

Week of May 12-18

Administrative Updates

- Happy Mother's Day to all the Mom figures in our lives! You truly make a difference.
- Last week was Teacher Appreciation Week! PTSA sponsored a wonderful breakfast on Tuesday!
- Cordova High has a new website! Visit <https://chs.fcusd.org/> to check it out.
 - **the website is still under construction and some items may be unavailable at this time.*
- Finals begin May 20th 2024. There is a special calendar during finals week. Please refer to the website for the times.
- Seniors! PTSA is hosting the Senior BBQ/Pool Party **Thursday, May 16** after school at the Cordova Community Pool. This event will be **free of charge** for ALL graduating seniors.
- Athletic Signing Day is Friday, May 17 at 4:00pm
- Class of 2024 - Cap and Gowns are in! If you were not able to pick yours up during spring activities day, you can pick it up at the student store.
- *Graduation is Friday, May 24th at 6:00pm in the Stadium. Tickets are required and each graduating student will receive eight (8). Students will get their tickets at graduation practice. Gates open at 5:00pm. Parking is \$5.00 cash or Venmo and will be managed by Rancho Cordova's PAL Program.*
 - **To request to be on a list for extra tickets, please fill out [this form](#).**
 - A letter was sent home to all families with the above information and so much more. For a recap of that information please visit our webpage dedicated to senior year and graduation [here](#).
 - If you have any questions regarding graduation please contact Samantha Rischer in the admin office, srischer@fcusd.org
- Planning for the 24-25 school year has begun! To ensure your student is enrolled in the classes they want, please make sure registration is complete. If you need a refresher please watch this [enrollment video](#).
- Next year, we will have a phone free policy during instructional times. This means cell phones will need to be off and out of sign during each class period - inside and out of the classroom. ALL teachers will be sharing [this lesson](#) with students on Wednesday, 5/15.

College and Career Updates

- **SENIORS**
 - Resource: [Evaluating Your Financial Aid Offers](#)
 - **UC and CSU Seniors**
 - The "Intent to Enroll" must be submitted by May 15th, 2024.
 - Submit Housing Applications by deadlines.
 - **Community College Seniors - [Flyer](#)**
 - There will be a one-day event on May 15th, 2024, from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm in Room G24 to register for classes. For a Minga pass, please email Ms. Parada at sparada@fcusd.org.
 - Have questions about FAFSA or CADAA? Attend one of CSAC's Statewide Cash for College Webinars for FREE!
 - **May 14, from 6- 7:15 pm**
 - **If you live in Rancho Cordova, complete the [Rancho Cordova Promise Program Application](#) if you plan to attend Folsom Lake College by Aug 1, 2024.**
- **JUNIORS:**

- **May Workshops from 4:30- 5 pm Flyer**
 - May 15- Your Senior Year Checklist
 - May 22- Building your College List
 - Zoom Link: [here](#)
- **All Grades:**
 - Sacramento County of Education Summer 2024 Resource Packet: [Link](#)
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - **Youth Summer Job & Resource Fair- Jun 11, 2024 Flyer**
 - Time: 9-12 pm
 - Where: Charles A Jones Career and Education Center
- **Employment & Volunteer Opportunities**
 - **Paid Summer Position for Teens as a Library Program Coordinator**
 - Ages 14-19- \$1,000 Scholarship- Apply [here](#)
 - **Sac Zoo is looking for Teen Volunteers for the Summer**
 - Ages 15-19- Apply [here](#)

Instructional/Academic Support Coach Updates

Next week is the last week before final exams. **Students will be taking their final exams the week of May 20-24. Daily attendance during finals week is required (as usual).** Next week, before finals, encourage your students to meet with their teachers to clarify how to submit any missing work or make up projects or other assessments. **IMPORTANT! Students submitting late work to Google classroom should also EMAIL the teacher to let the teacher know the student has submitted late work electronically.** Otherwise, the teacher does not typically know the student's late work is there. *Google Classroom doesn't send late work notifications to teachers.*

Students who are in danger of failing this semester may wish to sign up for summer school. More information is available [here](#).

There are some limited opportunities for enrichment courses during summer school, as well, including: Government, Economics, English 4B (Mid Year Grads Only) & PE with impacted schedules.

Athletic Updates

Prior to attending an event, please read through the [Athletic Event Policy on our website](#). All student athletes must abide by the [Student Athlete and Parent/Guardian Handbook](#). **ALL sports events have a cashless gate.** Purchase tickets at [GoFan.co](#). Score and game updates can be found on [Max Preps](#).

