

# Falcon Flyer

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

On November 20th, we marked a significant milestone in the construction of the Fine Arts building by holding a beam signing ceremony. The event was hosted by Core Construction, Swain Architects, and CFHS and attended by members of the CFSD Governing Board, the Administration, Facilities personnel, orchestra and guitar students, and local media representatives. Here are links to some of the [video one](#) and [video two](#). The building is expected to be completed in April 2024. We will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony and an Open House at that time. Having a new space for our students in the Fall will be wonderful.

The CFHS **Final Exam** days are approaching. Please encourage your child to maintain focus during the last days of the semester and to concentrate on the successful completion of their coursework. This time of the year can be stressful for students, and we encourage them to get plenty of rest and practice healthy habits in preparation for their exams. Attendance is also critical for academic success. Poor attendance impacts a student's ability to achieve the best grades possible.

## Fall 2023 Exam Schedule

### Wednesday, Dec. 20

**Period 1 Exam:** 8:35-10:35

1st Lunch: 10:35-11:05/**Period 5 Exam:** 11:15-1:15

**Period 5 Exam:** 10:45-12:45/2nd Lunch: 12:45-1:15

**Period 6 Exam:** 1:25-3:25 (Buses depart after Period 6 Exam)

### Thursday, Dec. 21

**Period 2 Exam:** 8:35-10:35

**Period 4 Exam:** 10:45-12:45 (Buses depart after Period 4 Exam)

Make-up Exam Time: 1:30-3:30 (No bus transportation provided)

### Friday, Dec. 22

**Period 3 Exam:** 8:35-10:35

**Period 7 Exam:** 10:45-12:45 (Buses depart after Period 7 Exam)

Note: **No early exams are given.** Students who miss a final exam will be given a zero for the missed exam. If there are compelling reasons why the student missed the exams and the scheduled make-up period, they may take a make-up exam within the first 10 days of the second semester. The final grade will then be recalculated with the final exam score replacing the zero. **Any questions should be directed to the teacher and the grade level administrator.**

To maintain a positive and fair testing environment for students, we expect all student to remain in the classroom for the entire exam period. The front office will not call into a classroom or interrupt the testing to dismiss any students from class prior to the bell. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in ensuring that all our students are able to complete their exams.

Thank you, CFHS students and staff, for your hard work this fall. It has been a time full of success and joy for our school.

Enjoy the holiday season and the upcoming Winter Break!

Jody Brase  
Principal



## CFHS

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### CFHS Information

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## Important Dates to Remember:

December 20-22	Final Exams
Dec 25 – January 5	No School (Winter Break)
January 15	No School (MLK Day)
February 22-23	No School (Rodeo Break)
March 15	Half Day (Grading Day End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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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## YEARBOOKS \$85

Yearbooks are on sale NOW on In Touch and at the Bursar's office. The cost is \$85 per book. Purchase yours now so you don't forget!

**Senior Parents:** Don't forget to give your senior his/her own tribute in the yearbook! Tributes are due no later than **December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

## 2023-2024 Governing Board Members and Legislative

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A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Community

October 1, 2023

To: Parents of CFSD Students  
From: Mary Kamerzell, Superintendent  
Re: CFSD Open Enrollment Program for the 2024-2025 School Year

The Catalina Foothills School District (CFSD) will begin its open enrollment application procedures for the 2024-2025 school year on **November 1, 2023**.

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 them 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, 2023, and January 31, 2024**.

**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, 2023). Under Parents, select Open Enrollment.**

Electronic applications must be submitted **no later than January 31, 2024**. Decisions about admission, based on capacity, will be made by March 1, 2024. 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.

# From the Counseling Office

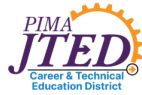
Website: <https://cfhs-counseling.cfsd16.org/>

*Counselors Michael Bryan, Randie Collier, Lyanne Glasner, Lori Leary, Robin Larson and Julie McCrea wish you and your families a very happy, rejuvenating, and peaceful holiday season and winter break!*

## FAFSA/Financial Aid

Seniors/Parents - The new [FAFSA](#) (Federal Student Aid) application is expected to open on December 31, 2023. Be sure to create your [FSA ID](#) as soon as possible!

