



Falcon Flyer

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Dear CFHS Students and Parents/Guardians:

The Falcon school year is off to a great start! Classes are well underway and our athletic teams are busy with activities. Band students are practicing and perfecting their 2022 field show and our Theatre students are working on “*Night of the Living Dead*” which opens October 20th and runs thru Oct 29th.

Student Council is showing its strength and leadership by planning a fabulous week of Homecoming festivities. Homecoming week is kicked off with spirit days and concludes with a Homecoming Dance **on Friday, Sept 30th**, after the game until 11:45 pm in the CFHS gym. A bonfire with free food and live entertainment will be held on Thursday, and each class proudly showed their colors on Friday as they celebrated their Falcon spirit at a pep rally. During the football game, the crowd will be treated to the presentation of Homecoming Royalty. The pep assembly and football game will feature the Falcon band, Change of Pace choir, cheer, pom line, and will be MCed by the Student Council.

The first grading period will end on October 7th. Progress grades will be available via ParentVUE on September 9th. We remind students who’d like extra assistance to take advantage of the opportunity to meet with teachers during Friday Academic Assistance period 9:05-9:35, or before or after school by arrangement. Students are also encouraged to utilize other resources offered. <https://bit.ly/AcadResource>

CFHS is fortunate to host colleges visits again this year on campus. Juniors and seniors are encouraged to meet with the colleges of interest but are reminded that they must seek permission from the teachers of any classes that would be missed at least 24 hours prior to the visit. Counselors met with English classes the last few weeks of August to review the college application process and how to use [MaiaLearning](#) to request transcripts and any necessary recommendation letters. Parents are welcome to sign on to their students MaiaLearning account, from home to peruse the website and talk about the information. Our [counselors](#) make themselves available to students during the school day and are available by appointment for students with individual questions.

The annual CFHS Club Fair will take place on Friday, September 23rd during both lunch periods. Current clubs and new clubs can get more information in House 2. All students are welcome to walk around to each club table and see what may interest you. Clubs are seeking new members for the 22-23 school year. Students are encouraged to get involved and either join or create a new club.

We’re in the midst of a busy first semester and, as always, we appreciate our parent and community support in making CFHS a community of learners! We hope to see you at athletic events, concerts, plays and FFO meetings.

Sincerely,

Jody Brase
Principal



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Important Dates to Remember:

October 7	Half Day Grading Day
October 10-14	No School (Fall Break)
October 25-26	Parent/Teacher Conference
November 11	No School (Veteran's Day)
November 23-25	No School (Thanksgiving)
December 14-16	Final Exams Schedule
December 19-2	No School (Winter Break)
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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From the Counseling Office

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

NAMI Basics is a 6-week program for the parents and caregivers of children and teens with mental illnesses. This program is available in-person and via Zoom. It is an evidence-based signature program of the National Alliance on Mental Illness taught by trained teachers who are themselves the parents of children with mental illnesses.

It is FREE OF CHARGE for participants. Next class series begins September 16, 2022. For more information, contact Ann Lettes, Program Coordinator at alettes@namisa.org or 520-622-5582.

Peer Tutoring: NHS students are available every day for 45 minutes before the first bell for peer tutoring in the Library. If you need help with math, science, Spanish, writing assignments, organization, or just want someone to quiz you in preparation for an upcoming test, check out an NHS tutor in the west corner of the Library before school.

Counselor ECAP Lessons

ECAP 12 was held the week of August 22 in senior English classes. Seniors received materials and guidance on post-secondary planning and college applications including requesting transcripts via the MaiaLearning app. The slides and materials are posted in the Class of 2023 Google Classroom for review as desired. Announcements regarding college fairs, college rep visits, military options, etc. are also in the stream. College Rep visits can be found in the Events tab of students' MaiaLearning accounts. (ECAP = Education and Career Action Plan)

ECAP 11 is scheduled for the week of September through English classes.

CFHS Senior/Parent Night (re college applications) ~ Wednesday, Sept 14, 6:00 pm

This CFHS Counselor-led virtual presentation will review the college application process for interested parents and seniors. Our goal is for seniors to complete their college applications by the end of October. Join us at meet.google.com/ayr-kzcb-byn. The presentation will include time for Q&A and will also be recorded for later viewing.

Senior Lab / College Application Assistance ~ Mondays, August 29 - December 5

Counselors are available every Monday afternoon of fall semester to assist with college applications and related questions. Seniors are asked to drop in to our Senior Lab - Room 110 of House One - on Mondays from 2:30-4:00 pm.

