



Falcon Flyer

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Dear CFHS Parents/Guardians:

The CFHS Future Falcon Open House was a huge success! We invited Orange Grove and Esperero Canyon 8th graders, their families, and potential new-to-district students and families to our annual Open House on January 29th. Our Future Falcons experienced a Club Fair in the cafeteria featuring School-sponsored clubs and co-curricular groups and teams. Interested guests also had the opportunity to take a campus tour led by members of CFHS Link Crew and hear music presented by our steel band and jazz band throughout the evening. A presentation in the auditorium introduced our staff. It highlighted the many achievements and successes of Catalina Foothills High School (academic, athletic, and other), as well as a review of our registration and course selection process. Students and parents then had the opportunity to meet individually with counselors and administration to clarify individual academic questions. It was a beautiful evening and an exciting opportunity to share the CFHS experience with future Falcons!

Esperero and Orange Grove, 8th-grade students, were invited back to the campus on February 1 and 8 for our Falcon Fly-In Days. cheerleaders, pomline, drumline, Student Council, and parent volunteers welcomed the students. After an opening session, the students were led by Student Council members through a rotation of various classes, including Graphic Design, Theatre, Ceramics, Engineering, and Choir. Following lunch in the cafeteria, the students participated in a campus tour, a review of the course selection process, and a closing session, which included a slide show of the day's activities (photos and slideshow created by our CFHS photography students). Foothills counselors will visit Esperero and Orange Grove following their Fly-In to collect Course Request Forms and answer any student questions.

Course Selection for the 2024-25 school year begins for our current high school students on Monday, March 4th. Counselors will be available during the week to answer student questions. Teachers will review curriculum options during their regularly scheduled classes. Completed Course Request Forms will be returned to the Counseling department the week of March 11th. Parents are reminded that District Registration forms must be submitted every year. If you still need to submit your district registration materials, please do so as soon as possible. **Course Request Forms are only valid once registration materials have been received.** Open Enrolled students must reapply for Open Enrollment each year.

In addition, I'd like to congratulate winter sports teams for their successful season. **Girls Soccer: Ranked # 11** will host Casa Grande on 2/8 at 6 pm at CFHS. 1st Round Playoff Game 2/14 @ High Seed. **Boys Soccer: Ranked in the Top 8** 1st Round Playoff Game 2/13 6 pm Stadium Field- Opponent TBD. **Boys Basketball: Ranked #11** will host Play In Game on 2/16 at 7 pm 1st Round Playoff Game 2/21 @ High Seed. **Girls Basketball: Ranked # 12** Will host Play In Game on 2/15 at 7 pm 1st Round Playoff Game 2/22 @ High Seed. **Wrestling:** Sectionals 2/10 at Flowing Wells High School State Championship 2/15-2/17- Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

Let's celebrate **Black History Month** together! This is a time for us to reflect on the rich culture and immense contributions that African Americans have made to our society. Throughout the year, we educate our students about black history as part of our content curriculum. Additionally, we offer our students the opportunity to participate in the Annual African American Youth Heritage Day, which takes place on February 16th.

This year, the **Chinese New Year** celebrations begin on February 10 and last for sixteen days, marking the Year of the Dragon. Happy New Year!

Thank you,

Jody Brase
Principal



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Important Dates to Remember:

February 22-23	No School (Rodeo Break)
March 15	Half Day (Grading Day End of 3 rd Quarter)
March 25-29	No School (Spring Break)
May 17	Seniors Last Day
May 20-22	Final Exams (Gr. 9-11)
May 22	Graduation/Last Day of School

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In-District Registration for School

Registration for school is open for In-District students only. (Open Enrollment families must wait for the acceptance email). Current families should register through their **ParentVue** account.

New families should go to the CFHS website and click on Click on Online Registration for School Year 2024-2025.

2023-2024 Governing Board Members and Legislative

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CLASS OF 2024 ~ CFHS SENIOR PLANNING TIMELINE

- Feb 7-8 Distribution of caps & gowns on the plaza by Herff Jones/Rembrandt
- March 8 Senior Group Picture (graduation gowns required): 8:30 am – Stadium
- April 15 Senior Graduation Meeting– 8:30 in the Music Hall. **ALL** seniors **must** attend this **mandatory** meeting in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. Attendance will be taken. Senior Announcements are distributed during this meeting. “[Green Sheet](#)” and FacultyReader/Peer Recognition forms.
- April 21 Deadline for Student Graduation [Speaker / Performer](#) sign-up
- April 24 Falcon Fly-Out (Manzanita, Sunrise, Orange Grove) [Interest Form](#)
- April 29 Student Graduation Speaker/Performer Auditions – 7:30 am – House 1 Seminar Room
- April 29 Deadline for college and other post high school plans “[Green Sheet](#)”
- May 3 Falcon Fly Out (Canyon View, Ventana Vista, Esperero) [Interest Form](#)
- May 17 Seniors’ last day
- May 20 Senior Honors Ceremony – 7:00 pm – Music Hall
(Recognizing seniors with a 3.75 cumulative weighted GPA after 7th semester; invites/info will be sent by May 7)
- May 21 Graduation Practice 2:15 – 3:30 pm; start in the Auditorium. **Participation required for the ceremony.** Backpack check-in for Grad Night: 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm (no late bag check-in)
- May 22 **Graduation Ceremony @ 7:30 pm – CFHS Stadium.** Seniors arrive at 6:30 pm for line up. **Grad Night** - Senior Celebration following the graduation ceremony.