**Save the date! CFHS Financial Aid Workshop:** January 11, 6:30-8pm in the H1 Seminar Rm. We will host a financial specialist from Pima Community College to offer a brief presentation about the new FAFSA. Following the presentation there will be time to start the application process. Laptops will be available. This is for senior parents and students applying to any 2- or 4-year college. [FAFSA FAQs](#).



## JTED Opportunities <https://pimajted.org/>

Is your student interested in enrolling in an off-site Pima JTED course for the 2024-25 school year? Pre-enrollment starts on January 29, 2024, at 3:00pm and some programs fill up quickly. CFHS counselors will be holding a **Pima JTED Application Lab on Monday, January 29th** in the House 1 Seminar Room from 3-4pm, 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 Career Quiz, to determine which programs might be a good match, and then review the information for each program of their interest prior to January 29.
- Note: CFHS offers ten 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](https://pimajted.org) website to be enrolled.

## ACADEMIC RESOURCES

Finals are almost here! Is your student struggling with one or more classes? If so, please look at the [CFHS Academic Resources](#) offered to all students.

# CLASS OF 2024 ~ CFHS SENIOR PLANNING TIMELINE

Jan TBD	Deadline for Senior Falcon Tributes submissions [2023-24 Yearbook]. This is online through Herff-Jones and does NOT include/cover the actual purchase of a yearbook.
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. <b>ALL</b> seniors <b>must</b> attend this <b>mandatory</b> meeting in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. Attendance will be taken. Senior Announcements distributed during this meeting. “ <a href="#">Green Sheet</a> ” and Faculty Reader/Peer Recognition forms.
April 21	Deadline for Student Graduation <a href="#">Speaker / Performer sign up</a>
April 29	Student Graduation Speaker/Performer Auditions – 8:00 am – House 1 Seminar Room
April 29	Deadline for college and other post high school plans “ <a href="#">Green Sheet</a> ”
TBD	Falcon Fly Out
May 17	Seniors’ last day
May 20	Senior Honors Ceremony – 7:00 pm – Music Hall (Recognizing seniors with 3.75 cumulative weighted GPA after 7 <sup>th</sup> semester; invites/info will be sent by May 7)
May 21	Graduation Practice 2:15 – 3:30 pm; start in the Auditorium. <b>Participation required for the ceremony.</b> Backpack check-in for Grad Night: 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm (no late bag check in)
May 22	<b>Graduation Ceremony @ 7:30 pm – CFHS Stadium.</b> Seniors arrive at 6:30 pm for line up. <b>Grad Night</b> - Senior Celebration following the graduation ceremony.

## Important Contacts regarding Graduation:

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# 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.

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## Optional District Testing

### STAMP (for AZ Seal of Biliteracy Program)

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

**When:** 5 opportunities between September through January. [Click here for more information.](#)

### 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.](#)

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# Pirate Sisters

THE BOUNTY FOR BLUE BEARD

BY RICHARD GREMEL



## SHOW DATES:

DECEMBER 7, 8, 9 AT 7PM

DECEMBER 9 AT 2PM

## TICKETS :

\$5 FOR STUDENTS

\$8 FOR ADULTS

\$2.50 FOR ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL ON THE MATINEE (2PM) SHOWING

[CFHS.BOOKTIX.COM](http://CFHS.BOOKTIX.COM)

# FFO – Family Faculty Organization

## **FFO Contacts:**

WebSite: [www.cfhsffo.org](http://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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209-8302

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

## **Meeting Dates:**

Jan 23

Feb 20

Mar 19

Apr 16

May 14

Hello Falcon Families,

December 2023

The Executive Board of the FFO and myself would like to wish you a very happy holiday season! We are truly blessed to have you as members of our FFO family!

If you are looking for ways to give, please consider donating to our [Falcon Fund](#). This fund provides support to our teachers, counselors, nurse, library, and support staff.

In addition, we are currently looking for donations of \$10 to \$25 gift cards. These cards are given to our staff members during our December staff appreciation, and we hope to be able to provide gift cards to every member. If you are able, please purchase, and drop off in the front office with them labeled “**Staff Appreciation**” by **December 14<sup>th</sup>**.

There will not be an FFO meeting for the month of December.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting, **January 23<sup>rd</sup>**, at 9:00 am in the CFHS Library.



Sincerely,  
Jody Ponzo  
CFHS FFO President



# STAMP Test Dates & Registration Info

Are you proficient in English?

