



Falcon Flyer

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Dear CFHS Parents/Guardians;

Spring is right around the corner, by the calendar, and we are looking at the Spring events and activities. Spring athletics are underway, and graduation and commencement exercises will be here before we know it. The fourth quarter begins March 20th, and our many performances and end-of-the-year celebrations will be taking place.

Our spring musical, "Urinetown," will open on March 10th and run until March 18th. Tickets are on sale in advance at cfhs.booktix.com

Spring Break – March 27th-31st – no school

Testing – Tuesday March 21st – **ACT - Juniors**

AP Exams – For students taking AP exams, please note testing begins on May 1st and continues until May 12th. Please look at the specific exams for your test date(s).

Spring Concerts – Steel Drum Concert – Wednesday March 8th – 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm – Music Hall
Choir Concert – Tuesday March 14th – 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm – Music Hall
Band Small Ensemble Concert – Tuesday March 21st – 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm – Music Hall Lobby
Band Field of Steel – Friday March 31st – 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm – Gym

Prom – April 29th at Skyline Country Club from 8:00-11:30 pm

Student Awards Night – Individual students and their families will be sent invitations for the following events.

Academic Awards will be held on April 18th at 7:00 pm in the Music Hall. This ceremony will honor freshman, sophomores and juniors with a GPA of 4.0 and all A's and B's for three quarters preceding. Each honoree will be awarded an Academic pin and an FH letter if they have not already earned one.

Senior Awards Night will be held on May 22nd at 7:00 pm in the Music Hall.

Astronomy club – Thank you, Mr. Mike Winters and the CFHS Sub-Orbital Balloon Team, for their scheduled launch and recovery of the Falcon-5 near space mission. The launch will occur on March 10th, with a gathering on the CFHS plaza at 7:30 am.

Reminder – Friday March 17th is grading day. School hours are 8:35 am to 12:00 pm.

Have a wonderful Spring,

Thank you,

Jody Brase
Principal



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Important Dates to Remember:

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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In-District Registration for School

Registration for school is open for all students that are returning to CFHS and Open Enrollment families that have received their email of acceptance. Current families should register through their **ParentVue** account.

New families should go to the CFHS website and click on **REGISTER FOR SCHOOL 2023-2024**. for more information.

2022-2023 Governing Board Members and Legislative Representatives

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CLASS OF 2023 ~ CFHS SENIOR PLANNING TIMELINE

- 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 24 [Falcon Fly-Out](#)
- 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 (State Achievement Test)

Who: Required for all 11th grade students

When: Tuesday, March 21, 2023

AzSCI (State Achievement Test)

Who: Required for all 11th grade students

When: Wednesday, April 5, 2023 (Updated)

ACT Aspire (State Achievement Test)

Who: All 9th grade students

When: Tuesday, April 18, 2023

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.

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/>

CFHS Course Selection and 2022-23 Registration

March 6 - Podcast during Advisory, students receive Course Request Form and instructions.

March 6-10 - Counselors in the cafeteria during both lunches to answer questions. Students obtain needed signatures from teachers and parents/guardians. Students who have completed the process are welcome to turn in their forms during this time.

March 10 at 11:59pm - Deadline to enter classes online using StudentVUE.

March 13-17 - Students meet with Counselors during Math class to turn in completed forms.

Reminder: Families must complete district registration every year. If you live in CFSD, please log into your Parent VUE account and choose "Online Registration" in the upper right-hand corner. If you attend CFHS through Open Enrollment, you must first complete the annual Open Enrollment application. Go to www.cfsd16.org and complete "Apply for Open Enrollment" as soon as possible.

College/Career Planning

Spring College Planning Night ~ **Wednesday, April 12, 6:30 pm**: The (virtual) College Planning Night presentation is open to all interested students/families but especially encouraged for juniors and parents. Join us for an overview of the college exploration and application process, SAT/ACT testing information, in-state/out-of-state options, scholarships/financial aid, helpful resources, etc. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session. We hope that you will join us online for this presentation. It will be recorded and a link made available for future reference. The GoogleMeet code is meet.google.com/cfe-pfve-txd

ASVAB Test: CFHS will be hosting the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) at 8:30 am on March 10.

Senior College Info

Next Steps: **Once you've made a decision about what school to attend...**

- Notify any other schools that you are withdrawing from their pool so they can remove you from their mailings and open your space for another applicant.
- Update your MaiaLearning account by completing the "Application Status" section at the bottom of each of the "Colleges Applying" boxes. You'll be asked in April to complete a "Green Sheet" indicating your final decision and where to send your final transcript.
- Follow your school's instructions for registering for Orientation, completing placement testing, making a deposit for student housing, etc.

