

CHAPARRAL



Dear Firebird Families,

It is hard to believe that the start of school is only a few weeks away! The teachers and staff at Chaparral are eager and excited to connect with all of you and get the school year off to a great start. We know you have many great questions, so we will try to give some general answers and information in this message.

If you have not already done so, please make sure you submit your [2020-2021 Commitment Form](#) for *Return to Learn* by Friday, July 24 at 5:00pm. Both programs begin on August 10. Families choosing in-person will begin on August 10 with *Enhanced Distance Learning (EDL)* until the decision is made to allow in-person classes. Students choosing full-time online will be students of *Scottsdale Online Learning (SOL)* and are committing to one semester with *Scottsdale Online Learning* through December 18, 2020. To assist with making the decision, the district sent out an announcement regarding *EDL Flex*. In a nutshell, this allows students who choose the *Enhanced Distance Learning* option, and become ill or if families continue to have health concerns related to returning when in-person, to access instruction from home using technology. This also provides opportunities to access the specialized services of the self-contained program. We know there are many considerations for each family to make, so we'll try to do our best to answer as many questions as we can. You can always refer to the district's [FAQ](#) (click on "High School") or contact your student's administrator or counselor.

Many of you are probably wondering what the beginning of the school year looks like for families choosing the *Enhanced Distance Learning* model. A committee of teachers, building and district administrators have been working diligently to craft student and teacher expectations for all five high schools, which will be sent out soon. Topics include but are not limited to: learning management systems and video platforms, grading practices, homework, screen time, synchronous and asynchronous learning, and a schedule of the school day.

Below, you will find information organized by the administrator who oversees the various grades and programs at Chaparral.

- Assistant Principal [Sarah Barela](#): Senior Class administrator; oversees Social Studies, Physical Education, and Guidance Counselors
 - The master schedule is still in flux as we await the results of the *Commitment Form* survey (see link above). It is possible that schedules will be affected by changes in staffing to allow for moves to *Scottsdale Online Learning*. We plan to have student schedules available to view online no later than August 7th.

- Students enrolling in *Scottsdale Online Learning* will no longer be Chaparral students. If a *SOL* student chooses to return to full time in-person learning after December 18th, 2020, they will become a Chaparral student at that time. Please contact the principal of *SOL*, Dr. Chris Thuman, for additional information about *SOL*.
- Please check the course offerings for *SOL* before making your commitment.
- Assistant Principal/Athletic Director [Dan Bode](#): Junior Class administrator; oversees the Math department
 - As with coming back to school, athletics are a constantly evolving issue. We are working with the AIA and district personnel to do our best to get sports on campus as quickly and safely as possible. We hope all of our student athletes will be able to participate in their sports this year and we will provide updates as we become aware of them.
 - If your student plans to participate in a fall sport, he or she will need to visit registermyathlete.com to complete the necessary information. Go to the *athletics* page of the Chaparral website for more information.
 - Parking information will be shared with the seniors who received approval last spring to park on campus as we get closer to an in-person return. This includes information specific parking numbers and the \$100 parking fee. All parking spots have been assigned at this time, but if spaces become available, we will offer them in a lottery.
- Assistant Principal [Joshua Pantier](#): Sophomore Class administrator; Section 504, Attendance; oversees Special Education, and World Language departments
 - Families new to Chaparral with questions about Section 504 or Special Education can reach out to Mr. Pantier.
 - The online registration process will include setting up a virtual student ID card. For virtual IDs, you will receive a text message alert that has the school name and your student's name, along with a link to take your photo and complete the process.
 - Attendance during Enhanced Distance Learning will look different than it did in the 4th quarter last year. District leadership is still developing what the student schedule looks like for EDL, but students should be aware that attendance will be taken every day.
 - During *Enhanced Distance Learning*, students will have access to a student learning platform called *Buzz* that will allow them to access information for all of their courses in one place. More information about *Buzz* and how to log in will be coming.

- Assistant Principal [Ben Englander](#): Freshman Administrator; oversees the Science and Fine Arts departments
 - Registration will be entirely online. This includes updating personal information, completing forms, paying fees, and getting virtual student ID cards. Stay tuned for information and instructions.
 - It is very important that parents can access ParentVue for the registration process. You can download the app or log in using an internet browser by going to synergyvue.susd.org. To activate your account (new users), do the following:
 - Go to synergyvue.susd.org and click on “I am a parent.”
 - Instead of logging in, click on the “More Options” dropdown and then “Activate Account.”
 - Follow the prompts, write down the Activation Key, and use it to create your new account and password.
 - We are in the initial stages of planning for textbook, 1:1 device, art supplies, and instrument pickup. Stay tuned for more information, but the initial thought is that we will schedule a day for each grade level to pick up materials.
- Principal [Todd Dreifort](#): Oversees Administrators, English, and CTE departments
 - “Let’s Talk:” All of our administrative team have received “Let’s Talk” training. However, until we are comfortable, we are requesting that you direct any questions, concerns, or comments to your student’s teacher, counselor, or administrator.
 - Safety Protocols:

The *SUSD Operations and Logistics Sub Committee* has been working tirelessly to develop a plan for the safe and effective return of students and staff to all district sites. We understand individual student, parent, and teacher fears/concerns and will do everything “feasible” and “possible” to keep everyone safe. Our campus will be clean and ready for students on day one.