Can you demonstrate proficiency in one of the following languages?

Spanish, Mandarin Chinese (Simplified or Traditional), Arabic, French, German, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese (Brazilian), Russian, American Sign Language (ASL)

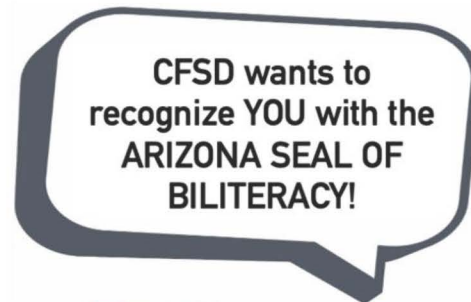


**Demonstrate your foreign language proficiency by taking the STAMP Test and work towards adding the Arizona Seal of Biliteracy to your Diploma and Transcript!**

Scan for Registration and Eligibility Information



[bit.ly/CFHS-STAMP](https://bit.ly/CFHS-STAMP)



REGISTRATION DEADLINE (by noon on)	FEE PAYMENT DEADLINE (by noon on)	TEST DATES	LOCATION & TIME
August 29	September 1	<b>Friday, September 8</b>	<b>HOUSE 2 - ROOM 403</b> <b>8:45 AM</b> The STAMP Test is untimed; testers moving at their own pace. Average test time is 3 hours. Exam starts before school. Bring your own lunch in the event you test through cafeteria service.
October 17	October 20	<b>Friday, October 27</b>	
November 6	November 9	<b>Friday, November 17</b>	
November 28	December 1	<b>Friday, December 8</b>	
January 9	January 12	<b>Friday, January 19</b>	

**REGISTER EARLY** - Seats are limited and additional sessions are NOT available.

Cost is \$22.90 for most languages. Prices for all languages can be found on the registration form.  
 Test Coordinator - Justin Robinson ([jrobinson@cfhd16.org](mailto:jrobinson@cfhd16.org))

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# #1

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Catalina Foothills School District #16

# Kindergarten Show & Tell

- Full & half-day programs offered
- Certified Teachers
- World Languages
- Robotics
- Music
- Art
- PE

Families with kindergarten-age children\* are invited to discover our commitment to early childhood learning. You will learn about the school's free half-day Kindergarten program and the optional, supplemental, fee-based Kindergarten Plus (K+) program. We'll also talk about 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+ information and registration can be found by visiting the CFSD Community Schools website at [communityschools.cfsd16.org](http://communityschools.cfsd16.org).

**To sign up for a Kindergarten Show & Tell experience,  
call us or scan the QR code below:**

**Canyon View Elementary 520-209-7700** – December 4 and January 22, 2:00 p.m.

**Manzanita Elementary 520-209-7800** – December 6 and January 24, 2:00 p.m.

**Sunrise Drive Elementary 520-209-7900** – November 30 and January 25, 2:00 p.m.

**Ventana Vista Elementary 520-209-8000** – November 28 and January 23, 2:00 p.m.



Families who live outside of District #16 are welcome to attend.

\* Children who will be five years old prior to September 1, 2024, are eligible to attend kindergarten at one of our four elementary schools.





# 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 2024-2025 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, Math, and Social Studies are taught in English, while Science and Health are taught in Chinese. Chinese literacy is developed at all grade levels in our immersion program.

**Open Enrollment applications are currently available on the district's website ([www.cfsd16.org](http://www.cfsd16.org)). Under Parents, select Open Enrollment.**

**Open Enrollment applications should be submitted by January 31, 2024.**

\*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 18 from 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. at the Sunrise Drive Elementary School Library by using the link: <https://forms.gle/mCdeQgFXsN9RwLW79>
- Click on the Academics tab on the Sunrise Drive Elementary website at <http://sdes.cfsd16.org>



# 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 2024-2025 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.

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

**Open Enrollment applications are currently available on the district's website ([www.cfsd16.org](http://www.cfsd16.org)). Under Parents, select Open Enrollment. Open Enrollment applications should be submitted by January 31, 2024.**

\*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 November 29 or January 24 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the Ventana Vista Elementary School Library by using the link: <https://forms.gle/L7zkMRZuSAApJ8gn8>
- Click on the Academics tab on the Ventana Vista website at <http://vves.cfsd16.org>

