



Falcon Flyer

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Dear CFHS Parents/Guardians and Students,

Happy New Year! I hope the holiday season brought you moments of rest, relaxation, joy, and celebration. I want to share successes, updates, and reminders as we begin the second semester.

Over the winter break, our students and staff were very active. Here are some of the noted accomplishments:

The **Pioneer Robotics** Team was named the recipient of the INSPIRE award (overall winner) at the First Tech Challenge (FTC) Diamondback Qualifier on December 17. This trophy comes with an invitation to the FTC State Championship on Saturday, February 25 at NAU. The team pulled off a final four finish in the robot game and received the "Inspire Award"

Senior **Brandon Martz**, who won the Division II individual title at the AIA State Cross Country Championships this past November, announced that he has committed to Rice University to continue his athletic and academic career. Brandon will suit up on the cross country and track and field teams for the next four years with the Owls and plans to major in Chemistry.

Boys Soccer: Champions of the Mountain Lion-Winter Cup

Boys Basketball: finished 3-1 overall in the Judy Dixon Tournament

Girls Soccer: lost in the Semi-final game in the Arizona Soccer Showcase

Girls Basketball: finished 3-1 overall in the Flowing Wells Shootout

Band and Color Guard made Arizona, Tucson and CFSD proud with their performance in the 134th Rose Parade. In addition to the Rose Parade, they performed at the Rose Parade Band Fest, Presidents Gala, and at Universal Studios.

Important upcoming dates:

- January 16th Martin Luther King Day – No School
- January 17th-20th students will attend all classes, 7-period bell schedule
- February 23rd-24th Rodeo Break – No School.
- Feb 20th-23rd students will attend all classes, 7-period bell schedule

To inform and prepare students and parents for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year, we will host various events and provide information about CFHS and the course selection process.

- Tuesday, January 31st – **Future Falcon Open House** / Club and Course Fair /Hosted Campus Tours. Open to all interested 8th graders, parents, and new open enrollment students who may enter in grades 10-12
- February 2nd - **ECMS Falcon Fly-In** – incoming freshmen from ECMS will have the opportunity to spend part of the day, including lunch to experience high school life.
- February 7th - **OGMS Falcon Fly-In** - incoming freshmen from OGMS will have the opportunity to spend part of the day, including lunch to experience high school life.
- February 27th - current 9th-11th graders will review their course selection options for 2023-2024 during Advisory

Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2023!

Jody Brase
Principal



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Important Dates to Remember:

January 16	No School (MLK Day)
February 23-24	No School (Rodeo Break)
March 17	Half Day Grading Day
March 27-31	No School (Spring Break)
May 19	Seniors' Last Day
May 23-25	Final Exams (Gr.9-11) Schedule
May 25	Graduation/Last Day of School

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FFO – Meeting on Tuesday January 17th 9:00am – 10:00am - Library

Yearbooks are still on sale for \$85. You can purchase through the Bursar Office or online through InTouch.

Senior Parents: You can still submit your senior his/her own tribute. The date has been extended to January 20th, 2023.

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A 21st Century Learning Community

October 1, 2022

To: Parents of CFSD Students
From: Mary Kamerzell, Superintendent
Re: CFSD Open Enrollment Program for the 2023-2024 School Year

The Catalina Foothills School District (CFSD) will begin its open enrollment application procedures for the 2023-2024 school year on **November 1, 2022**.

Pursuant to A.R.S. §15-816 and A.R.S. §15-816.01 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, 2022 and January 31, 2023**.

Open enrollment applications and information regarding the application process are on the district Web site, www.cfsd16.org (as of November 1, 2022). Under Parents, select Open Enrollment.

Electronic applications must be submitted **no later than January 31, 2023**. Decisions about admission, based on capacity, will be made by March 1, 2023. 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 for all students who reside outside of the attendance boundary of the school that they wish to attend: application, notification of our decision and, if accepted, online registration.

CLASS OF 2023 ~ CFHS SENIOR PLANNING TIMELINE

- Jan 20 Deadline [extended] for Senior Yearbook Tributes
- Feb 7 & 8 Distribution of caps & gowns on the plaza by Herff Jones/Rembrandt during both lunches (pick up to wear for senior group picture)
- March 10 Senior Group Picture (graduation gowns required): 8:30 am – Stadium
- April 3 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 distributed during this meeting. Complete Senior Green Sheet and Faculty Reader/Peer Recognition forms.
- April 14 Deadline for Student Graduation [Speaker / Performer sign up](#)
- April 17 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 19 Seniors’ last day
- May 22 Senior Honors Ceremony – 7:00 pm – Stadium (Recognizing seniors with 3.75 after 7th semester)
- May 24 Graduation Practice 2:45 – 4:00 pm; start in the Auditorium. **Participation required for ceremony.** Backpack check-in for Grad Night: 12:00 noon – 2:30 pm (no late bag check in)
- May 25 **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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State & District Testing at CFHS in 2022-2023

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>.