FAFSA / Financial Aid / Scholarships:

- If you haven't yet completed the **FAFSA** to determine need-based aid eligibility and/or to access the opportunity to apply for low/deferred interest federal loans (regardless of need), then you are encouraged to do this asap. UA requests all incoming students complete their FAFSA by April 1. For tips and resources, review our [FAFSA document](#). If you have specific questions about the application or if you would like to request a review of your award (perhaps they can assist with finding more money), go to the Financial Aid and Scholarships page of the college's website for information on how to review your award.
- **Scholarships** ~ The biggest source of scholarship money is from the university you attend (find their Financial Aid and Scholarships page), but there are additional scholarship sources as well. Check out our [Scholarship Highlights](#) doc for info and resources.

CFHS Link Crew is seeking Student Leaders for 2023-24!



Looking to build leadership skills or to join a new school club? We are looking for current sophomores and juniors who are KIND and want to make a positive difference for the students in the incoming freshman class. No prior leadership experience is required, and students are taught valuable lifelong skills during training! Applications are due by **March 17 at 11:59pm**. Students must be available for mandatory training and orientation starting **July 31**. Click [here](#) for more information and the application link.

FFO – Family Faculty Organization

FFO Contacts:

WebSite: www.cfhsffo.org

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:

March 21
April 18
May 16

Hello Falcon Family,

- Our next FFO meeting will be on **Tuesday March 21st at 9:00 AM** in the school library.
- There are 462 students in the Senior Class. We have begun planning for our annual **GRAD NIGHT** celebration and need more parents to help. **Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior parents:** Please consider volunteering so that you can rest at home knowing your child is in good hands when they attend their senior Grad Night!
- Click [Grad Night Sign Up](#)
- **Senior Parents:** Purchase your students' ticket through [InTouch](#) or the Bursar's office for \$150 through May 15th.
- We are looking for **NEW BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBERS** next year, so please consider joining the FFO to have a great 2023-2024 school year! Positions needed are:
 - **Grants** - obtains and distributes grant requests
 - **Falcon Funds** - fundraisers for the FFO throughout the year (example/dine-outs)
 - **PVC - Parent Volunteer Committee** - organizes volunteers as needed throughout the school year
 - **Speaker Coordinator** - arranges speakers to talk at monthly meetings
- Sign up for Staff Appreciation by clicking on [Sign Up Genius Link](#).
- Money donations are also WONDERFUL and always gratefully received!
- March 10: Bagel & Muffin Breakfast

Eileen Pastorious

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CFHS GRAD NIGHT 2023

DATE:

May 25, after
graduation ceremony

LOCATION:

High School Gym

THEME:

Men in Black

All Catalina Foothills
High School Seniors
are invited to the
party of the year,
exclusively for
our **Class of 2023!**

**CLASS OF 2023,
PURCHASE TICKETS HERE:**



PARENT INFORMATION: Grad Night has been a long-standing tradition at Catalina Foothills High School, and is fully funded by parent volunteers, tickets sales, and sponsorships. This unforgettable event takes lots of volunteer support, so please consider getting involved.

GET INVOLVED

Volunteer Now



Donate Now



Become a Sponsor Today



DANCING DADS: Have a son or daughter in the class of 2023?
Sign Up Today!

MORE DETAILS: cfhs.cfsd16.org

A message from the Arizona State Poetry Society:

2023 Youth Contest Opens

March 1-April 30

PLEASE CAREFULLY READ AND FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES TO ENSURE YOUR POEM IS INCLUDED IN THE CONTEST

GUIDELINES: Open to all AZ students, grades 1-12. There is no entry fee. Poems can be on any topic; if they are not written in English, please provide a translation.

Submission by email is preferred, but U.S. Mail submissions are accepted.

If emailing: attach a copy of the poem to the email. DO NOT put your name and address on the poem. In the body of the email, enter the Title of the poem along with name, address and age.

If mailing: Enclose one copy of the poem, and a second copy with your name, address and age.

Please proofread all work carefully.

Each entrant must make a declaration of originality. Include the following statement in your submission email or on the second copy of your poem with you name/address/age:

"I certify that this poem is my original work and has not been copied in whole or in part from any author's poems in print or posted on the Internet." Signed: _____

Format: All submissions should be typed in Times New Roman 12-point font or hand printed very clearly on plain, white 8 1/2 x 11 white paper with no illustrations.

Poet's information should also be clearly typed or printed in English, no illustrations.

Submissions have a maximum of 42 lines per poem and a limit of 50 characters per line. Spaces or breaks between stanzas will count as a line, but the poem title does not count as a line.

Deadline: Mailed entries must be postmarked by April 30, 2023, or emailed by midnight, April 30, 2023.

Email to: ASPSpoetrysubmissions@gmail.com or mail to: Christy White, 1145 E. Kaler Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85020

Prize Awards: Cash prizes will be awarded to First, Second and Third Place Winning Poems according to age/grade bracket.

Grades 1-4: 1st = \$30 / 2nd = \$20 / 3rd = \$10

Grades 5-8: 1st = \$35 / 2nd = \$25 / 3rd = \$15

Grades 9-12: 1st = \$50 / 2nd = \$30 / 3rd = \$20

Winning poems will appear in the 2023 Anthology of the Arizona State Poetry Society (ASPS) first rights only.

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