



Falcon Flyer

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Dear Falcon Families:

Celebrating November, a season to be thankful.

As I look forward to Thanksgiving, what I'm thankful for as an educator comes to mind. Looking around our campus, I notice many things that come to my attention, and I truly appreciate all we have.

First, I'm grateful to our students who excel in the classroom and beyond. We all look at our students as our future and couldn't be more thankful. They are smart, caring, and hardworking young adults. They amaze us in the classroom with how they think and apply their knowledge and creative talents. Our CFHS students are multi-talented and shine in all that they take on in their academics, performing arts, school-sponsored clubs, athletics, and leadership endeavors. Watching students perform in the classroom and after-school activities makes me proud.

I am thankful for the talented, dedicated, and knowledgeable teachers who work tirelessly to support the high standards that we expect at CFHS. Our teachers come to us with strong skills and content knowledge and continue to learn as they work together on campus. Content teams often meet to develop lessons, units, and annual plans in each subject area. They actively seek professional development opportunities to add to what they already know. We are so proud of the time and energy they put into their work to support your children.

I am proud to work with our administrative team. They always put students first and focus on student success. In addition, our supportive district staff who oversee the bigger organization, the maintenance, business, human resources, and the superintendent's offices consistently support all CFSD schools.

Our facilities are the best in Arizona, if not in the country. Our surroundings, the physical buildings, and the care for our campus are exceptional. Our community and the district value and provide a beautiful educational environment to support learning. Our security, custodial, and classified team work hard to provide a safe, clean, and organized campus.

I'm thankful for our parents and community who support education and educators' work in our schools. We value our partnership with parents and the community. Our work together is welcome and needed to uphold the school's mission to provide academic excellence for all students.

Thank you, and best wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Jody Brase
Principal



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Important Dates to Remember:

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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Open Enrollment **application period** for the 2023-2024 school year **begins November 1, 2022**, and ends January 31, 2023.

Open Enrollment application for the 2023-2024 school year will be available on the district website, cfsd16.org

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A 21st Century Learning Community

October 1, 2022

To: Parents of CFSD Students

From: Mary Kamerzell, Superintendent

Re: CFSD Open Enrollment Program for the 2023-2024 School Year

The Catalina Foothills School District (CFSD) will begin its open enrollment application procedures for the 2023-2024 school year on **November 1, 2022**.

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 him/her 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, 2022 and January 31, 2023**.

Open enrollment applications and information regarding the application process are on the district Web site, www.cfsd16.org (as of November 1, 2022). Under Parents, select Open Enrollment.

Electronic applications must be submitted **no later than January 31, 2023**. Decisions about admission, based on capacity, will be made by March 1, 2023. 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/>

9th Grade ECAP (Education and Career Action Plan)- Counselor Randie Collier will be working with students in 9th grade English classes during the month of November to complete a Career Interest Profiler, discuss the importance of applying oneself academically starting freshman year, and getting involved in school and community activities. All 9th graders will log into MaiaLearning and learn to navigate the many useful aspects of this college and career readiness software program.

ACADEMIC RESOURCES

Is your student struggling with one or more classes? If so, please look at our [Academic Resources](#) available to all students.

ASVAB

Save the Date: CFHS will be giving the ASVAB vocational assessment on Friday morning, March 10, 2023 for interested juniors and seniors. A link to register will follow in 2023.

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Students applying to colleges with January deadlines need to meet with their counselor no later than November 31. Reminder: The Senior Lab continues to be held every Monday, 2:30-4:00, through Jan 9. Drop in with questions or for assistance completing applications, requesting transcripts or letters of recommendation, etc. Room 110 in H1.

FAFSA ~ NOW OPEN

Seniors seeking financial aid for college are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Schools post FAFSA priority deadlines for November/December to assist students with college planning and decision making as early as possible. Families may go to [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov) at any time to preview the application and request the required FSA ID in preparation for completing the FAFSA. Students/Parents are encouraged to review the October emails sent regarding FAFSA and FAFSA resources.

COLLEGE VISITS

CFHS was fortunate enough to have about 30 university and college representatives visit and meet with our students in September and October. The photo below is from New York University college visit.