The ACT

Who: All 11th grade students

When: Tuesday, March 21, 2023

AzSCI

Who: All 11th grade students

When: Wednesday, April 5, 2023 (Updated)

ACT Aspire

Who: All 9th grade students

When: Tuesday, April 18, 2023

CCRA+ (College & Career Readiness Assessment)

Who: All 9th and 11th grade students

When: September 2022 for 9th graders / January 2023 for 11th graders

AZ Civics Test

Who: All students taking US History

When: Late February as determined by the US History teacher.

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

STAMP (for Seal of Biliteracy Program)

Who: Open to any 9th-12th graders who register

When: 4 opportunities between October through January ([see details](#))

PSAT

Who: Open to all 10th and 11th graders who register (as space permits)

When: Tuesday, October 25, 2022

AP Exams

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

When: May 1, 2023 through May 12, 2022. Specific dates found on the [College Board website](#).

From the Counseling Office

Website: <https://cfhs-counseling.cfsd16.org/>

Future Falcon Open House - Tuesday, January 31st

For any new families interested in attending CFHS for the 23-24 school year.

Club and Course Fair / Student-led Campus Tours 5:15-6:15 pm ~ Cafeteria and Plaza

Formal Presentation by Administration & Counseling 6:15-6:45 pm ~ CFHS Music Hall



Is your student interested in enrolling in an off-site Pima JTED course for the 2023-24 school year?

Attend the **Pima JTED Program Showcase** on Saturday, January 28 from 10-2 at the Bridges campus at 3300 South Park to see the off-site programs firsthand and have your questions answered!

Pre-enrollment starts on January 30, 2023 and some programs fill up fast. CFHS counselors will be holding a **Pima JTED Application Lab** on Monday January 30th in the House 1 Seminar Room, to assist with questions and help students fill out and submit the pre-enrollment form. Laptops will be available.

Students are encouraged to go onto the Pima JTED website to take the Holland Code Career Quiz, to determine which programs might be a good match, and then review the information for each program of their interest before January 30.

<https://pimajted.org/>

Note: CFHS offers 9 CTE/JTED courses/pathways on campus, which students simply choose during course selection. The Pima JTED courses offered off-site after school are separate and students must go through the pre-enrollment process via the pimajted.org website to be enrolled.



Seniors Interested in Applying to Pima Community College?

For any senior interested in applying to Pima Community College (PCC), CFHS counselors will be offering a PCC application lab on **Monday January 30th** at 2:30-4 in House 1- Room 110. A PCC admissions representative will be available for questions and application assistance. Laptops will be available.

PCC offers certifications, certificates, two-year degrees, and transfer options. Students must have a high school diploma for admissions, and GPA is not taken into consideration for admission. Scholarships and Honors courses are available.



ASVAB Opportunity ~ March 10, 2023

CFHS will be hosting the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) on Friday, March 10 at 8:30 AM. This free vocational/career assessment is open to juniors only and is limited to the first 45 students that sign up. Registration link will be available later in January.



ACT Practice Test for Grades 10-11 ~ Sunday, January 29, 2023

CFHS will be offering a Practice ACT in the CFHS Cafeteria from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm. Register Jan 4 – 20 for \$25 * through InTouch or in person at Bursar's Office. Please click on this [link](#) for more information.

Late registration: Jan 21–26 for \$35 as tests remain available. Contact Bursar's Office in person or at 520-209-8310.

* Fee waived for students approved for Federal Free/Reduced Lunch Program.



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 2023-2024 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. 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.

Open Enrollment applications should be submitted by January 31, 2023.

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

How to Learn More About the Program:

- Sign up to attend a Chinese Immersion Program Informational meeting scheduled for January 19 from 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. at the Sunrise Drive Elementary School Library by using the link: <https://forms.gle/gkxiy4RMQzS4jsjk9>
- Click on the Academics tab on the Sunrise Drive Elementary website at <http://sdes.cfsd16.org>





Kindergarten Show and Tell



in Catalina Foothills School District

Families with kindergarten-age children* are invited 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 information and registration can be found by visiting the CFSD Community Schools website: <https://communityschools.cfsd16.org/>.

To sign up for a Kindergarten Show and Tell meeting, please use the links below:

- **Canyon View Elementary 520-209-7700** – December 5 and January 23, 2:00 p.m.
<https://forms.gle/yx5Fd16MhW5bZwLx9>
- **Manzanita Elementary 520-209-7800** – December 7 and January 25, 2:00 p.m.
<https://forms.gle/PoVZrXD6zrhn4xPY9>
- **Sunrise Drive Elementary 520-209-7900** – December 1 and January 26, 2:00 p.m.
<https://forms.gle/Jfu1FWDQQdXTtU6VA>
- **Ventana Vista Elementary 520-209-8000** – December 13 and January 24, 2:00 p.m.
<https://forms.gle/hbPQztGoM6npK31v9>

Note: Open Enrollment applicant families are welcome to attend.

* If your child will be five years old prior to September 1, 2023, he or she is eligible to attend kindergarten at one of our four elementary schools.



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 2023-2024 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, 2023.

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

How To Learn More About the Program:

- Sign up to attend a Spanish Immersion Program Informational meeting scheduled for December 14 or January 25 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the Ventana Vista Elementary School Library by using the link: <https://forms.gle/o5GL79nm3MeWyU9R7>
- Click on the Academics tab on the Ventana Vista website at <http://wes.cfsd16.org>

