



Chaparral Middle School

Home of the Cougars

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Principal's Newsletter, February 2022

Dear Chaparral Cougars,

That was a challenging January! However, our community pulled together and navigated it well, as our community always does!

The major challenge during the month of January was the ever-changing public health guidance coupled with the number of students and staff that missed days of school. Our teachers showed flexibility during this time and will continue to show flexibility as we come out of this chapter of the pandemic together. Our office staff has been busy working through attendance clearances for our students. Our parents have shown patience and flexibility, often having to change plans because of the circumstance of the day. Our students have shown grit and perseverance, having to catch-up and work through lessons they may have missed. In all, our community has done what we've always done: move forward!

In a more optimistic view, challenges have a way of bringing people together. Our students have risen to the challenge of building habits of kindness by working through this year's Cougar Kindness Week. I have personally witnessed students and staff making personal sacrifices so that their peer or colleague could benefit. I have witnessed cars patiently allowing other cars to go ahead of them for the sake of efficiency. It is this culture of kindness that Chaparral will continue to work on – students, staff, and community together!

As our students head into February, many will begin refamiliarizing themselves with the state testing system that will be administered in the spring. Students are working through lessons, projects, and tests. They're working independently and collaboratively. They're working in school and at home. They are doing all of this to not simply prepare for a test, but to better themselves and continue that process of being a lifelong learner. To that end, thank you for supporting this process.

Please use this newsletter as a reminder of important communication items from the school to the home:

REPORT CARDS

There has been a delay with report cards reaching your mailboxes. They should reach your mailboxes any day now! (Remember, student progress can be monitored through the Parent Portal on Aeries).

WINTER SPORTS

Our basketball season is underway. Please remember to follow all masking and social distancing conventions and guidelines if you are rooting on your child at the game!

COMMUNITY CLUB - FUNDRAISER

Please consider supporting the Little Caesar's Pizza fundraiser through our Community Club. As always, proceeds will benefit the Community Club and Chaparral Middle School. Details are in the attached flyer or scan the QR code to participate.



CAPA

The next CAPA meeting will be on Thursday, February 10, at 10:00 AM. See the school website for the hyperlink, which will be posted approximately one week before the meeting.

8th GRADE INFORMATION (FUTURE DIAMOND BAR HS BRAHMAS)

If you are a current 8th grade student who will be attending Diamond Bar High School next fall, please note the upcoming dates where DBHS will present information to you regarding next year. Our 8th grade students should also be checking their 8th grade Google Classroom for updates, flyers, and information.

UPCOMING DATES:

(please check the school website for up to date information)

Late Start Day	February 2, 2022
Late Start Day	February 9, 2022
DBHS Summer School Info Meeting (8 th Graders)	February 16, 2022
Pupil Free Day (No School)	February 18, 2022
President's Day (No School)	February 21, 2022
School Site Council Meeting	February 22, 2022
DBHS GLCs Visit Chaparral (8 th Graders)	February 24-25, 2022
DBHS Student/Parent Virtual Info Night (8 th Graders)	March 1, 2022



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