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NEWS and INFORMATION

Dedication, Celebration and Ribbon Cutting for the "New" Chaparral High School October 24, 2008

WHAT: Dedication, celebration and ribbon cutting for the newly rebuilt Chaparral High School.

WHO: Scottsdale Mayor Mary Manross, Principal Mary Lou Muccino and other dignitaries.

WHEN: Friday, October 24th, 4:30-6:30 p.m.; ribbon-cutting, 5 p.m.; Homecoming football game, 7 p.m.

WHERE: Chaparral High School, 6935 E. Gold Dust Ave., Scottsdale.

ADDITIONAL INFO:

Join us for a dedication, celebration and ribbon cutting for the brand new Chaparral High School! This event is in conjunction with the school's Homecoming festivities, so there should be a large turn-out.

Entire buildings were torn down and new ones built – all while the school continued to function. Construction to rebuild this campus began in the summer of 2006 and continued until the new administration building was added in April 2008. The only two items that are not yet finished—the parking lots and tennis courts—will be done by the end of this year. There are currently more than 2,050 students attending Chaparral.

Friday's event includes guest speakers, a ribbon cutting ceremony, a video of the history of the school, photos from past decades, tours of the school given by various student groups and performances by the school's orchestra, band, and chorus students. The Homecoming football game will be played after the festivities. Guest speakers include:

- Honorable Mary Manross, Mayor of Scottsdale
- Katy Cavanagh, Interim Co-Superintendent
- Jennifer Petersen, SUSD Governing Board Member
- Dieter Shaefer, SUSD Governing Board Member
- Dr. Eric Meyer, SUSD Governing Board Clerk and Chaparral Alumnus
- Mary Lou Muccino, Principal
- Rob Lohmeier, Architect, The Orcutt/Winslow Partnership
- Steve Poulin, Project Manager, McCarthy Building Companies, Inc.

Cost for constructing the new school was about \$52 million. McCarthy Building Companies, Inc. was the contractor for this project; architecture firm was The Orcutt/Winslow Partnership. All construction has been done within budget and on time without interrupting a single day of classroom instruction.

The original Chaparral High School was built in 1973.

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