Happy New Year and best wishes for a wonderful 2020!

For our seniors, graduation will be just around the corner. It’s so important that as seniors you stay focused throughout the entire semester, and finish your high school career in a positive and successful manner. We are proud of you – continue to make the school and your families proud.

While our seniors are preparing for their post-graduate plans, our underclassmen will be preparing for their course selections for school year 2020-2021. The course selection handbook/guide will be posted online in February under the counseling link. Teachers will review the curriculum progression in their classrooms prior to student making their course selections. If students have questions regarding graduation requirements and/or suggested courses, please have them contact their counselor. A reminder that all students, even current students, must register with the district for each school year. The Online District Registration for the 2020-2021 school year will open up on or about January 21st. Open enrollment students, please remember that you must apply each year for admission. The deadline is January 31, 2020 for application. See page 3 for detailed information.

To inform and prepare students and parents for the upcoming year, we will hold a variety of events to provide information about CFHS, as well as the course selection process.

- January 15 - Advanced Placement (AP) and Career & Technical Education Curriculum (CTE) Night.
- January 29 - Future Falcon Open House / Club and Course Fair / Hosted Campus Tours - open to all interested 8th graders and any new open enrolled students who may enter in grades 10-12
- January 30 - OGMS Falcon Fly-in - incoming freshmen from OGMS will have the opportunity to spend the day at CFHS and experience high school life.
- February 4 - ECMS Falcon Fly-in - incoming freshmen from ECMS will have the opportunity to spend the day at CFHS and experience high school life.
- January 17, February 7, February 28, March 20, April 3, and April 24 - Falcon Shadow Days - open to prospective students who do not currently attend a CFSD school; guest students will shadow a current CFHS student for the day.

Calendar Reminders:
- The Winter Formal Dance will be held at El Conquistador Resort on Saturday, January 25, 8:00-11:45pm. Tickets are now on sale for $25 at the Bursar’s Office or through Parent Portal. Ticket price goes up to $30 on January 20. No tickets will be sold at the door.
- Spring sports begin February 10. If you are interested in playing a spring sport, please make sure your paperwork is turned in to the Athletic Office in House 4 by February 7.

Thank you for your 2019 Tax Credit Donation - we appreciate your support! Tax Credit donations benefit our extra-curricular clubs and programs which could not function at a high level without your support. It’s not too late to make either a 2019 or 2020 donation - click here for a link to make your contribution.

With warmest regards,

Jody Brase
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October 1, 2019

To: Parents of CFSD Students
From: Mary Kamerzell, Superintendent
Re: CFSD Open Enrollment Program for the 2020-2021 School Year

The Catalina Foothills School District (CFSD) will begin its open enrollment application procedures for the 2020-2021 school year on **November 1, 2019**.

Pursuant to A.R.S. §15-816 all Arizona school districts follow a prescribed procedure and timetable for admitting out-of-district transfer students and resident transfer students (those who live in the District but are attending a school outside the attendance area of their residence). All students who currently attend CFSD schools and reside in other districts, and all CFSD resident students who attend a school outside of the attendance area of their residence, are impacted by this law.

We require *all open enrollment students to apply for admission each year*. Therefore, if your child is a resident transfer (open enrollment) student and you want him/her to continue in that capacity, or if your child resides outside of the district, either as a continuing or a new open enrollment student, please complete an open enrollment application online **between November 1, 2019 and January 31, 2020**.

**Open enrollment applications and information regarding the application process are on the district Web site, [www.cfsd16.org](http://www.cfsd16.org) (as of November 1, 2019). Under Parents, select Open Enrollment.**

Electronic applications must be submitted **no later than January 31, 2020**. Decisions about admission, based on capacity, will be made by March 1, 2020. At that time, all applicants who applied during the application period will be notified by email whether their applications were accepted, waitlisted, or declined. *Note: A separate application must be completed for each student.*

Please keep in mind that annually, the open enrollment process involves three steps: application, notification of our decision and, if accepted, online registration.
Jan 10  Deadline for Senior Falcon Tributes submissions [2019-20 Yearbook] through Herff Jones Website only
Don’t forget to order your student’s yearbook. Check the parent portal to see if you have one ordered.

