



We hope you had a restful break and you are ready to make the most of the new year. If your student missed their finals, please make sure they meet with their teachers so that they can work together to complete the final. Students have ten days from when they return to make up any missing finals. I would like to thank Mrs. Connelly in our College and Career Center for hosting a FASFA night last night. It was wonderful to see so many of our Colts thinking about the future beyond the wall of Casteel.



Believe it or not, we are already looking forward to next school year. We will have our open house for new students from 6 - 8 on January 24th. Please see the attached flier. Counselors will be making their way to Auxier, Riggs, and CTA Freedom over the next few weeks to present the classes that we offer to our Casteel students. We hope you take the time to attend if you have a student who will be new to Casteel for the 24-25 school year. For the students who are already here at Casteel, I have included on the next page the time line that our counselors will be following to register students for classes.



Casteel Colts, start your engines! The Chandler Education Foundation Winner's Choice Car or Cash Raffle Fundraiser is here! This exciting event provides valuable funding for our school PTO/Boosters and scholarships for promising CUSD students! Four dollars of every ticket sold come back to Casteel. It's even better than that. If you want those four dollars to come back to a specific program, like Band for example, it's easy to do. You simply need to credit Casteel when purchasing a ticket. Then when it asks you for "Additional Information: Name of Person or group who referred you (if any)" Simply put in Casteel Band, Casteel Choir, Casteel Boys Basketball, Casteel Hiking Club....... You get the idea.

Just \$20 per ticket for a chance to win either \$27,000 off the MSRP of any Toyota vehicle OR \$20,000 cash – it's your choice!

PLUS – if you purchase your ticket before 9 am on February 5, you'll be entered into a BONUS drawing for Early Bird Prizes!



<u>Don't wait – get your ticket online now by clicking here.</u> <u>https://rb.gy/8u4q54 Be sure to credit Casteel High during checkout.</u>

And please help spread the word with your friends, family and colleagues! Thank you for your support!



Jayson Phillips
CASTEEL PRINCIPAL



CURRICULUM SHOWCASE

### JANUARY 24TH 2024

FROM 6PM - 8PM

### **Topics Include:**

Registration Process
Honors / Accelerated
Curriculum
Electives
Athletics / Academics
Clubs

Presentations for <u>last</u>
names beginning with A-L
start at 6:00 in the PAC

Presentations for <u>last</u>
names beginning with M-Z
start at 7:00 in the PAC

### SAVE THE DATE

This is your chance to come and learn about what it means to be a Casteel Colt.

Come to the gym to meet our Academic Departments, Electives, Coaches, Clubs, and get a tour of the school,



We are excited to begin our registration process for the 2024-25 school. In the next few weeks, counselors will be visiting your student's English class to provide an overview of the registration process. At the Registration Presentation, students will be given a paper copy of their course selection form to take home and discuss with you and will return this form to their English teacher. Presentations will take place on the following dates:

Jan 16 - Current 11th graders Jan 17/18 - Current 8th graders Jan 19 - Current 10th graders Jan 22 - Current 9th graders

Individual Counselor/Student meetings will begin at the end of January. Students will meet with their counselor individually to answer any questions and complete their registration. Student meetings will take place on the following dates during English classes:

Jan 31/1- Current 11th graders Feb 7/8 - Current 8th graders Feb 14/15 -Current 10th graders Feb 21/22- Current 9th graders

If you take your English class with COA, you can pick up their registration form from Ms. W. in the front office. Counselors will meet with COA English students individually after the date in which counselors meet with their grade level English class.

We have included a link to the Registration Presentations, Course Registration & Academic Planning Guide, and Course Selection Forms.

Please understand that registration season is an extremely busy time for our counselors. Encourage your student to bring any questions they have to their one-on-one meeting.



### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE





https://bit.ly/CEF\_Scholarships

Complete this form and have it ready to upload to to the scholarship platform when requested.

Gather info

### Gather information about your high school years:

- Volunteer work
- School clubs and activities
- Sports and activities outside of school
- Awards earned for academics, sports, or other activities
- Names of one or two people, including a high school teacher/coach, who is willing provide a reference for you. Some donors may also ask for an elementary school teacher.

Inform your referees that they will receive a short questionnaire by email. They do NOT need to write a letter.

Not all applications require references, but have this information ready just in case!

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### Download your high school transcript

You can access it on Infinite Campus under the DOCUMENTS tab.

When viewing on a computer, it is located on the lower left of your screen. Scroll to the bottom to find UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT WITH IN PROGRESS CLASSES.

Block out your address and name, leaving your Student ID# visible. Save and upload to the scholarship platform when requested.

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### Register on the CEF Scholarship Platform

https://bit.ly/CEF\_Scholarship\_Platform



CEF Foundant Scholarship Platform

Create your User ID and password. Note: you cannot use your school email address. We recommend using Google Chrome as your browser.

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### **Complete the Common Application Questionnaire**

Approximately 30-40 questions designed to steer you towards scholarships most suited for you.

Once submitted, you cannot go back and edit! You can save and return, then click EDIT to update each section before hitting submit.

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### Complete the FAFSA

https://www.studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa



FAFSA Application

Although the FAFSA is NOT required for Chandler Education Foundation (CEF) scholarships, your application will not be considered by donors who ask for financial need information without it. The FAFSA provides a confidential and consistent way for CEF to evaluate financial need for all applicants.

Additionally, many colleges require FAFSA completion as part of the application process. Even if you don't qualify for student aid, you may qualify for grants!

**Need Help?** Your school College & Career Specialist has information about completing the FAFSA. Additional resources are available at <a href="https://bit.ly/FAFSA-handbook">https://bit.ly/FAFSA-handbook</a>.

