



Falcon Flyer

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Dear Falcon Families,

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to let you know that the students of CFHS have been highly engaged in various activities this Fall season. The month of October is no different, as we have planned a busy schedule of events for the upcoming month. If you're interested in attending any of these events, please visit the CFHS Activity website for a complete list.

Athletic competition continues for our Cross Country, Football, Golf, Swim, and Volleyball teams.

Here are just a few of the events we have planned for October:

Orchestra Fall Concert	October 3 rd	7:00 pm
Jazz Concert	October 4 th	7:00 pm
Steel Drum Concert	October 5 th	7:00 pm
Choir Concert	October 18 th	7:00 pm
Home Varsity Football (Homecoming)	October 20 th	7:00 pm
Parent Teacher Conferences	October 24-25 th	12:30-3:30 pm
Theatre Performance " <i>Canterville Ghost</i> " (Matinee on 10/7 2:00 pm)	October 5 th , 7 th	7:00 pm
Homecoming Events	October 16-20	
Winter Sports (Basketball, Soccer, and Wrestling) begin	October 31 st	After School

Congratulations to the three seniors who have been identified as **Semifinalists** in this year's National Merit Scholarship Program. Semifinalists are the highest-scoring PSAT program entrants in each state and represent the top 0.5 percent of each state's senior students. Semifinalists may go on to apply for Finalist status and potentially win a National Merit Scholarship.

Ethan Blakely, Matalyn Hall, and Luke Sadalla

The Class of 2024 has set a new CFHS record with students recognized as **Commended Scholars**, who are the top 3-4% of scorers on the PSAT.

**Ethan Blakely, Ethan Beckett, Rylee Chung, Jude Fell, Zachary Gruber, Matalyn Hall,
Ethan Jeon, Luke Sadalla, Ben Upton, and Cyrus Zhang.**

Congratulations to these academically talented Falcons!

A few upcoming calendar reminders: Friday, October 6th is a half-day and classes will be from 8:35am until 12:00pm. We have our Fall break the week of October 9th-13th. Classes resume on Monday, October 16th at 9:05am. The following week we will host parent-teacher conferences on October 24th and 25th. Students again will be released at 12:00pm on October 24th and 25th. Parent emails will be sent on how to sign-up for the virtual parent conferences.

Sincerely

Jody Brase
Principal



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Important Dates to Remember:

October 6	Half Day (Grading Day End of 1 st Quarter)
October 9-13	No School (Fall Break)
October 24-25	Half Days Parent Teacher Conferences
November 10	No School (Veterans Day)
November 22-24	No School (Thanksgiving Break)
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 rd 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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Parent Teacher Conferences (Virtually)

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held virtually on October 24th and 25th. Parents will be able to sign up starting on Monday October 16th through Friday October 20th. Parents will receive an email with instructions on how to sign up for conferences with your son/daughter's teachers.

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A 21st 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 (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/>

ECAP/ MaiaLearning

10/11th grade ECAP Lessons: Counselors will be meeting with 9th and 10th graders during English classes in October. Students will use MaiaLearning, our college planning and career readiness platform, to complete an Interest Profiler (freshman) and a Personality Assessment (sophomores) which will provide results for students to research matching careers.

Academic Concerns

Would you like to see what teachers are assigning your student in Google Classroom? Here is a [guide](#) for you to log in yourself to see your child's progress on assigned work.

Does your child need tutoring? Check out the [CFHS Academic Resources](#).

Fall College Planning/Prep Events

Senior App Lab: EVERY Monday from 2:25-4:00 in House 1, Room 110. Open to seniors interested in getting help with 2 and 4 year college applications.

UA/ASU/NAU "Tri-U" High School Student Workshops

<https://visit.asu.edu/tri-university/high-school-student-programming>

TUCSON COLLEGE NIGHT - TUSD College Fair - Tuesday, Oct 17, 6:30-8:30 p.m., @TCC

Huge college fair offered at the Tucson Convention Center. Students are encouraged to register for a barcode in advance. CFHS students are welcome and encouraged to attend!

