CGCS Newsletter

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PARENT TEACHER STUDENT CONFERENCES

We will have conferences for students in grades K-12 on November 20th & 21st. All of the conferences will be scheduled based on dates you supplied to the teacher. If you don't know your scheduled time, please call the school to find out. School will be dismissed at 1:30 on both days, with conferences starting as early as 1:30. All parents & students will go to the classroom for the conferences at their assigned time. You do not need to check in at the office. Please be on time for your conference as they are scheduled back-to-back every 15 min. All students must attend the conference with their parents. Students in grades 8-12 who are failing or near failing will be scheduled for conferences as well by Mr. Jones.

THANKSGIVING FEAST

On Wednesday Nov. 22nd, we will be having a Thanksgiving Feast in every classroom. Students in K-8 will help provide the potluck for the classes. Students in 9-12 will pay \$6 and the school will provide the feast. We will take time to share what we are thankful for and spend time as a class building community and a sense of belonging. Please do not send a packed lunch or lunch money that day. All students will eat the Thanksgiving Feast together as a class. Information about donations will be going home on Nov. 7th. This is a memorable event for students and staff, thank you for donating to this event.

WEBSITES FOR STATE TEST PRACTICE

Students in 3rd – 8th and 10th grade will be doing state testing this spring. The website below will help your child prepare for these tests.

https://home.testnav.com/ - choose Arizona and then click on Mic Check & Sample Tests at the bottom to do practice tests for the new Arizona State Testing AASA and AzSci. We will be doing paper/pencil testing but it is still a good idea for your child to practice answering the questions on the computer sample test. Teachers are also going over these sample tests in the class throughout the next quarter in preparation for the testing in April.

WINTERFEST - DEC 9

Evening Event for the whole family! Students can buy wristbands for games and activities at each classroom and around campus. Pictures with Santa will also be available. Holiday performances by K-4 classes and some clubs will conclude the evening.

SCHOOL TAX CREDIT FORM

Forms are available in the school office. The last day to donate for the 2023 tax return season is December 31, 2023. This is a great donation to help with your child's school and your child's trip at the end of the school year. The limit is \$200 for filing single and \$400 for married couples. Ask friends and family to donate too – the donation is deducted from what you owe the state in taxes or added to what you get back from the state in taxes.

EDUCATION & CAREER ACTION PLAN (ECAP)

All high school students have an ECAP plan that helps each child plan for post high school. Each child has login information with a user name & password. The website is www.azcis.intocareers.org. Juniors should begin to take their ACT or SAT exams this year if they are planning to attend a 4-year college post high school. Dates and places are available on the website and students do take some exams on campus. Contact Mr. Jones regarding any questions related to testing and your child's ECAP plan. Bobby.jones@cgcsaz.com

Important Dates

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| Nov. 2 | 60s/70s Dance All Grades \$5 |
| Nov. 9-13 | Veteran's Weekend – No School |
| Nov. 17 | Field Event – All Grades \$5 |
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| | KG: 1PM, 1 st – 12 th 1:30PM |
| Pa | rent/Teacher Conferences: 1:30-6PM |
| Nov. 22 | Thanksgiving Feast – All Grades |
| Nov. 23 - | No School - Thanksgiving |

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