Important Contacts regarding Graduation:

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From the Counseling Office

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ECAP (Education and Career Action Plan): Spring ECAP lessons are scheduled to occur in English classes for freshmen the week of Jan 29, sophomores the week of Feb 12, and juniors the week of Feb 26. The lessons will focus on academic planning and preparation for course selection, and will include transcript review and continuing to use the MaiaLearning platform for college/career exploration. Following the classroom visits, the ECAP lessons are posted in the counseling Google Classrooms for student reference.

Course Selection for 2024-25: CFHS students in grades 9-11 will receive 2024-25 Course Selection materials and instructions in Advisory on March 4. Counselors will be available for questions/assistance in the cafeteria that week as well as the following week when collecting completed Course Request Forms. Please refer to the [CFHS Course Guide](#) for course descriptions, prerequisites, pathways and graduation requirements.

Off-site [Pima JTED](#) courses are open for enrollment for the 2024-25 academic year.

Senior families: If you haven't completed the **FAFSA** application, please do so right away. Begin completing the FAFSA by visiting [this website](#).

Free Spring Training Tickets for Seniors: The first 750 Arizona high school seniors who complete the FAFSA and submit a [spring training submission form](#) will receive four tickets to attend a spring training game this season – a fantastic home run for all!

Spring College Planning Night ~ Wednesday, March 20, 6:30 pm: Save the date!

ASVAB Assessment ~ March 22: CFHS will be hosting the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) on Friday morning, March 22 for interested juniors and seniors. Registration information will be available soon.

ACADEMIC RESOURCES

If your child needs assistance in their classes, please refer to the [CFHS Academic Resources](#) offered to all students.

State & District Testing at CFHS in 2023-2024

The Catalina Foothills School District (CFSD) is Tucson's leading educational choice for PreK-12. Academic achievement is a high priority as evidenced by test scores that exceed state and national averages. The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) recognized CFSD as one of the top performing school districts in the state of Arizona, and Niche recognized CFSD with the highest ranking for a unified school district in Arizona from 2015-2022.

The district uses a variety of assessments to measure student achievement and inform instruction. Statewide achievement tests, required by federal and state law, are part of a larger local and state assessment system.

More information regarding these exams can be found under [Testing Information](#) at <https://cfsd16.org>.

Required State Testing

The ACT (State Achievement Test)

Who: All 11th grade students (required)

When: Wednesday, April 3, 2024

AzSCI (State Achievement Test)

Who: All 11th grade students (required)

When: Wednesday, March 20, 2024

ACT Aspire (State Achievement Test)

Who: All 9th grade students (required)

When: Tuesday, April 16, 2024

AZ Civics Test

Who: All students taking US History (required)

When: Typically in late February as determined by the US History teacher.

Note: Passing the AZ Civics Test is a graduation requirement. Students may retake as necessary.

Optional District Testing

AP Exams

Who: Primarily open to any students currently enrolled in an AP Course at CFHS.

When: May 6, 2024 through May 17, 2024. [Click here for more information.](#)

FFO – Family Faculty Organization

FFO Contacts:

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The website can also be accessed from the FFO button under the 'For Parents' tab at the top of the CFHS homepage.

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General FFO meeting dates are below. Meetings begin at 9:00am in the Library

Meeting Dates:

Feb 20

Mar 19

Apr 16

May 14

Falcon Family:

February 2024

The challenge is on!

Your grade level representatives will soon be reaching out to you with information regarding our **Grad Night Challenge** and on future grade level parent get togethers.

Grad Night is a “pay it forward” event and it takes hundreds of volunteers to send our Seniors off the Falcon Way. We are challenging each grade level to take ownership of one aspect of the event and fill it with volunteers.

- **Freshman class:** Set up, Check in
- **Sophomore class:** Greet and Serve
- **Junior class:** Post Midnight shift
- **Senior class:** Table Sponsorship and snack donations

If you are unable to sign up for the time slot of the class you represent, but still want to help, please do not hesitate to do so.

There are two sign ups to choose from:

- [Decorations \(pre-event\)](#)
- [Night of Event](#)

This Senior class is the class who started off their high school journey at home on their computers participating in virtual education and virtual social events in the Fall of 2020. Let's make the end of their high school years and The Foothills Carnival a night to remember!

Please make sure to check your email for more information on this and any other FFO volunteer opportunities.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting, **Tuesday, February 20th at 9:00 am** in the CFHS Library. We will hear from parents of CFHS graduates who will give us some tips and tricks for student success after they leave Catalina Foothills.

Sincerely,
Jody Ponzio
CFHS FFO President