Jan 31  Deadline to report corrections for names in the graduation program. Changes are due to Registrar in the
counseling office by 3:30 pm.

Feb 6 & 7  Distribution of caps & gowns on the plaza by Herff Jones/Rembrandt
(pick up to wear for senior group picture)

Feb 24  Senior Breakfast in Cafeteria (during Grade 9-11 Course Selections)

Mar 1  Deadline to order an engraved brick through FFO

Mar 2  Senior Group Picture (graduation gowns required): 8:30 am – Stadium

Mar 9  Senior Meeting, including distribution of announcements, during Advisory (10:05-10:40) Auditorium

April 7th or 14th  Senior Graduation Meeting – 9:15 in the Auditorium. ALL seniors must attend this mandatory meeting in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. Attendance will be taken.

April 17  Deadline for Student Graduation Speaker / Performer sign up; no later than 3:30 pm.
Pick up and turn in the information sheet in House 3. Open to seniors only!

April 27  Seniors inform Counseling Office of college and other post high school plans

April 22  Student Graduation Speaker / Performer Auditions – 3:30 pm – House 1 Seminar Room

April 27-May 1  Falcon Fly-Out

May 15  Seniors’ last day – Senior Luau

May 18  Senior Honors Ceremony – 7:00 pm – Auditorium (Recognizing seniors with 3.75 after 7th semester)

May 19  Graduation Practice 2:45 – 4:00 pm; start in the Auditorium. Participation required for ceremony. Back pack
check-in for Grad Night: 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm.

May 20  Graduation Ceremony @ 7:30 pm – CFHS Stadium. Seniors arrive 6:30 pm for line up.
Grad Night - Senior Celebration following the graduation ceremony.

Important Contacts regarding Graduation:

Jennifer Brock  Herff Jones/Rembrandt  Grad Night: FFO
Assistant Principal - House 1  (Grad Supplies)  Jean Popham
209-8474  Bill Waldrup 745-5289  jspopham@hotmail.com
jbrock@cfsd1.org  2927 N. Country Club
Parents and students are invited to attend the

Advanced Placement and CTE/JTED Informational Night

Wednesday, January 15th, 2020
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Auditorium

ADVANCED PLACEMENT: Interested parents and students are invited to attend a brief informational presentation in the CFHS auditorium from 6:00-6:15. Topics will include current courses, exam registration, and changes to AP this year. Teachers will be available in the auditorium and lobby after the presentation to answer questions and provide additional information about our extensive Advanced Placement course offerings.


CTE/JTED: For parents and students interested in learning more about career pathways, certification/dual enrollment, and work based opportunities you are invited to attend an informational presentation in the auditorium from 6:30-7:00 pm. Topics will include Catalina Foothills CTE Pathways available on campus as well as JTED off campus programs. There will be time after the presentation for questions and a tour of our site programs.


Drama Department

Advanced Theatre Arts Class presents:

“Evil Dead, the Musical”
by George Reinblatt and Frank Cipolla

“Evil Dead, The Musical” (High School Version) takes all the elements of the cult classic films, The Evil Dead, Evil Dead 2 and Army of Darkness, and combines them into one of the craziest theatrical experiences of all time. Five college students go to an abandoned cabin in the woods and accidentally unleash an evil force that turns them all into demons. It’s up to Ash (a housewares employee turned demon-killing hero) and his trusty chainsaw to save the day. Blood flies. Limbs are dismembered. Demons tell bad jokes ... and all to music.

Showtimes: January 16, 17, 18 at 7:30pm, Matinee on January 18 at 2:00pm
Tickets available at the Bursar Office and at the door.

