

Dear CCUSD families,

We have had a great academic start to the 2nd half of the school year with Civil Rights Day/Martin Luther King Jr. Day approaching. Nevertheless, as seen on the CCUSD COVID-19 dashboard, we have experienced our highest week of student and staff COVID cases reported to us. We continue to ask you to be vigilant and thoughtful as we are in the midst of this increase. The mitigation strategies noted below highlight some of the actions you can take to help in this effort as we continue to monitor our cases with the Maricopa County Department of Public Health. Thank you for reading these updates and staying in tune with how to keep your child healthy:

### **COVID Community Vaccine Event**

In our ongoing effort to provide options for our families and the community, CCUSD will again partner with Albertsons/Safeway pharmacies for a vaccine event. The event will be in Sonoran Trails gymnasium on Friday, January 21 from 3:00-7:00. This can be a first or second dose of an initial series or a booster and open to all eligible ages. While we will attempt to take care of walk-ins, appointments will take priority and you may sign up [here](#) or by copying and pasting the URL: <https://kordinator.mhealthcoach.net/vcl/1636088701213>. Don't forget to print your Informed Consent form and bring it with you or you will need to fill one out when you arrive.

### **When students are sick**

If your child is experiencing any symptoms of illness, keep them home. It is best practice to keep your children home when they are feeling any symptoms of an illness. Do not send your child to school if you are awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test.

### **Face Coverings**

Face coverings are strongly encouraged for all students, staff and individuals, regardless of vaccination status while indoors and on school property to help prevent the spread at our schools. We urge families to consider this. Remember, that the distance for being identified as a close contact shrinks from 6 feet to 3 feet when students are wearing face coverings. This could reduce the number of students quarantined by the MCDPH and keep more students in school.

### **COVID Testing Site**

If you need to get tested for COVID, the Embury testing site located off of 56th St between Carefree Highway and Dove Valley Rd link for appointments is [here](#).

### **CCUSD Teacher of the Year**

We believe teachers are at the core of this mission as they influence our students daily. Each year, we recognize seven teachers, one from each school, who exemplify what it means to be a part of our Cave Creek USD learning community. The criteria we use to select these teachers is based in part on the Arizona Education Foundation, as well as highlights from our CCUSD Strategic Plan. Nominate a teacher [here](#). Nominations close on January 15.

### **Education and Community Services (ECS) new programs**

ECS is launching a new full menu of classes for teens-adults that address anxiety, mindfulness, parenting, etc. The link to the "Health, Wellness, Parent & Staff Support, and CPR/First Aid" enrichment programs is [here](#).

### **Support a CSHS Art student**

Great News! Davin621, from Cactus Shadows High School, has been selected as a finalist for this week's "Artist of the Week" award for the 10th-12th grade age group. The finalist who receives the most online votes between now and Saturday January 15 will be selected as the "Artist of the Week." To view the finalists and cast your vote, simply click on the link [here](#) or copy and paste the URL: <http://www.artsonia.com/aotw/vote/teacher/99039287>

## **CCUSD Business Partner Breakfast**

We are hosting our second business partner breakfast on January 20 at 7:30 at the Holland Center. If you have a Cave Creek area business and would like to attend please RSVP to Julia Scotto [jscotto@ccusd93.net](mailto:jscotto@ccusd93.net) no later than January 14.

## **Tax Credit Donations**

Arizona 's tax law (ARS 43-1089.01) allows families a dollar for dollar tax credit of up to \$400 if they contribute to extracurricular activities in public schools. Individuals can give up to \$200. More information along with forms can be found [here](#).

## **Transportation**

In Cave Creek Unified School District the safety and security of our students is of the utmost importance. In an effort to provide safety to our bus riders we are requiring all students who ride the bus to be signed up for transportation through the parent portal. This can be done by clicking the following link [transportation sign up](#). Starting on January 18<sup>th</sup> 2022, if your student is not signed up for transportation through the parent portal, for safety reasons we will not be able to transport your student. If you need assistance signing up for transportation in the parent portal contact Chris Aden at [caden@ccusd93.net](mailto:caden@ccusd93.net). If you have any questions contact Pam Nelson [pnelson@ccusd93.net](mailto:pnelson@ccusd93.net) in transportation. Thank you for supporting us in keeping our students safe.

## **Social Media/Tik Tok Challenges**

These challenges ask students to do the various malicious activities and video record it and post it to Tik Tok. Students and families should be aware that we have zero tolerance for this type of behavior. Students involved will be disciplined, assessed damages and fees for replacement of items, and we will prosecute through the appropriate law enforcement agency. If you hear or see anything, please notify your school immediately.

## **Anonymous Tip Line**

In CCUSD, we are all responsible for keeping our schools safe and orderly. Report alcohol/drug abuse, safety risks, theft, weapons, vandalism or other concerns anonymously at [anonymoustips.com](http://anonymoustips.com). It takes all of us working together to keep our students and campuses focused on our primary goal - educating students.

## **Other Reminders:**

- Please “like” your school’s Facebook page and follow them on Twitter for up to date information. We would love you to comment and share or retweet any posts.

One Team

CCUSD Administration