Athletic Clearance: All athletes must have a completed athletic clearance and an up to date physical in order to participate.

- [How to use Athletic Clearance Video Instructions](#)
- Need help navigating Home Campus to get your athlete all set up? [Click here for step by step instructions.](#)

Upcoming Athletic Events

- CHS Signing Day is 5/17 in the Aux Gym at 4:00pm

Date	Sport	Location	Opponent	Game Time
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5/14	Softball	CIF Game TDB Brackets Release 5/11 https://www.maxpreps.com/ca/rancho-cordova/cordova-lancers/softball/schedule/
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Spring Sports Information:

- Students must have a 2.0 GPA and be passing 20 academic units to participate. Spring Sports eligibility is based on semester grades
- Athletic Eligibility grading period for Spring Sports ends on March 8th. Fall Sports Eligibility is determined by end of semester grades.

Please take a look at our [calendar](#) for upcoming event locations and times.

Community Events:

- [Rancho Cordova Youth Center](#) has plenty of space for your teens this summer, M-F 12-5:30 pm. It's absolutely free with lots of great activities all summer! [Flyer](#)
- **Adult Education Classes, Job Fairs, and Family Events** Slideshow [here](#)
- Looking for **summer events**? Click [here](#).

Activities Updates:

- A HUGE thank you to all the families that donated food/supplies towards the Peer Leadership Animal Shelter Project. We are able to donate over 500 pounds of dog and cat food as well as numerous toys and puppy supplies to Bradshaw Animal Shelter and Brunos Foundation. Thank you CHS!!
- We will have our last blood drive of the year on Wednesday May
- There are still a few spots available in both Student Government and Peer Leadership for the 2024-25 school year. If interested in Student Government, contact Mr. Creeger in M101 and if interested in Peer Leadership, contact Mr. Wegsteen in C3.

Performance Dates:

- 5/14:Choir Performance

Attendance Update

With final exams fast-approaching, please note the following reminders & tips:

- School is out at 12:55pm during finals week (May 20-23). Please try to schedule any appointments after school.
- To have as few disruptions as possible, calls are not placed into the classrooms & passes are not delivered during final exams.
- Per FCUSD, Short Term Independent Study **cannot** be approved for the last 2 weeks of school.
- Notify the school of any student absence as soon as possible via voicemail or email to the Attendance Clerk.
 - Attendance Line: (916) 294-2450 ext. 810800
 - Attendance Clerk email: trodriquez@fcusd.org
- Contact our Attendance Specialist for student attendance support: bmalone@fcusd.org

Emergent Bilingual Learners

- ELPAC is over. Now what? Parents, you will receive a letter with your scores during the summer. Look for the letter to arrive mid to late July.
- Opportunities for Reclassification next school year:
 - Reclassification is step one in students pursuing The Seal of Biliteracy on their diplomas and transcripts.
 - Parents and students can find [resources and practice tests on the ELPAC](#) website.
- Interested in learning more about what courses your Emergent Learner is taking? Email or call Mrs. Kaluza at ekaluza@fcusd.org or 916-294-2450 ext. 810241 to make an appointment to discuss the PowerSchool portal, attendance, grades, graduation requirements, and Seal of Biliteracy.

Mental Health Specialist update

- **May is Mental Health Awareness Month!** Mental health is an important part of children and teen overall health and well-being. It plays a big role in how children and teens handle stress, relate to peers and family, and make choices. Caregivers- you can support your student's mental health by listening without judgment and validating their emotions; even if you don't understand or agree with them. Help your student find purpose by encouraging them to participate in community service opportunities. In addition, model healthy self-care and coping strategies for your student. Children and young adults look to their caregivers as an example, so if you're neglecting your own mental health, your student may adopt similar behaviors.
- <https://www.gse.harvard.edu/ideas/usable-knowledge/23/08/understanding-relationship-between-parent-and-teen-mental-health>
- <https://parentandteen.com/teen-mental-health-research/>

Counseling Update

- The California Kids Investment and Development Savings Program (CaKIDS) was launched in 2022 to help California children save for post-secondary education, especially those from low-income families and disadvantaged communities. Unfortunately, not nearly enough eligible students have taken advantage of this life changing program. Please see if your student is eligible here: <https://calkids.org/get-started/> Students will need their Statewide Student Identifier (SSID) which is found on their transcript. Students can access their transcript through PowerSchool.