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Student Council presents

Winter Formal
“A Magical Night”

Saturday January 25th
El Conquistador Resort
8:00 pm - 11:45 pm

Ticket prices are $25 January 6 - 19. Prices go up to $30 on January 20th. You may purchase tickets online through InTouch or in person at the Bursar Office.
(Tickets will not be available at the door.)
Thank you for supporting our amazing Foothills Falcon Marching Band at the 2019 Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade! It was an amazing experience for everyone involved!

Join one of the Foothills Falcon Bands...
New members are always welcome!

The ensembles of the Falcon Band have performed and traveled world-wide. We offer a wide variety of music ensembles.

Auditions for next year will be taking place in late January and early February for the following courses:

- **Jazz Band and Jazz Combo** – open to guitar, bass, piano, drums and all wind instruments.
- **Colorguard** – perform visually and travel the world with the Foothills Falcon Marching Band.
- **Small Ensembles** – Clarinet Choir, Flute Choir, and other ensembles of your choice.

**3 Levels of Concert Band**
Visit the band office or email rshaneboyd@cfisd16.org for audition information and/or more details about any of the above courses.

**3 Levels of Steel Band**
Visit the band office or email twalton@cfisd16.org for audition information and/or more details about any of the steel courses.

**3 Levels of Guitar**
Visit room 311 in House 2 or email amerideth@cfisd16.org for audition information and/or more details about the guitar courses.
From the Nurse:

Welcome to the New Year – 2020! Wishing you and yours a healthy, safe and prosperous New Year!

Recommendations for a healthy start to the New Year are:

- Get plenty of rest, with a regular sleep schedule
- Be active and exercise, even a daily walk.
- Make time to spend with friends and family
- Get organized and prioritize your school tasks, so you don’t get behind or overwhelmed.
- Hydrate and maintain healthy nutrition, eating regularly.

The rush and excitement of the Holidays is over and it’s back to school. Sometimes people feel a bit of a let-down getting back into the grind of everyday life. When feelings of sadness and/or anxiety last more than a few days or weeks, it is important to talk to someone about it.

Depression is a medical illness that can interfere with everyday life, such as schoolwork, sleeping, eating, friendships and other daily activities. See the National Institute for Mental Health Brochure for more information.

If you know someone who is struggling with their emotional health, help them to talk to a trusted adult and get help. If someone is talking about harming or killing themselves, do not leave them alone, but call 911 or take them to the nearest hospital emergency room.

Some additional resources to have handy are:

1. National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255) which is available 24 hours a day, for free and confidential calls.
2. You can chat online also at www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org (free and confidential)
3. Crisis Text Line (text HOME to 741741) (free and confidential)

We are always ready to help support students and staff at the CFHS Health Office.

Halyna Chirovsky, RN, BSN, NCSN, School Nurse  hchirovsky@cfisd16.org  520-209-8330
Jo-Ann Tellez, Health Assistant  jtellez@cfisd16.org  520-209-8304
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome Back! We hope you had a nice break. As usual, we start the next semester by hitting the ground running. Did you know that the FFO is the only organization that supports ALL staff and students? Thank you again to the 42 families who have donated $4300 to our Falcon Funds direct donation campaign. With approximately 1800 students, we are far from our goal of 100% participation. If each family donated just $10, we could nearly hit our goal of $20,000.

Where do the raised funds go?

$19,000 of our budget goes to staff support!

- Gift cards to teachers for classroom supplies
- Staff Appreciation breakfasts and lunches
- Library and Health Office supplies support
- Grants to support academic conferences

Please help support our A-rated high school. Donate today!

January 14 9:00am FFO Meeting in House 4 Room 712

Join us at our next FFO meeting where NeuroLeadership Coach and Strategist of Crossroads Coaching and Career Counseling, Nancy Jones, joins us. In this dynamic presentation, you will:

- Gain practical tools to improve your relationship with your teen
- Understand you and your teen’s personalities to create a strong relationship
- Learn effective strategies for handling conflict and personality clashes
- Achieve greater success in relationships by understanding motivation

If you were not able to attend our last FFO meeting in November on Cyber Safety, we have posted Matt Rhebeck’s presentation on our website here under meeting minutes.

