



**FALCON FLASH**

1/19/23

### **FALCONS CELEBRATE**

We had a fantastic Future Falcon Night! The turnout was amazing and full of excited future falcons and their parents. Huge shout out for the effort put in by teachers and staff to stay late, and showcase the offerings at CSHS. We had a band performance in the quad, choir and dance performed for the opening session, our counselors with Angela Thomas presented our educational pathways, and our department leads/designees answered all the course questions. We also had a great turn out for athletics and clubs. Future Falcon Night plays a crucial role in engaging students and their parents, providing them with valuable information about educational pathways, courses, extracurricular activities, and more.



### **FALCONS PLAN**

- 1/18-1/20 Pom @ AIA State, Veterans Memorial Coliseum
- 1/18 & 1/20 Cheer @ AIA State, Veterans Memorial Coliseum
- 1/19-1/20 Wrestling @ OFC Brand Jones Pack Invite, Centennial High School
- 1/22 Parent/Student Spring Sports Meeting, Lecture Hall, 6:00pm
- 1/22 Boys Basketball vs Chaparral, 4:00pm, 5:30pm, 7:00pm
- 1/22 Girls Basketball @ Chaparral, 5:30pm, 7:00pm
- 1/23 Boys Soccer vs Horizon, 4:00pm, 6:00pm. *Senior Night.*

- 1/23 Girls Soccer @ Horizon, 4:00pm 6:00pm
- 1/24 Cheer Cherry on Top & Rubio's Fundraiser Night
- 1/24 Girls Basketball vs McClintock, 5:30pm, 7:00pm
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- 1/24 JV Boys & Girls Soccer vs Notre Dame, 4:00pm, 7:00pm
- 1/25 Boys Basketball @ Notre Dame Prep, 4:00pm, 5:30pm, 7:00pm
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- 1/25 Boys Soccer @ Desert Mountain, 4:00pm, 6:00pm
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- 1/27 JV Pom States @ Higley High School
- 1/27 Wrestling @ Sandra Day O'Connor
- 1/31 Colorado Mesa University visit during lunch (10:30am-11:00am)

### **Pre-Season Spring Sports Open Workouts**

Coaches' contact information can be found on the sports webpage [here](#) for more information regarding open workouts and tryouts.

- Track & Field, January Varsity Field
  - January 8th-February 2nd
  - Monday & Friday 2:30pm-4:30pm
  - Wednesday 1:30pm-3:30pm
- Softball January Schedule (inquire with coach for winter break schedule),
  - Mondays 3:00pm-5:00pm
  - Thursdays 6:00pm-8:00pm
- Boys Volleyball-Bella Vista Gym
  - January 22, 24, 29, 31 from 3:00pm-5:00pm
  - Tryouts Feb 5-7th, time/location TBD
- Girls Tennis
  - An informational student meeting will be held on Tuesday, 1/16 at 2:15pm in room 144 with Coach McLyn.
- There will be an informational meeting for all student athletes, with their parents, who are interested in Spring Sports on Monday, January 22 at 6:00pm in the lecture hall. Breakout sessions for each sport will follow. Coach contact is as follows:
  - Baseball [ggiani@ccusd93.net](mailto:ggiani@ccusd93.net)
  - Softball [bcundall@ccusd93.net](mailto:bcundall@ccusd93.net)
  - Girls Tennis [jmclyn@ccusd9.net](mailto:jmclyn@ccusd9.net)
  - Boys Tennis [jpena@ccusd93.net](mailto:jpena@ccusd93.net)
  - Track & Field [bhoff@ccusd93.net](mailto:bhoff@ccusd93.net)
  - Boys Volleyball [scovely@ccusd93.net](mailto:scovely@ccusd93.net)
  - Girls Lacrosse [gneft@ccusd93.net](mailto:gneft@ccusd93.net)
  - Boys Lacrosse [bperry@nutrasal.com](mailto:bperry@nutrasal.com), [fredjauer@gmail.com](mailto:fredjauer@gmail.com)