"The Parent's Guide to Surviving Senior Year": Thursday, October 26 6:30 pm, CFHS Library

Managing the anxiety and stress of preparing for college and fostering self-advocacy and independence for a more successful transition.

Dr. Vicki Capin is an Educational Psychologist and a College Transition Educator and has been helping students successfully transition from High School to College for 18 years. She has created and taught a First Year Experience program and currently teaches First Year Success courses at the University of Arizona. She also works privately with high school and college students as well as adults as an ADHD Support Specialist. Additionally, as a parent of three CFHS graduates who all made it to and through college, she understands what parents and families experience while supporting their children through this time of change.

Do you have a senior going off to college next fall? Does your family need help paying for college? Remember to fill out the **FAFSA** this December! Stay tuned for more information including a CFHS hosted workshop.

There are big changes with FAFSA this year, and you can read all about the changes [here](#).

Start here: Create your [FSA ID](#) now! (If you already have a FSA ID, you do not need to create another one)

Both student and parent need a FSA ID. Your SSN will be needed.

See below for Colleges visiting CFHS through October 31. A full list is offered in MaiaLearning under the "Events" tab.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COLLEGE	CITY
10/2/23	3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	CCC	University of Arizona - College of Fine Arts	Tucson, AZ
10/4/23	9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	CCC	Harvey Mudd College	Claremont, CA
10/4/23	1:00 PM - 1:50 PM	CCC	University of Oregon	Eugene, OR
10/5/23	8:00AM - 8:50AM	CCC	St. John's College	Annapolis, MD & Santa Fe, NM
10/5/23	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	H1 Seminar Room	Smith College	Northampton, MA
10/16/23	9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	CCC	University of Chicago	Chicago, IL
10/16/23	10:00 AM - 10:50 AM	CCC	Columbia University	New York, NY
10/16/23	10:00 AM - 10:50 AM	H1 Seminar Room	Barnard College	New York, NY
10/16/23	1:00 PM - 1:50 PM	H1 Seminar Room	Northern Arizona University	Flagstaff, AZ
10/16/23	1:00 PM - 1:50 PM	CCC	Alaska Pacific University	Anchorage, AK
10/16/23	2:00 PM - 2:50 PM	CCC	Willamette University	Salem, OR
10/16/23	3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	CCC	Bryn Mawr College - Virtual	Bryn Mawr, PA
10/17/23	9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	CCC	Whittier College	Whittier, CA
10/17/23	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Tucson Convention Center	Tucson College Fair	over 200 colleges from all over the US
10/17/23	10:00 AM - 10:50 AM	CCC	Kenyon College	Gambier, OH
10/17/23	11:00 AM - 11:50 AM	CCC	Massachusetts Inst of Technology	Cambridge, MA
10/17/23	3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	CCC	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Troy, NY
10/18/23	9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	CCC	Macalester College	St. Paul, MN
10/18/23	10:00 AM - 10:50 AM	CCC	Lehigh University	Bethlehem, PA
10/18/23	2:00 PM - 2:50 PM	CCC	Syracuse University	Syracuse, NY
10/19/23	8:00 AM - 8:50 AM	CCC	Whitman College	Walla Walla, WA
10/19/23	9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	CCC	Baylor University	Waco, TX
10/19/23	11:00 AM - 11:50 AM	CCC	Texas Christian University	Ft. Worth, TX
10/19/23	1:00 PM - 1:50 PM	CCC	Colorado College	Colorado Springs, CO
10/20/23	1:00 PM - 1:50 PM	CCC	University of Alabama	Tuscaloosa, AL
10/23/23	11:15 AM - 1:15 PM	H1 Seminar Room	University of Arizona	Tucson, AZ
10/25/23	10:00 AM - 10:50 AM	CCC	University of Arizona - College of Law	Tucson, AZ
10/25/23	11:00 AM - 11:50 AM	CCC	Creighton University	Omaha, NE
10/26/23	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Pusch Ridge Academy	Christian College Fair	Christian colleges from US