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### Print the Student Aid Report (SAR)

Go to studentaid.gov. Log in with your FSA ID and password. Select 'View Student Aid Report (SAR) from the 'My FAFSA' page. Go to 'Processing Results'. Select 'Print'.

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### SCAN and SAVE pages 1 & 2 of the SAR

Be sure the OMB and DRN are covered first. These 2 pages should be uploaded to the scholarship platform when requested.



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### Submit and review the scholarships listed

Some scholarships will indicate "Application Submitted." Those have now been submitted for you. There's nothing more to do.

You may be eligible for additional scholarships. Review these opportunities, listed as "Application Draft." Select the scholarship name to see supplemental questions and essay prompts. You may work on and save until you are ready to submit each additional application.

Once finished, the Foundant platform will allow you to see your application status.

A panel of CEF volunteers will assist the donors with evaluating the scholarship applications. You should expect to receive an update by mid-April. You will receive notification via the email address used when you registered for the platform.



### RELEASE OF INFORMATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Please print, sign, and email this form to info@chandleredfoundation.org

I authorize the Guidance Department of Arizona College Preparatory High School / Basha High School / Casteel High School / Chandler High School / Chandler Online Academy / Hamilton High School / Hill Academy / Hill @ ICAN / Perry High School to provide the following information if required for scholarship applications: teacher evaluations, high school transcripts, financial information, counselor letter of recommendation, or standardized test scores. This release must be completed for a scholarship packet to be established for me.

If the Chandler Education Foundation (CEF) is contacted by local organizations with additional scholarship opportunities, I authorize CEF to forward my application for further review.

I understand that CEF does not proactively search for additional scholarship opportunities on behalf of CUSD students.

By signing this form, I am also agreeable to receiving communication directly from my scholarship donor or representative.

Student ID #:	Student Full Name:		
Student Signature:		Date:	
If student is under 18 years of age			
Parent Signature:		Date:	

Deadline to submit scholarship applications via the Foundant platform: 11:59pm Sunday, March 3, 2024



# State testing is





Saturday	9		15	20	22	Please make every effort to have students in class on test day and avoid scheduling appointments/trips during these important times. Students not present on designated test days will be called out of class to make up any missed exams.
Friday	20	Periods 1-6	12 Even Block Day	[[]] Periods 1-6	56	Please make every effort to have students in class on terand avoid scheduling appointments/trips during these important times. Students not present on designated terwill be called out of class to make up any missed exams.
Thursday	*	-ELA/Math Part 1 Even Block Day	LATE START 11  11th Grade: ACT Odd Block Day	18 ELA/Math Part 2 CTE Testing Even Block Day	52	*Late start days are for any grade levels that are not testing. More detailed information to come!
Wednesday	<b>₹</b> 0	7/8th Grade: AASA-ELA/Math Part 1 Odd Block Day Even Block Day	LATE START  9th Grade: ACT Aspire 11th grade: AzSCI Even Block Day	7/8th Grade: AASA-ELA/Math Part 2 CTE Testing Odd Block Day Even Block Da	24	
Tuesday	8	7/8th Grade: AASA-Writing Block Day Even Block Day	PATE START  9th Grade: ACT Aspire 8th grade: AZSCI Odd Block Day Even Block Day	[6] Periods 1-6	202	20
Monday	1	<b>7/8th Grade:</b> Odd Block Day	8 Periods 1-6	15 Periods 1-6	22	29
Sunday			20	14	21	28

### Casteel Counseling Department







Counseling Secretary Fxt: 8116











10th -12th Grade Counselors

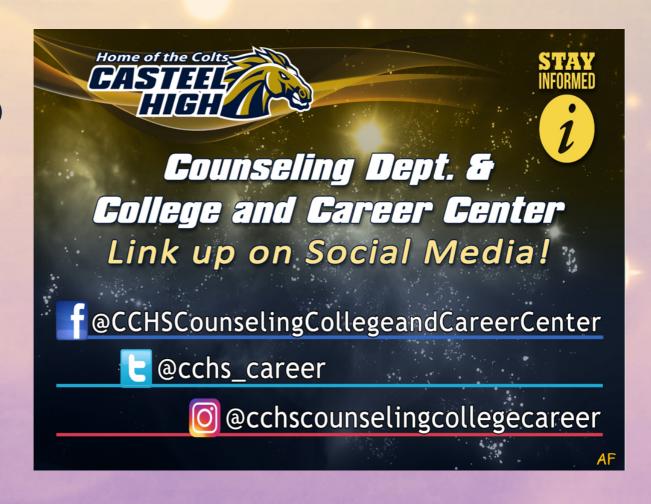


Carrie Shropshire



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### Castell High School Upcoming Events

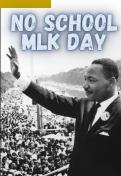
January

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY

**FRIDAY** 

SATURDAY

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Girls Basketball

Boys Vs. Williams Field @ Bell Bank Park

Vs. Higley

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Science
Olympiad
and Future
Cities at
Casteel

MONDAY

**TUESDAY** 

Jr. High Parent 🧖

Sports meeting

6:00pm in the Cafe

WEDNESDAY

Wrestling Vs.

Perry @ Casteel

**THURSDAY** 

**FRIDAY** 

**SATURDAY** 

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Boys Vs. Campo Verde 23

Wrestling Vs. Higley and Williams Field@ Casteel



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Curriculum Showcase 6-8 pm 26

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It's not too late to apply for free
and reduced-price school meals.

Visit myschoolapps.com to

complete an application.



<u>click here to see</u> <u>the student</u> <u>announcements.</u>













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