- Clearance for sports must be completed through Register My Athlete before your student can try out. This will include registration on the app, a sports physical, and completion of the BrainBook & Opioid Course. Advice for uploading physicals: RMA does not accept phone pictures well. Please use any free app (or notes on iPhone) to convert camera pictures to PDF documents. Please contact the athletic office if you have any questions. Email Dawn Riolo at [driolo@ccusd93.net](mailto:driolo@ccusd93.net)
  - [www.registermyathlete.com](http://www.registermyathlete.com)
  - 2023/24 AIA Physical Forms [here](#)
  - BrainBook & Opioid Course [here](#)

Please come out and support our Cheer team at Cherry on Top and Rubios on Wednesday January 24th - ALL DAY! 30% of event sales are donated back to Cheer. Link to flyer here: [Rubio's & Cherry on Top Fundraiser](#)

### **From the Attendance Office**

We would like to inform you about the recent update to our tardy policy at Cactus Shadows High School, which aligns with the state's revised guidelines. Going forward, we will differentiate between absences and tardies.

As outlined in Board Policy JH-R:

"Tardies are considered a disruption to the classroom environment. Arriving late not only limits the learning time for tardy students but also disrupts the education of others. Students are expected to be on campus in time for the commencement of the school day. Any student arriving late for the first scheduled class should proceed directly to the office for a pass to be admitted to class. Students consistently arriving late to school may be subject to disciplinary action."

Disciplinary actions for tardies will be implemented as follows:

- (5) Tardies: Warning
- (9) Tardies: Lunch detention for one day
- (13) Tardies: Saturday school

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring a punctual and focused learning environment for all students. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this policy, please feel free to reach out to the attendance office at 480-575-2433 .

Some attendance reminders:

- If you are picking up your student, you must come into the office with a valid picture ID. Students can not be waiting for you. Students will be called out upon your arrival.
- For our driving students - parents must call PRIOR to the student leaving. (Even if they are 18 years old.) Once called out, the student must sign out in the front office. Leaving campus without these two things happening will result in disciplinary action.

Hey, CSHS **Class of 2024** - are you taking part in the Superintendent's Challenge? Remember, the deadline to submit your hours is **April 18th** if you want to be featured in the Graduation Program. Reach out to Ms. Scotto at the district office if you need any help or have questions. [jscotto@ccusd93.net](mailto:jscotto@ccusd93.net)

Are your students having Chromebook issues such as failure to charge, cracked screen, etc? Please do not send them to the bookstore immediately. Have those students scan the QR code linked in this paragraph. This will put the students in a queue, and a technology rep will contact the student as soon as possible. [Chromebook QR Code](#)

### **Educational Services**

**Transcript Credit Check:** Counselors have been meeting with different grade levels and use this tool to perform a credit check to ensure that our students are on track to graduate. [You may view it by clicking here](#)

**Official Transcript Request:** Wanting an official transcript for your college or scholarship? Please click [this link](#). You can also find it on our website under Our School - Counseling - Official Transcript Request.

**2024 Digital SAT Registration:** Starting in 2024, the SAT will be digital, and registration is open for the March, May, and June test dates. Most colleges, including those that are test optional, consider SAT scores when making admission and placement decisions, and certain scholarships require SAT scores. Your SAT score is one way to show what you've learned and stand out on applications. [Click here to find a testing center near you and dates.](#)

**College Scholarships:** On our website in the counseling section we have compiled a list of scholarships [here](#). Recently posted scholarships include the Lounge Lizard Web Design, McDonald's HACER, Scholly Search, and Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarships

**Midwestern University:** Free health career programs for high school students this year. Activities scheduled for 2024 include:

- **MWU-AZ Regional Brain Bee-** Wednesday, February 7th, 5:00pm-9:30pm at the Glendale Campus in the Cholla Hall. The winner of this spelling-bee style neuroscience contest receives two round-trip airline tickets (up to \$2000) to participate in the National Brain Bee. Please use [this link](#) to register online by February 1st, 2024.
- **MWU Health Careers Institute for High School Students-** July 19-29, 9:00am-4:00pm daily at the Glendale Campus. This is an in-depth career exploration and hands on labs for 64 sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Applications will open in January and are due on April 1st, 2024. Please use [this link](#) to register online.