Volunteer of the Month

A special thank you to our November Volunteer of the Month, Monisha Patel. Monisha has been a strong leader and volunteer in our district. In gratitude, Monisha received a jar of chocolate goodies and a coupon card. Thank you for all you do, Monisha!

If you would like to help with any school activity, please visit our website at Cfhsffo.org to sign up. Learn more about volunteer opportunities here.

Sincerely,
Marianne Fett
FFO President
cfhssffopresident@gmail.com
Direct Giving
A teacher testimonial: Shireen Behzadi

Supporting the FFO really does make a difference. Please donate now.

Back in the Spring 2017, I was offered the opportunity to become one of the Link Crew Advisors here on the CFHS campus. Due to the timing of the school year, I only received training for this position from the other two advisors. In the Spring of 2018, Ms. Brase told me that I was going to be able to attend the official Link Crew Advisor Training sponsored by the Boomerang Organization due to the generous offer from our FFO to cover the full costs. This four day training in Temecula, CA, cost over $2200 and has been some of the best training I have ever received during my teaching career. This training has allowed me to properly train Link Crew Leaders to become solid role models and mentors for our incoming freshmen each year. This training has also given me the tools and training I need to properly run the leadership class offered to the Link Crew Leaders.

Until Link Crew became financially solvent, FFO has also supported our group by covering the costs of lunches during our leader training sessions in August and even covered the cost of our leader t-shirts for a year or two. These expenses are not cheap, by any means, nor were they optional expenses, and our student organization could not have survived the first few years without the full financial support of our FFO.

As a teacher, I can see firsthand the importance and the positive impact the FFO has had and continues to have for the students on our campus. It is with a grateful heart that I thank all parents who help financially support our FFO and their goal to help send teachers to such important trainings that then directly impact our students here at CFHS!

Shireen Behzadi
English Teacher
Link Crew Advisor

Support the FFO, our teachers, and your children.
If every family donated $10 per student, we could hit our goal of $20,000.
The party planning has begun! **SENIORS! Grad Night Tickets are available.** Don’t miss out … Join your class for one epic night of fun with amazing raffle prizes… must be present to win! **Grab your tickets through InTouch or the Bursars Office before the price increases!**

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**Sponsorships and Volunteers Needed**

Grad Night provides a fun, safe all-night graduation party for our seniors. To keep our seniors safe and provide them with this memorable last hurrah, it takes lots of volunteers and support.

We have the following sponsorship opportunities and sponsorships can be made at the FFO online store or contact grad.night@cfhsffo.org for more information! Thank you!!!

1. Table -$100-Logo or Family name will appear on table at party
2. T-Shirt -$200-Logo or Family name will appear on 400 T-shirts
3. Backpack -$200-Logo or Family name will appear on 400 backpacks

We will need A LOT of volunteers starting Monday, May 18-Thursday May 21 to help transform the gym and help clean up. We will need A LOT OF NON-SENIOR parents to volunteer for the party in shifts starting at 7 pm-5 am to provide a safe party. Volunteer opportunities will include party check in, back pack check in/out, security, casino, carnival, raffle prizes, first aid/medical advisor, snacks, etc. Look for sign up genius emails and please sign up and recruit friends. Remember this is a pay it forward event. If you are a non-senior parent, volunteer this year so when you have a senior someone will volunteer for you.
Spanish Immersion Program
in Catalina Foothills School District

Families with children entering grades K-5* are invited to apply to enroll their children in Catalina Foothills School District’s Spanish Immersion Program at Ventana Vista Elementary School for the 2020-2021 school year.

Goals for Students:
- Meet or exceed academic achievement levels in all areas of the district’s curriculum as aligned to state standards.
- Acquire communicative and academic proficiency in English and Spanish.
- Gain an appreciation of other cultures and a deeper understanding of their own culture.
- Increase capacity for creative thinking and problem-solving skills.