CLASS OF 2023 ~ CFHS SENIOR PLANNING TIMELINE

Sept – Nov	On-line orders for Cap and Gown and Announcements @ rembrandtgrad.com
Oct 4	Senior Make-Up Pictures- Music Hall Lobby during lunches
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 10	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 7 th semester)
May 24	Graduation Practice 2:45 – 4:00 pm; start in the Auditorium. <u>Participation required for ceremony.</u> 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
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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:

November 15
January 17
February 21
March 21
April 18
May 16

Hello Falcon Families,

We want to thank everyone for attending our meetings, donating, and volunteering with us. We are all grateful for your time, dedication, and monetary donations! Thank you to Bekki Harper of [Bekki Harper Financial](#) for speaking at our last FFO meeting regarding FAFSA and preparing your finances for college. If you have missed any meetings, the [minutes](#) are here.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 15th, from 9:00-10:00 AM in the school library. **There will be no meeting in December.**

- **CLOTHING DRIVE:** We are partnering with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of So AZ for our annual clothing drive. They will accept clothes, linen, jewelry, purses, shoes, and accessories. The FFO receives a portion of the donations, and "everything stays local." Stay tuned for the dates.
- **STAFF APPRECIATION:** This October was Halloween Candy in each building. Thank you for dropping off candy for the staff! **November** will be a Taco Bar Lunch. If you bring a crockpot in, please label it for easier pick-up. **December** will be a Holiday Breakfast. The items still needed are \$10 gift cards, small poinsettias, and fruit bowls.

To sign up for the **Staff Appreciation** click here [Sign Up Genius](#).

- Autumn/Winter brings flu season and runny noses. **Please consider donating tissues to your children's classrooms.** Costco/Sam's Club packs are ideal as the need is year-round.
- **GRAD NIGHT:** Jill Harlow (Grad.Night@cfhsffo.org) has many different ways to volunteer, such as setting up, helping during the event, cleaning after, donating items or money, and more. Please see how you can help this much-loved tradition! Click [Grad Night](#) for more information. Sign Up Genius will be coming soon.

Tickets are on sale now for \$100.00 until Nov 15. After that, the prices go up! *****The Deadline for purchasing a ticket will be May 15th*****

- **GIFT CARDS:** If you start your holiday shopping early, consider Gift Cards. They are great for teachers, neighbors, friends, mailmen, and anyone! The FFO receives a percentage of the card value. Shop gift cards, and help your FFO! For more information, email: gift.cards@cfhsffo.org Or shop Raiseright.com. If you had a ShopWithScrip login, it remained the same. If it is your 1st-time logging in, our enrollment code is 4F6F48B1L687



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Have a safe and joyful Thanksgiving!
Thank you for making our FFO so wonderful!

Eileen Pastorious

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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)



Kindergarten Show and Tell



in Catalina Foothills School District

Families with kindergarten-age children* are invited to discover the passion and commitment for early childhood learning embraced by Catalina Foothills educators.

- You will learn about the school's half-day (Kindergarten) program and the optional, fee-based full-day (Kindergarten Plus) program and 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-Plus information and registration can be found by visiting the CFSD Community Schools website: <https://communityschools.cfsd16.org/>.

To sign up for a Kindergarten Show and Tell meeting, please use the links below:

- **Canyon View Elementary 520-209-7700** – December 5 and January 23, 2:00 p.m.
<https://forms.gle/yx5Fd16MhW5bZwLx9>
- **Manzanita Elementary 520-209-7800** – December 7 and January 25, 2:00 p.m.
<https://forms.gle/PoVZrXD6zrhn4xPY9>
- **Sunrise Drive Elementary 520-209-7900** – December 1 and January 26, 2:00 p.m.
<https://forms.gle/Jfu1FWDQQdXTtU6VA>
- **Ventana Vista Elementary 520-209-8000** – December 13 and January 24, 2:00 p.m.
<https://forms.gle/hbPQztGoM6npK31v9>

Note: Open Enrollment applicant families are welcome to attend.

* If your child will be five years old prior to September 1, 2023, he or she is 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 2023-2024 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 and Social Studies are taught in English, while Science and Health are taught in Chinese. Math is taught in English. The program is designed for English-proficient students to acquire Chinese.

Chinese literacy is developed at all grade levels in our immersion program.

Open Enrollment applications are currently available on the district's web page only at www.cfsd16.org.

Open Enrollment applications should be submitted by January 31, 2023.

*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 19 from 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. at the Sunrise Drive Elementary School Library by using the link: <https://forms.gle/gkxiy4RMQzS4jsjk9>
- 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 2023-2024 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. The program is designed for English-proficient students to acquire Spanish.

Spanish literacy is developed at all grade levels in our immersion program.

Open Enrollment applications are currently available on the district's web page only at www.cfsd16.org.

Open Enrollment applications should be submitted by January 31, 2023.

*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 December 14 or January 25 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the Ventana Vista Elementary School Library by using the link: <https://forms.gle/o5GL79nm3MeWyU9R7>
- Click on the Academics tab on the Ventana Vista website at <http://wes.cfsd16.org>