CLASS OF 2024 ~ CFHS SENIOR PLANNING TIMELINE

- Sept 18 Senior Breakfast- Cafeteria - 8:00 am
- Sept – Nov On-line orders for Cap and Gown and Announcements @ rembrandtgrad.com
- Sept-Dec Yearbook Sales- You can only get a yearbook through pre-order sales! Extras are not purchased! \$85 through InTouch or the bursar's office.
- Oct 2 Complete "Names" [google form](#) for transcript, diploma, and graduation accuracy and Preferences. This form must be completed from the student's cfsd16.org account.
- Nov 22 Last day for on-time senior Cap & Gown and Announcement orders – contact Herff Jones/Rembrandt rembrandtgrad.com
- 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. **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. "[Green Sheet](#)" and Faculty Reader/Peer Recognition forms.
- April 21 Deadline for Student Graduation [Speaker / Performer sign up](#)
- 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 "[Green Sheet](#)"
- 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 7th semester; invites/info will be sent by May 7)
- May 21 Graduation Practice 2:15 – 3:30 pm; start in the Auditorium. **Participation required for the ceremony.** Backpack check-in for Grad Night: 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm (no late bag check in)
- May 22 **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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(Grad Supplies)
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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.

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.](#)

PSAT

Who: Open to all 10th and 11th graders who register (Registration has closed.)

When: Wednesday, October 25, 2023. [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.](#)

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:

Oct 17

Nov 14

Jan 23

Feb 20

Mar 19

Apr 16

May 14

Hello Falcon Families,

October 2023

We are already halfway through the first semester of the year. I can't believe how quickly the year is flying by!

I would like to thank everyone who has donated time, talent, and treasure these past few months. Your efforts are what make CFHS truly great!

This month I would like to focus on our Grad Night. The Seniors have voted for the theme during their Senior Breakfast and the theme will be announced at the Pep Rally on October 20th.

This event is an event that needs all "hands on deck" and we are asking all families at every grade level for help.

How can you help?

- **Contact** your grade level representative (listed in the FFO monthly *Keeping You in the Loop* monthly newsletter, FFO website, and below). They will be focused on recruiting volunteers for different aspects of the night.
- If you are unable to help the night of, consider **signing up** for the various planning committees. There will be a Sign-Up Genius sent around late Fall.
- **Sponsor!** There are different levels of sponsorship needed, including table sponsors, T-shirt sponsors, etc. A variety of levels of sponsorships can be found on the FFO website.
- **Direct donations** can be made on the FFO website and used for this event including sponsoring Seniors who may not be able to cover the cost of attending.
- **Senior Parents:** We are initiating a **Senior Challenge**. We are looking for 100% of the Grad Night tables to be sponsored this year. (Last year only 50% had sponsors). You can sponsor a table yourself, find a business, or friends/family who would be able to sponsor. The details are posted on the FFO website, or you can contact the Senior representative, Tricia Fouts for more information. We are planning on a special event for the Senior families if we get full participation.

Your Class Representatives are:

- **Freshman Class:** Gina Mislen gabread@gmail.com
- **Sophomore Class:** Leslie Beckett lesliebeckett@gmail.com
- **Junior Class:** Jenny Dessent jennifer.dessent@yahoo.com
- **Senior Class:** Tricia Fouts tgfouts74@outlook.com

Thank you to our **Speaker Coordinators** Jennifer Pershing and Sam Russell who have scheduled some amazing speakers and have learned to roll with the punches. Last month's speaker, Jennifer Rollins, a last-minute substitute for the one originally scheduled, was a captivating speaker, and we appreciate her subbing in.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting, **October 17th** at 9:00 am in the CFHS Library.

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

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



REGISTRATION DEADLINE (by noon on)	FEE PAYMENT DEADLINE (by noon on)	TEST DATES	LOCATION & TIME
August 29	September 1	Friday, September 8	HOUSE 2 - ROOM 403 8:45 AM 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	Friday, October 27	
November 6	November 9	Friday, November 17	
November 28	December 1	Friday, December 8	
January 9	January 12	Friday, January 19	

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)