



Chaparral Middle School

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Principal's Newsletter, October 2018

Good day Chaparral Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back for another edition of the Principal's newsletter. First things first, I want to personally thank all of you for supporting the Education Support Campaign. Thanks to your support, we have just exceeded the \$50,000 marker for donations, (\$60,000 was our goal. ☺) If you still have not participated, it is not too late! Please consider taking part in the Ed Support Campaign... Thank you!

<https://www.chaparralmiddle.org/apps/news/article/905081>

Our club rush is this week...on September 27th and 28th. Hundreds of Chaparral students will join one of the dozens of clubs offered on campus. ***Please encourage your Cougar to become involved in one of these extracurricular experiences on our campus.***

The school year is up and running. In fact, our first quarter grading period ends on Friday, October 12th. Time flies when you're having fun...and we're having fun! =)

By now you may have received your child's CAASPP score report from the state (their results from our spring 2017 SBAC testing). For more information about this report, please visit this link: <https://www.chaparralmiddle.org/apps/news/article/600598> Please review the information included in the presentation, as it contains valuable information about how to read your child's report as well as how these scores are used by our school.

As our first quarter comes to a close in mid-October, many classes are tying up loose ends with many projects due, and also with many exams. As the quarter ends, students with poor academic and behavioral scores will be placed on ineligibility lists. Those students become ineligible to participate in sports, clubs, dances, etc. We don't want any students on these lists! ***Please help us with this and remind your students to put forth their best effort to finish the quarter strong.***

This month, our Advocacy classes are focusing their character lessons around the pillar of ***Respect***. It is also ***National Bully Prevention month***. Please help us by reinforcing this important character trait at home as well. Thank you!

Our Fall Sports season is in full force. Our football, volleyball and cross country teams have already begun and are competing both home and away. Your support is very much welcomed. Please stop by to support our teams! You can access our sports calendars at https://www.chaparralmiddle.org/apps/bbmessages/show_bbm.jsp?REC_ID=114816

Our late start days for the month of October are 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24 and 10/31. Thank you for marking your calendars accordingly, as instruction on these days begins at 8:40 a.m. Supervision is available for students needing to be dropped at their usual time.

On October 9th, we will be having our monthly staff meeting. Students should go directly home on staff meeting days as there are no practices, no club meetings, etc. Please adjust your plans accordingly. Thanks.

Please Support our Chaparral CAPA group...buy scrip for fine retailers at the following link!
It's never too early to start thinking about holiday shopping!

<http://www.chaparralmiddle.org/apps/news/article/511052>

Your student's safety is our highest priority. For that reason, Chaparral participates in annual staff development that analyzes the newest and most effective safety strategies. Additionally, we participate in a minimum of ten (10) school wide emergency drills each year. On October 18th, Chaparral will participate in the Great CA Shakeout Drill. Please follow the link below to learn about Chaparral's Emergency/Disaster Protocols for parents in case of an emergency:
http://www.chaparralmiddle.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=169402&type=d&pREC_ID=352639

The Chaparral Sinfonia will have its first performance of the year on Wednesday, October 10th in the gym at 7pm. For more information please contact Mr. Rochford (grochford@wvusd.k12.ca.us). The band will have its first performance of the year on Wednesday, October 24th at 7:00 pm in the gymnasium. Please contact Mrs. Schroerlucke (lschroerlucke@wvusd.k12.ca.us) for more details. Our Chaparral choir will have its first performance of the year also on Friday, October 12th at 6:30 pm in our Multipurpose Room. Please contact Mr. Langham (rlangham@wvusd.k12.ca.us) for more details.

Our third annual 8th Grade College and Career day is coming on Wednesday, January 30th. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!** If you are interested in presenting your career choice to our 8th graders, please contact Mrs. Flannigan at jflannigan@wvusd.k12.ca.us. Thank you!

Chaparral Community Club invites you to Fusion 2any1 on October 17th and 18th. Print the below flyer and 20% of your bill will be donated back to the Community Club and used specifically to support school programs. Also...box tops are being collected October 1-19 in Advocacy classes. <https://www.chaparralmiddle.org/apps/news/article/921140>

Chaparral Middle School is proud to have multiple parent groups on campus that serve our learning community. The [Chaparral Community Club](#) next meets on October 12th at 8:30 am in the Teen Scene room. Chaparral [CAPA's](#) next meeting will take place October 5th 10:00 am in the Teen Scene room.

Finally, this year, we have two vacancies for "parent" rolls within our school site council. The position is a two-year position. Meetings take place monthly, after school, unless otherwise determined. If you are interested in serving in this position, please send your name, and a brief biography to rthibodeaux@wvusd.k12.ca.us NO LATER than October 5th. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ron Thibodeaux, Principal, Chaparral Middle School

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October Dates to Remember:

Late Start Days October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

October 22nd – 26th, Red Ribbon Week

November 2nd, National Mix it Up Day