



Falcon Flyer

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Dear CFHS Parents/Guardians:

We want to thank you so much for your support of CFHS. The school's success is achieved through your and your child's commitment to education. Our senior class is showing tremendous leadership, and we are proud of their continued success in the classroom, in co-curricular activities, and beyond. Recently, we have celebrated senior night for our winter sports teams and look forward to more senior accolades this Spring. Our teachers and staff continue to support learning and hold high expectations for academic progress and student behavior. Thank you for reminding your child to stay focused and to continue working at a high level.

We continue to be impressed with how our students navigate all aspects of high school life. Thank you for promoting your son/daughter to be respectful, responsible and show compassion for others. A few recent examples include CFHS students welcoming Future Falcons visiting our campus from the middle schools. Over four hundred 8th graders will spend two days on the HS campus. Our HS students served as guides as the 8th graders visited classes, interacted at lunch, toured the campus, and asked many questions. It is heartwarming to see the interactions between older and younger students. In addition, Student Council will offer Valentine Day grams so students can send kind messages to others. We genuinely appreciate students' kindness, respect and care for others. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful student body.

Our current 9th-11th graders will soon begin the course selection process. Students will be given more information during advisory on **March 6th** and will be asked to review courses in the 2023-2024 Course Guide for additional details. Parents are encouraged to talk about what courses will be selected and will need to sign the course selection form.

Lastly, 9th-11th grade parents, please **register for the 2023-2024** school year. This week, you should have received an email from CFSD about the registration process. Registration helps us plan staffing and student course sections for next year. Registration is an annual process that all returning families are asked to do. [Registration 2023-2024](#)

Please join us for the upcoming performances:

- Feb. 8th – Choir combined concert with OGMS and ECMS in the Music Hall
- Feb. 13th – Band Wind Ensemble with 8th grade bands – Music Hall
- Feb. 15th – Orchestra Festival Concert 1 – Music Hall
- Feb. 16th – Orchestra Festival Concert 2 – Music Hall
- Feb. 21st – Band Symphonic Band with 7th grade concert – Music Hall
- Feb. 27th – Band Concert with 6th grade – Music Hall

Thank you,

Jody Brase
Principal



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Important Dates to Remember:

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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In-District Registration for School

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

New families should go to the CFHS website and click on **REGISTER FOR SCHOOL 2023-2024**. Click on [Online Registration for School Year 2023-2024](#)

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CLASS OF 2023 ~ CFHS SENIOR PLANNING TIMELINE

- 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)
- Feb 27 Senior Meeting for students who attended K-8 in District- During Advisory- Music Hall
- 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 (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/>

ECAP (Education and Career Action Plan): Spring ECAP lessons are scheduled to occur in English classes for sophomores the week of Jan 30, freshmen the week of Feb 13, and juniors the week of Feb 27. 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. ECAP lessons are posted in the counseling Google Classrooms for student reference.

Course Selection for 2023-24: CFHS students in grades 9-11 will receive 2023-24 Course Selection materials and instructions in Advisory on March 6. Counselors will be available for questions/assistance in the cafeteria that week as well as the following week when collecting completed Course Request Forms. Updated transcripts will be posted in students' MaiaLearning accounts by Feb 1. The Course Guide can be found at bit.ly/CFHS-CourseGuide.

JTED Opportunities: Pima County JTED course registration for their 2023-24 school year central campus offerings opens at **3:00 pm Monday, January 30**.

- JTED Website and Program Guide: pimajted.org/
- JTED Newsletter with Program List: smore.com/t5swx
- JTED rep for CFHS: [Michelle Barcanic](mailto:Michelle.Barcanic) at 520-512-5276 or mbarcanic@pimajted.org.

ASVAB Assessment ~ March 10: CFHS will be hosting the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) on Friday morning, March 10. Interested sophomores, juniors, and seniors may sign up for this free vocational/career assessment. Go to bit.ly/ASVABInfo for more information and the registration link.

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. Please click on the [Goggle Meet Code](#) link to join the college planning night.

CFHS Counselors

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FFO – Family Faculty Organization

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

Meeting Dates:

February 21
March 21
April 18
May 16

Hello Falcon Family,

- Our next FFO meeting will be **on February 21st at 9:00 AM** in the school library.
- **Brick engraving** happens in the Spring. Do not wait too long to order your family name, students' name, or a dedication. Leave a permanent mark on a CFHS school brick. Here is the link to purchase your brick. www.CFHSFFO.org.
- 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 think about volunteering so when your child is a senior, you can rest at home knowing your child is in good hands! Click [Grad Night Sign Up](#)
- **Senior Parents:** Purchase your students' ticket through [InTouch](#) or the Bursar's office for \$150 through May 15th.
- From our **Staff Appreciation** Chairs, Ashleigh Kruk and Sarah Perkins: A huge THANK YOU for making December's faculty holiday party a super festive one!

This is the only event we host the entire high school staff, so we do our best to make it extra special. Your dollar donations to the FFO help pay for the yummy breakfast bar, plus the added juices, beautiful fruit, and seltzer water donations...and the gorgeous poinsettias...every last bit was thoroughly enjoyed by all. And then...the gift cards! Wow! Your gift card game was on fire this year; WELL, DONE, everyone!

We wish you could have seen how the staff's eyes lit up as they each picked out one of the little gift boxes. They couldn't stop asking us to ensure we said "**THANK YOU!**" *from your truly grateful CFHS Team!*

- Sign up for Staff Appreciation by clicking on [Sign Up Genius Link](#).
- February: Valentine Treats in each building.

Eileen Pastorious

FFO (Family Faculty Organization) President

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Capoeira Mandinga Tucson Batizado

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MARCH 18, 2023 FREE: 6 pm Batizado

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