 7th, 10 AM in the Teen Scene Room. The first Community Club Meeting, Friday, September 14th, 8:30 AM in the Teen Scene Room. ***Please consider becoming involved with these organizations who support our school's goals.***

Sincerely,

Ron Thibodeaux,
Principal, Chaparral Middle School

Upcoming Dates to Note:

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| August 31 st | Six period minimum day; school dismisses at 11:00 a.m. (no late bus) |
| September 3 rd | Labor Day Holiday, NO school |
| September 7 th | Chinese American Parent Association (CAPA) meeting, 10:00 a.m., Teen Scene Classroom |
| September 14 th | Community Club Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Teen Scene Classroom |
| September 11 th | Staff Meeting, no after school activities |
| September 12 th | Six period LATE START DAY; school starts at 8:40 a.m. |
| September 19 th | Six period LATE START DAY; school starts at 8:40 a.m. |
| September 26 th | Six period LATE START DAY; school starts at 8:40 a.m. |