



Falcon Flyer

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Dear CFHS Parents/Guardians;

I hope that everyone had a restful Spring Break and we were excited to welcome back our students this week. We are now entering the final stretch of the school year. Please help your student stay on top of their studies, check their grades regularly, and finish the year strong. You can check your student's progress by logging into ParentVUE. The last day of school for Seniors is Friday, May 19 and for 9-11th graders their last day is Thursday, May 25th.

For planning purposes, our final exam schedule for 9-11th graders is below. We do not allow early finals. If there are circumstances out of your control and your student needs to take finals after the scheduled days, please contact your child's grade level administrator to make arrangements. Seniors are taking their finals during their regular class schedule the week of May 15-19.

Tuesday, May 23

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)

Wednesday, May 24

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

Thursday, May 25

Period 3 Exam: 8:35-10:35

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

I also wanted to share with you some updates regarding various happenings on campus. Please click [here](#) for the list of calendar events, including concerts, competitions, performances, and events.

We are currently in the testing season for high school students. All juniors recently took the ACT on March 21 and will take the AzSCI test on **Wednesday, April 5**. All freshmen will take the ACT Aspire assessment on **Tuesday, April 18**. Additionally, some students will be taking CTE state tests over the next few weeks and others will take Advanced Placement exams during the first two weeks in May. I am so proud of our students and teachers for their diligence and preparation in this very important and busy time of year.

Good luck to our Spring athletic teams as they are currently in the heart of their seasons! Spring sports include boys' and girls' tennis, track and field, boys' volleyball, baseball and girls' softball. We enjoy watching them compete and cheering them on. Go Falcons!

Prom will be held on **Saturday April 29th** at Skyline Country Club from 8:00-11:30pm. This event is for 11th and 12th grade students. Tickets will go on sale soon in the bursar's office and online through InTouch. Students wishing to bring an underclassman or non-CFHS guest should see their grade level administrators in the house lobbies.

Student Awards Nights are coming up. 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 a Foothills 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.

Thank you for your support, and I hope you have a healthy and happy April!

Thank you,

Jody Brase
Principal



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Important Dates to Remember:

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

- April 10 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 – Music Hall (Recognizing seniors with 3.75 after 7th semester)
- May 24 Graduation Practice 2:45 – 4:00 pm; start in the Auditorium. **Participation required for the 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/>

Spring College Planning Night ~ Wednesday, April 12, 6:30pm

This (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 Google Meet code is meet.google.com/cfe-pfve-tdx

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.

Credit Recovery ~ Registration opens April 17!

Students who failed a core class or earned a D (retaking is optional in this case) are invited to retake courses at CFHS through our Summer Course Emporium program. Summer Course Emporium will run from May 31 to June 30 and is a supervised computer lab where students log on to the CFHS-approved Edgenuity platform to repeat the course content. Upon completion of the coursework, the repeated course will go on the transcript with the earned replacement grade and the previously earned F will turn to an RF (repeated/replaced) and come out of the GPA calculation. Further details and the link to register will be available in an upcoming Falcon Flash. **This year Summer Course Emporium will be free.**

Resources for Families

NAMI Southern Arizona offers a no-cost, 8 class course for families, partners, and friends of individuals with serious mental illness. Available in Spanish/Disponible en español.

For more information, contact Rocio Castellanos at rcastellanos@namisa.org.

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:

April 18
May 16

Hello Falcon Family,

- Our next FFO meeting will be **on Tuesday, April 18th, at 9:00 AM** in the school library.
- Our speaker will be **Kate Spaulding from Pima County Teen Court**. She is the President of the Orange Grove FFO and has a child here at the High School. "Pima County Teen Court is a diversion program for minors that have been arrested and have admitted guilt to their crime. These teens choose to be sentenced by a jury of their peers instead of going through the juvenile justice court system. All participants are teens, except for the judge."
- GRAD NIGHT celebration is quickly approaching, and more parent help is needed.
 - **Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior parents:** Consider volunteering so you can rest at home knowing your child is in good hands at their grad night!
 - **Senior Parents:** purchase your students' ticket through [InTouch](#) or the Bursar's office for \$150 through **May 15th**.
 - We need **Senior Dad's** for our annual tradition of "Dancing Dads".
 - Click here for the [Grad Night](#) Sign Up Genius Link: May 25, 2023.
Please consider joining a committee!
- 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 (ex., dine-outs)
 - **PVC - Parent Volunteer Committee** - organizes volunteers as needed throughout the school year.
 - **Speaker Coordinator** - arranges speakers to talk at monthly meetings.
 - **Staff Appreciation and Spirit Wear** sales could always use more help.
- Click here for the **Staff Appreciation** Sign-Up Genius Link: [Here](#)
 - **April 14** - *Subway Sandwich lunch w/chips, drinks & cookies*
Money donations are also WONDERFUL and always gratefully received!
- As always, you can donate your tax-deductible Falcon Funds on our website CFHSFFO.org or the Zelle app. We support teachers, staff, classroom enrichment, campus projects, Library and Health Office supplies, and Grants to support academic conferences.

Eileen Pastorious

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Donate · Engage · Volunteer · Support



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

TESTING FOR GIFTED IDENTIFICATION

The Catalina Foothills School District (CFSD) offers high school students the opportunity to take the *Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)* in order to assess their verbal, quantitative, and non-verbal reasoning abilities. In accordance with ARS 15-770, initial identification for gifted services is determined by a score at or above the 97th percentile in verbal, quantitative, or nonverbal reasoning abilities on a state-approved test. Identification is the process of verifying students who have "superior intellect or advanced learning ability." CFSD uses the [state-approved] CogAT as one measure to determine if placement for gifted services is appropriate.

The high school offers Honors, Honors credit, Advanced Placement (college level courses), and classroom differentiation for gifted learners. Taking the test does not limit the choices students have to enroll in Honors or AP classes. Students may generally self-select courses. A list of course descriptions and prerequisites is available through the school. Test results provide school personnel with information about students' learned reasoning abilities in the three areas most linked to academic success in school.

Testing is being offered for CFSD high school students on the following dates:
April 25-26, 2023.

The test will be administered at Esperero Canyon Middle School and will begin at 4:15pm each day of the two-day testing period. Students must attend both testing days and parents must provide transportation to and from the testing location.

Students who have participated in gifted programs in other districts may submit testing information to the school if the tests from the former district are state-approved tests and were administered within the last two years.

Parents who want their students to be tested must fill out and return the "Permission Form: Testing for Gifted Services" prior to the testing date. Please contact the main office at the high school for the form.

If you have questions, please contact Maggie Givens, Gifted Specialist, by email at mgivens@cfsd16.org or by phone at 209-8152.



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Gifted Testing and Services Permission to Test

Student Last Name First Name MI Age Birthdate M F

School Grade Teacher

Student Mailing Address Zip

Parent/Legal Guardian Name Best Phone Email

Parent/Legal Guardian Name Best Phone Email

Your signature on this form gives Catalina Foothills School District permission to test the above named student for potential gifted services.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature Date

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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