In our half-day kindergarten program, 100% of core instruction (Language Arts, Math, Science, Health, and Social Studies) is taught in Spanish. In Grades 1 and above, Language Arts, Math and Health are taught in English, while Science and Social Studies are taught in Spanish. The program is designed for English-proficient students to acquire Spanish.

Spanish literacy is developed at all grade levels in our immersion program.

Open Enrollment applications are currently available on the district’s web page only at www.cfsd16.org.

Open Enrollment applications should be submitted by January 31, 2020.
*Students in grades 2-5 must meet language proficiency criteria for enrollment.

How To Learn More About the Program:
Attend a Spanish Immersion Program informational meeting scheduled for December 4 or January 22 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the Ventana Vista Elementary School library. Click on the Academics tab on the Ventana Vista website at http://vves.cfsd16.org/
Chinese Immersion Program in Catalina Foothills School District

Families with children entering Kindergarten through Fifth Grade* are invited to enroll their children in Catalina Foothills School District’s Mandarin Immersion Program at Sunrise Drive Elementary School for the 2020-2021 school year.

Goals for Students:

- Meet or exceed academic achievement levels in all areas of the district’s curriculum as aligned to state standards.
- Acquire communicative and academic proficiency in English and Chinese.
- Gain an appreciation of other cultures and a deeper understanding of their own culture.
- Increase capacity for creative thinking and problem-solving skills.

In our half-day kindergarten program, 100% of core instruction (Language Arts, Math, Science, Health, and Social Studies) is taught in Chinese. In Grades 1 and above, Language Arts and Social Studies are taught in English, while Science and Health are taught in Chinese. Math is taught in English and Chinese. The program is designed for English-proficient students to acquire Chinese.

Chinese literacy is developed at all grade levels in our immersion program.

Open Enrollment applications are currently available on the district’s web page only at [www.cfsd16.org](http://www.cfsd16.org).

Open Enrollment applications should be submitted by January 31, 2020.

*Students in grades 2-5 must meet language proficiency criteria for enrollment.

How to Learn More About the Program:

 Attend a Chinese Immersion Program Informational meeting scheduled for January 14 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Sunrise Drive Elementary School Library. Click on the Academics tab on the Sunrise Drive Elementary website at [http://sdes.cfsd16.org/](http://sdes.cfsd16.org/)
Families with kindergarten-age children* are invited to visit their neighborhood school to discover the passion and commitment for early childhood learning embraced by Catalina Foothills educators.

- You will learn about the school’s half-day (Kindergarten) program and the optional, fee-based full-day (Kindergarten Plus) program and how we can work together to help ensure your child has a smooth transition to school.
- Children will participate in classroom activities with one of the school’s kindergarten teachers.
- “Show and Tell” sessions are one hour long, followed by a thirty-minute tour of the school.
- K-Plus Registration forms will be available to all families at the Kindergarten Show and Tell sessions. Resident K-Plus applicants will be processed for two weeks from the date of the school’s first Show and Tell session, then all other K-Plus applicants will be processed in the order received.

Please sign up for a “Show and Tell” session by telephoning your neighborhood school.

- Canyon View Elementary 209-7700
  December 2 OR January 13, 2:00 p.m.
- Manzanita Elementary 209-7800
  December 4 OR January 15, 2:00 p.m.
- Sunrise Drive Elementary 209-7900
  December 5 OR January 16, 2:00 p.m.
- Ventana Vista Elementary 209-8000
  December 3 OR January 28, 2:30 p.m

Note: Open Enrollment applicant families are welcome to attend.

* If your child will be five years old prior to September 1, 2020, he or she is eligible to attend kindergarten at one of our four elementary schools.
* Practices with certified RSL-AZ coaches
* 8 game season – kick off 2/1
* Games played at Booth Fickett on Saturdays
* Practices begin week of January 20th
* Players will receive uniform, photo & award

U4—$125  U8— $145
U6—$125  U10—$145
U12—$145

Questions: Visit rslazsoccer.com
or e-mail jpyle@rslaz.org

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