**Brown University:** The Brown Pre-College Summer 2024 application opens Wednesday, January 17th. Start preparing by doing the following:

- Create an account by clicking on [this link](#)
- Review essay prompts [here](#) and brainstorm ideas.
- Explore programs [here](#) to review age and grade requirements.
- Review the application checklist [here](#) and start gathering the various requirements.

If you have any questions, you can also call (401) 863-7900 Monday through Friday between 8:30am and 4:30pm, EST.

**Paradise Valley Community College:** PVCC is hosting an Early College Information Night. The early college team will be hosting an in-person presentation on February 1st from 5:30pm-7:00pm. The presentation will be held at the PVCC main campus. Please click [here](#) to RSVP and get more information.

**US Merchant Marine Academy:** The US Merchant Marine Academy is one of the five federal service academies that include West Point, Annapolis, Air Force, and Coast Guard academies. Like all federal service academies, students receive full tuition, room and board, and books at no cost. USMMA is hosting a virtual Q&A session every Wednesday at 3:00pm ET. This is a good opportunity to learn about the admissions process and what it's like to attend the USMMA. To register for an upcoming Wednesday session, please use [this link](#)

**Course Registration for 2024-25 School Year:** Course registration for the 2024-2025 school year will be starting at the end of January. The timeline and process may look different than in past years, we will be doing it by grade levels starting with our class of 2025 (current Juniors), then moving to our class of 2026 (current Sophomores), then to our class of 2027 (current Freshman), then finally to our class of 2028 (current 8th grade students). We will have a parent coffee with the counselors for each grade level before students begin registering for courses. Please look over your student's course registration card and review their choices with them. It's important for students to select alternates for their elective courses in case their first choice is not available. If they do not select an alternate and their first choice class is full, we will place them in a course that has availability. For more detailed information, please click on this [flyer](#) for the registration schedule. And this [flyer](#) for dates and times.

**FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)** The 2024-25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form is available periodically as part of a soft launch. During the soft launch, the FAFSA form will be available for short periods of time while we monitor site performance and form functionality. We will initiate pauses for site maintenance and to make technical updates as needed to provide you with a better experience. Even if you believe you will not qualify for financial aid it is very important for all seniors and their families to fill this out. Why? The FAFSA will be used by post secondary institutions to help award scholarships as well as any aid which is not already given by the Federal Government or in terms of loans. There were some challenges with the website the first few days and it appears it is now fixed. Please go to the [FAFSA](#) website by clicking on the link or typing studentaid.gov, and begin to fill it out. For more information about changes or [what's new click here](#). We will have a FAFSA night coming up later this month in January to be able to help with the parent side of filling out the FAFSA.

### **FALCONS ❤️ COMMUNITY**

- Winter sports schedules can be found [here](#)
- Please consider helping our community with a donation to the Foothills Food Bank. The Wish List for January/February is attached. Here's the link: [Foothills Food Bank Wish List](#)
- CCUEF is going to have a **Rally the District with the Suns**, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We only have until Jan 31<sup>st</sup> to sell tickets. CCUEF will also be the Community Partner for the Night! There are about 350 seats set aside in 6 different price ranges. If you are interested or would like more information click the link. [Rally the District](#)
- Rock the District Auditions: Are you ready to rock? Sign up to audition today! Musicians, 5th-12th grade, mark your calendars with these important Rock the District dates that will be here before we know it! Click the link to sign up for your audition time [Rock the District](#).
  - Auditions: 2/3/24
  - Mentor Day: 3/23/24 -
  - Show Day: 4/13/24.

We can't wait to showcase your talent at Rock the District!



- Future Falcon POM CLINIC - 1/23 & 1/24 from 4:00-5:30 PM Please click the link for more information. [Future Falcon Pom Clinic](#)
- **Health Insurance:** If your student needs health insurance there is voluntary student accident and sickness insurance plans for purchase, including plans for athletics. They can be found at <https://myers-stevens.com/enrollment>
- **Civics Test:** We administered the state mandated Civics test last Friday to a majority of the Junior class during their American History class. We will be having another opportunity to take this test for those that missed, failed during that session, or our Seniors without a passing grade during the first week of Feb. We will communicate the exact date and location to those students and teachers. [List of 100 Questions](#)

## CSHS Falcons

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