

CGCS Newsletter

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THANKSGIVING FEAST

On Wednesday Nov. 26th, we will be having a Thanksgiving Feast in each classroom. Students in grades K-5 will help provide the food for the classes. Parents will need to send packaged food that is canned/boxed, etc.. CGCS will have students help prepare the food at school, so please send all items by Friday, Nov. 21st. 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 lunch/lunch money that day. All students will eat the Thanksgiving Feast together as a class. Information about specific food donations will go home on Nov. 13th. Thank you for donating to this event.

Each class will need 1-2 Turkey's cooked and delivered the morning of the 26th. If you are willing to do a turkey for your child's class, please contact the school as soon as possible so we can put you down for that much appreciated donation.

Please bring turkeys to the school by 10:30 am!!!

Grades 6-12 will ONLY need to bring \$6.00 for their **All-You-Can Eat Thanksgiving Buffet (Includes a drink and dessert.)** (no supplies necessary.) CGCS will purchase and prepare their food items in the Café kitchen with the help of students. Of course, donations are always welcome. Pies are needed!

WEBSITES FOR STATE TEST PRACTICE

Students in 3rd – 8th & 10th gr. have 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 are 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 two quarters as preparation for the testing in April.

WINTERFEST – Friday DEC 12: 6pm-8:30pm -

This is an Evening Event for the whole family! Students can buy wristbands for games and activities at each classroom and around campus (Bouncey Houses, Velcro Jump, Obstacle Course, Booths, etc.). Classrooms will be open to visit and see student made Gingerbread Houses. Pictures with Santa will also be available. Christmas Concert performance by K-8(6-8th graders will be on a volunteer basis.) will conclude the evening (Free event). This event is for students and their immediate families, along with alumni only. Due to limited seating, we cannot accommodate former students who did not graduate with us and non-family members. Café will be open for concessions and special treats to enjoy throughout the evening!

DEC 12th is NOW an EARLY RELEASE DAY

SCHOOL TAX CREDIT FORM

Forms are available in the school office. The last day to donate for the 2025 tax year is December 31, 2025. This is a great donation to help with your child's school and your child's trip at the end of the year. The limit is \$200 for filing single/\$400 for married couples. Ask friends and family to donate too – the donation is deducted from what you owe the state in taxes or refunded to you when you file your AZ Tax return.

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 a login with a user name & password. The website is: www.azcis.intocareers.org. Juniors will 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. Students do take some exams on campus. Contact Mr. Jones with any questions related to testing and your child's ECAP plan. Bobby.jones@cgcsaz.com

Important Dates

Nov. 3	Picture Re-Take Day
Nov. 6	Movie Madness K-1 st
Nov. 7	Movie Madness 2-5 th & 9-12
Nov. 10-11	Veteran's Day – No School
Nov. 13	Thanksgiving Feast info goes home.
Nov. 14	Western Fall Festival K-12 th
Nov. 20-21	TTPG Int'l Conference-Costa Rica
Nov. 21	Sea Turtle Rescue Students Invited-Gr 11 & 12 th
Nov. 21	Auto Engineering Students-Good Guys
Nov. 21	Car Show-Field trip all day & Movie Madness 6-8
Nov. 25-26	Early Dismissal
Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Feast
Nov. 27-28	No School –Thanksgiving
DEC 12	UPDATE – NOW EARLY RELEASE

Special Note:

We are proud and excited to have the **College of Science and Education** housed on our campus.

CSE is now accepting Admissions Applications for the January 5th -March 3rd **8 week semester, 1 class per week, evening classes.**

Scholarship Applications available in front office, as well. Eligible CGCS high school students can obtain dual credit for high school and college!!!