- **STAY HOME WHEN SICK:** We ask that all staff and students stay home if they are not feeling well.
- **EMERGENCY CONTACT UPDATE:** Update emergency contact information to ensure immediate parent/guardian response to a sick child.
- **MASKS:** All persons entering SUSD campuses MUST have a mask. The mask shall be worn whenever proper social distancing is not possible or feasible.
- **LUNCH:** The cafeteria will be set up to maximize the number of students being served lunch while being as mindful of student breathing zones as possible. All tables will be sanitized between groups of students. When students are allowed to return to in-person learning, food and drink deliveries to school will be prohibited in order to minimize



interactions between staff and the public. Please plan on sending lunch with your student or having them purchase lunch in the school cafeteria.

- **CLASSROOM SETTING:** The classroom setting will be one of the most challenging to execute optimal social distancing. Every effort will be made to maximize distance between desks.
 - Classrooms may be set up to reflect seating in same direction towards teacher
 - Students at tables to be spaced to maximize distance between students
 - Each classroom shall be supplied with an OSHA approved sanitizing products and paper towels to facilitate periodic surface sanitizing
 - Students should not share classrooms supplies, including but not limited to, pens, pencils, rulers, textbooks, and individual electronic devices.
 - **ENHANCED CLEANING AND SANITIZING:** Our *Facility Coordinator* will develop a regular rotation around each campus, focusing on high touch points multiple times each day. Teachers will be encouraged but not required to sanitize desks with district provided OSHA approved cleaning supplies in between class periods. The campus will continue to be cleaned nightly by ABM Custodial Services.
 - **HVAC:** The Chaparral HS Central Plant received an overhaul this summer that will allow the school's cooling to be at its best. Building Services HVAC technicians have been working to ensure that all equipment is set to factory specifications and current heating, ventilation, and air conditioning standards. Filter changes in all equipment is done quarterly by a contracted service provider. Our team is working with mechanical engineers to optimize ventilation throughout our campus. A full and complete HVAC plan will be available in the weeks to come.
 - **PASSING PERIODS:** During passing periods, social distancing will be a challenge. All students will be encouraged to treat sidewalks, hallways, and passageways as a two-way street, optimizing social distancing by staying to the extreme left and extreme right of every "lane."
 - **VISITORS TO CAMPUSES:** The number of visitors and volunteers to our campuses will be minimized. Visitors to our campuses will be limited to appointment only visits.
 - NO DROP OFF / DELIVERY OF ITEMS, including but not limited to, lunches, homework, and athletic equipment to the front office shall be permitted
 - Parents are required to contact the front office to schedule an appointment in lieu of drop-in visits.
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- Counseling Department:

- The counselors are ready to return Monday, July 27th! There are many exciting things happening in the counseling office. The school district is committed to lowering the counselor-to-student ratio, allowing our counselors to focus even more on the academic and social/emotional needs of students. With that being said, we are extremely fortunate to welcome a 6th counselor, Ms. Dayne Davis, to the team! Ms. Davis is an amazing addition with several years of experience at Desert Mountain High School. She is known for her kindness and positive energy; she will fit right in with our team! With this addition, the alpha assignment will have to change. **It is very important to note that Ms. Board, Mrs. Kunitzer, Mrs. Welch, Mrs. Rold and Ms. Mayer will be keeping all seniors that were previously assigned to them.** The alpha change will include 9-11th graders. The counselors will be here to help with your transition back to school, no matter what learning model you choose. They care mostly about your well-being and want you to know they will be here for you. The guidance office will be sending out important updates and please reach out to your counselor if you have questions or need assistance.

New Alpha Assignment by Counselor:

***This is for 9-11th graders only**

A-Ca: Janine Welch

Ce-F: Dayne Davis

G-J: Keri Board

K-M: Katie Kunitzer

N-Sa: Leslie Rold

Sc-Z: Megan Mayer

Unfortunately, due to the size of the caseloads, the counselors will not be able to keep siblings that are out of their alpha. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience; this was necessary to balance caseloads. Thank you for your understanding!

CHAPTs:

Chaparral's Association of Parents and Teachers. This tremendous group of volunteers spends countless hours supporting teachers, students, and the Chaparral community. Please see the attached flyer or visit <http://chapters.org> to find out how to be a part of this outstanding organization!



The [SUSD website](#) is filled with information about the Return to Learn models. Please refer to them if you have not already:

- [SUSD FAQ](#)
- [Scottsdale Online Learning](#)
- [Scottsdale Online Learning Live Q&A](#) – Wednesday 7/22 at 5pm

Once again, we are excited to get the school year rolling! Chaparral High School is committed to providing the same high quality education to all students. We ask that you be understanding and patient as we move forward. We have and always will do what is in the best interests of your student. Together, we will get through this! Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions you have, and we'll do our best to get you an answer. We are happy to call, email, or meet virtually.

Sincerely,

Chaparral High School Administration

