



Falcon Flyer

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Dear CFHS Parents/Guardians and Students,

Happy New Year! Welcome back, students, and staff!

As we move forward into the second semester, I want to take a moment to congratulate you on successfully completing the first half of the year. Your finals are now over, and your grades have been calculated. You will be able to view your first-semester report cards on Friday, January 12. Now is a good time to start planning your goals for the new semester, both academically and personally.

Please remember to review your grades and attendance regularly using the Vue app. It is important that students attend school regularly and arrive on time. You should aim to have no more than ten absences, whether they are excused or unexcused, in any given period. We appreciate your commitment to your education and encourage you to reach out to your grade-level administrators for support if you need it.

The CFHS faculty is excited to welcome the incoming 9th graders to our Falcon family. We will host multiple events to ensure that families are well-informed and ready to join Arizona's best non-select high school, Catalina Foothills!

January 10, CTE/JTED Open House 5:30 - 7:30 pm will be held in the Music Hall for all CFSD families. Join Catalina Foothills CTE faculty and students for an evening of exploration and information about CFHS' Career JTED Pathways. We will share the opportunities available at Catalina Foothills High School and off campus that our students are able to participate in. We look forward to seeing you at this year's CTE/JTED Night.

January 29, Future Falcon Open House - 5:15-6:00 pm Tours and Activity Fair. 6:15-7:00 pm: a presentation in the Music Hall. This is for incoming students and parents. Students and parents are invited to tour the campus and participate in the activities fair (clubs and athletics), followed by an information session highlighting the many CFHS programs and offerings.

February 1, Esperero Falcon Fly-in

February 8, Orange Grove Falcon Fly-in

The Falcon Fly-in is designed to give current 8th-grade students the opportunity to visit our high school campus and learn about all the exciting opportunities offered here. During the visit, students will have the chance to interact with current student leaders, explore the campus, attend classes, and receive important information about high school courses and selections from our counseling department. Bus transportation between campuses will be provided, and students can use their middle school lunch cards at the high school cafeteria or bring a bag lunch. We look forward to meeting our new Falcons!

Important upcoming dates:

January 15, No School Martin Luther King Holiday

January 16-20, General Bell Schedule

Thank you,

Jody Brase
Principal



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Important Dates to Remember:

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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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!

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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/>

CFHS Financial Aid Workshop - January 11, 6:30-8 pm in the H1 Seminar Rm.

The FAFSA (Federal Student Aid) application is expected to open on December 31. Be sure to create your FSA ID as soon as possible!

Future Falcon Open House - Monday, January 29, 2024

For any new families interested in attending CFHS for the 24-25 school year.

Club and Course Fair / Student-led Campus Tours 5:15-6:15 pm ~ Cafeteria and Plaza

Formal Presentation by Administration & Counseling 6:15-6:45 pm ~ CFHS Music Hall



JTED Opportunities <https://pimajted.org>

Is your student interested in enrolling in an off-site Pima JTED course for the 2024-25 school year?

Attend the **Pima JTED Program Showcase** on Saturday, January 27 from 10-2 at the Bridges campus at 3300 South Park to see the off-site programs firsthand and have your questions answered!

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 website to be enrolled.

On campus **CTE/JTED Parent and Student Information Night** January 10, 5-7:30 pm in the CFHS Music Hall. On-campus courses are: Engineering, Business, Early Education, Technical Theatre, Computer Programming, Digital Photography, Film & TV, Sports Medicine, Bioscience and Graphic Design.

CFHS offers the above listed 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 website to be enrolled.



ASVAB Opportunity ~ March 22, 2024

CFHS will be hosting the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) on Friday, March 22 at 8:30 AM. This free vocational/career assessment is open to juniors only and is limited to the first 45 students that sign up. Registration link will be available later in January.



ACT Practice Test for Grades 10-11 ~ Sunday, February 4, 2024

CFHS will be offering a Practice ACT in the CFHS Cafeteria from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm. Register Jan 4 – 28 for \$25 * through InTouch or in person at Bursar's Office.

Please click on this [link](#) for more information.

Late registration: Jan 29 cost increases to \$35 as tests remain available. Contact Bursar's Office in person or at 520-209-8310.

* Fee waived for students approved for Federal Free/Reduced Lunch Program.

Catalina Foothills High School

FUTURE FALCON

OPEN HOUSE

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

Club and Course Fair
Student-led Campus Tours
5:15 - 6:15 pm
Cafeteria and Plaza

Formal Presentation by
Administration and Counseling
6:15 - 6:45 pm
CFHS Music Hall

**5:15-
7PM**



CLASS OF 2024 ~ CFHS SENIOR PLANNING TIMELINE

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 are 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 a 3.75 cumulative weighted GPA after 7 th 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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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.](#)

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:

Jan 23

Feb 20

Mar 19

Apr 16

May 14

Falcon Family:

January 2024

Happy New Year! I hope your holiday break was peaceful and relaxing.

The start of the new year brings a flurry of activities for our FFO.

I recently attended a party in my neighborhood where the residents who had graduates of CFHS many years ago, asked if the high school still had their Grad Night. Their eyes sparkled as they spoke of their time volunteering, participating in Dancing Dads, and the fun their children had at the event. Grad Night is a long-held tradition that separates our school from others in the areas. The Foothills Carnival Grad Night planning and committees will start up this month. Please keep your eyes out for the Sign-Up Genius for volunteering and don't miss out on the experience that you and your children will reflect on in years to come.

PSAT is coming up in February. Please make sure to sign up your Sophomore or Junior to take the test, or you can volunteer to help with check in and proctoring the test.

It's hard to believe we are already looking towards the 2024-2025 school year and will be hosting Esperero Middle School and Orange Grove Middle School students at the Falcon Fly-in. Consider helping welcome our newest Falcons to our school by signing up through our Sign-Up Genius posted on our CFHS FFO Facebook page.

We look forward to seeing you at our meeting Tuesday, January 23rd at 9:00 am in the Library. For more information make sure to read our newsletter, Keeping You in the Loop that will be emailed to you Sunday, January 21st.

Sincerely,
Jody Ponzio
CFHS FFO President



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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.

**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). 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). 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>