All Grade 9	A – Z	Randie Collier	rcollier@cfsd16.org
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Gr 10-12	D – H	Lori Leary	lleary@cfsd16.org
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CLASS OF 2023 ~ CFHS SENIOR PLANNING TIMELINE

- Sept 12 Senior Breakfast- Cafeteria **8:00-9:00am-** Mandatory - Students only
- Sept – Nov On-line orders for Cap and Gown and Announcements @ rembrandtgrad.com
- Oct 4 Senior Make-Up Pictures- Music Hall Lobby
- Oct 1– 31 Complete “[Names](#)” google form for transcript, diploma, and graduation accuracy and preferences bit.ly/SeniorNames
- Nov 20 Last day for on-time senior Cap & Gown and Announcement orders – contact Herff Jones/Rembrandt
- Dec 18 Deadline for Senior Falcon Tributes submissions [2022-23 Yearbook]
- Feb 7 & 8 Distribution of caps & gowns on the plaza by Herff Jones/Rembrandt (pick up to wear for senior group picture)
- March TBD Senior Group Picture (graduation gowns required): 8:30 am – Stadium
- April TBD 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 21 Student Graduation Speaker/Performer Auditions – 8:00 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:

Jennifer Miller
Assistant Principal - House 1
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jmiller@cfsd16.org

Herff Jones/Rembrandt:
(Grad Supplies)
Bill Waldrup 745-5289
2927 N. Country Club

Grad Night:
Jill Harlow
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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: Thursday, April 6, 2023

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](#).

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:

August 16
September 20
November 15
January 17
February 21
March 21
April 18
May 16

Hello Falcon Families,

Thank you to everyone who joined our 1st school year meeting. A lot of information was shared and discussed. The FFO would like to thank Mr. Singer and Safety Resource Officer Everhart, who discussed **school safety** with us. The minutes are on our website for those who could not attend.

Please join us for the next meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 20th at 9:00 AM in the school library. **Our Superintendent, Dr. Kamerzell**, will be our guest speaker. She will talk about district initiatives and upcoming November election information. School Board elections will be held in November.

Thank you to everyone who donated, supported, volunteered, and sponsored **FALL FLING!** It was a huge success; the kids had so much fun dancing, eating, gaming, and getting dirty in the foam pit! The reintroduction of our back-to-school tradition was beautifully orchestrated by Michelle Ijams.

As a reminder, we send out our **FFO newsletter** the Sunday before each monthly meeting. Check your inbox and spam to make sure you are receiving them. If not, please let us know.

Our website is <https://www.cfhsffo.org>. From here, you can click on the "Volunteer" tab to learn how you can be more involved. You can:

- **Donate** - Whether it's through Falcon Funds, Smile Amazon, or Zelle
- **Purchase** - Spirit Wear from the Falcon Store
- **Email addresses** of Board and Committee members and Grade Level Reps
- **Minutes** to all the previous FFO meetings

[CatFoot Family 2022-2023](#)

Let's show the Falcon staff our appreciation and support with a monthly surprise - lunch treats, etc. We have the whole year's schedule set up so that you can sign up in advance and plan accordingly. Here is the big picture:

- September 16 - Salads & Sweets
- October 31 - Halloween Treats in each building
- November 15 - Taco Tuesday,
- December 9 - Holiday Breakfast & door prizes
- January 13 - Soup & Chili Bar
- February 14 - Valentine Treats in each building
- March 10 - Bagel & Muffin Breakfast
- April 7 - Subway Sandwich lunch w/chips, drinks & cookies

Also, \$\$\$ donations are WONDERFUL, and always gratefully received... :) !!!

~Sarah Perkins & Ashleigh Kruk~ feel free to email us with any questions/concerns/etc.
appreciation@cfhsffo.org

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4BA9A62DA2FC1-catfoot>

"Like" us on Facebook and stay up to date:

<https://www.facebook.com/CFHSFFO>

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CFSD wants to recognize YOU with the ARIZONA SEAL OF BILITERACY!



Are you proficient in English? Can you also demonstrate proficiency in:

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

SIGN UP FOR THE STAMP + GET READY TO SHOW OFF THE ARIZONA SEAL OF BILITERACY ON YOUR CFSD DIPLOMA!

Please PLAN AHEAD as additional testing/re-testing sessions are **NOT** available.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE	FEE PAYMENT DEADLINE	TEST DATES	LOCATION & TIME
By noon on 9/23/22	By noon on 10/7/22	Friday, October 21	HOUSE 2 ROOM 403 8:45am The STAMP test is untimed; testers move at their own pace. Average test time = 3 hours
By noon on 10/28/22	By noon on 11/10/22	Friday, November 18	
By noon on 11/10/22	By noon on 11/22/22	Friday, December 2	
By noon on 12/16/22	By noon on 1/13/23	Friday, January 20	

* SEATS ARE LIMITED! REGISTER SOON!

How do I sign up for this fantastic opportunity?

- Go to the link on the [CFHS Counseling Office website](#) to register for your selected test date. You'll find the registration links under "Upcoming Events."
- Test Fees:
 - o STAMP 4S (all 4 skills) = \$24.90/test for all languages except Hebrew. Contact Justin Robinson for Hebrew test fees. Partial tests are also available. All test fees are listed on the online registration form.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- ✓ Talk with your Chinese or Spanish teacher.
- ✓ Visit: <http://www.cfsd16.org/index.php/academics/seal-of-biliteracy>
- ✓ Contact: Justin Robinson, Testing & EdTech Coordinator (jrobinson@cfsd16.org)