



# Unofficial Handbook 2019-2020

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q: Bell Schedule?**

A: Regular Bell Schedule

0 Hour – 6:20am-7:15am

1<sup>st</sup> Hour - 7:20am-8:17am

2<sup>nd</sup> Hour – 8:22am-9:19am

3<sup>rd</sup> Hour – 9:24am-10:21am

4<sup>th</sup> Hour – 10:26am-11:29am

Lunch - 11:29am-12:09pm

5<sup>th</sup> Hour - 12:09pm-1:05am

6<sup>th</sup> Hour - 1:10pm-2:05pm

\* Early Release Schedule, Advisory Schedule and Finals Schedule can be found at [www.CSHSFalconFamilies.com](http://www.CSHSFalconFamilies.com).

### **Q: Where can I find the district calendar?**

A: [www.CSHSFalconFamilies.com](http://www.CSHSFalconFamilies.com) – you can also find it on the district website and CSHS website.

### **Q: What if my child forgets something at home? How do I get it to them?**

A: Bring it to the front office and leave it on the cart with their name on it OR let them do without and they will remember it next time.

### **Q: Does my child have to wear their school issued ID at all times?**

A: YES! This is part of our Campus Security Plan.

### **Q: What if my child loses their student ID?**

A: They can purchase a new one for \$5 from the school. If they don't have \$5 it will be billed to their student account and you can pay it online.

### **Q: How do I pay for AP classes, fees, athletics, clubs, etc?**

A: Go to <https://www.ccsd93.org/Page/4775> to make payments.

### **Q: Can I make Tax Credit Payments online?**

A: Yes

**Q: Does my child's lunch credit transfer over to the high school?**

A: Yes

**Q: How do I make a payment on my child's lunch account?**

A: The easiest way to add money to your child's lunch account is to go to <https://www.ccusd93.org/Page/8817> and make credit/debit card payments.

**Q: How do I check my child's grades?**

A: Login to the parent portal at <https://www.ccusd93.org/Page/799> to check student grades.  
CHECK OFTEN!

**Q: Where does my child pick up his/her PE uniform?**

A: At the Campus Book Store

**Q: What are the Campus Book Store Hours?**

A: On a regular schedule day, the book store is open:  
7:45am-8:45am  
10:20am-12:20am  
1:30pm-2:30pm

**Q: Where can my child buy CSHS spiritwear?**

A: The easiest and fastest way to buy CS Spiritwear is at the Student Store located by the Gym entrance.

**Q: How do I order a yearbook?**

A: Order now to get the discounted rate. [www.YearbookOrderCenter.com](http://www.YearbookOrderCenter.com) and enter order number 16423.

**Q: Where can I find a campus map?**

A: Maps are located in the front office or online at [www.cshsfalconfamilies.com](http://www.cshsfalconfamilies.com)

**Q: How do I get involved with Athletics?**

A: The Falcons Athletic Club is the booster club for all 18 sports at CSHS. For more info go to [www.falconsathleticclub.org](http://www.falconsathleticclub.org) – make sure to join us for Casino Night on September 7<sup>th</sup>!

**Q: Where does my \$25 donation to CS PTO go?**

A: Your tax deductible donation to the PTO goes towards Staff Appreciation, Teacher Grants, Classroom Start Up Funds, Technology Upgrades, Spirit Week, Security, Grad Nite and Senior Week.

**Q: How can I donate to PTO?**

A: Go to [www.cshsfalconfamilies.com](http://www.cshsfalconfamilies.com) and click on SHOP.

**Q: How can I get involved in PTO?**

A: Email [cshspto@gmail.com](mailto:cshspto@gmail.com) to find out all the ways you can help Cactus Shadows behind the scenes.

**Q: What is Grad Nite and who runs it?**

A: Grad Nite is the HUGE send off party for the graduating class. Traditionally the freshman and sophomore class parents run this event so the senior parents can relax and enjoy the Graduation season. Email [cshspto@gmail.com](mailto:cshspto@gmail.com) to get involved. All help welcome!

**Q: I am a business owner and want to help out. What can I do?**

A: CSHS PTO and Falcons Athletic Club rely on local businesses donations to fund the programs that benefit all students. Email [cshspto@gmail.com](mailto:cshspto@gmail.com) or call 818-324-6868 to see which sponsorship program works best for your company and maximizes your exposure to the CSHS community.

**Q: How amazing is the Cactus Shadows Counseling Department???**

A: Beyond Amazing! They offer programs throughout the year for parent education, resources for students and are available all year for one on one parent-student meetings. Let them help you navigate high school and reach your goals.

**Notes from the counseling department:**

- Read each of your child's syllabi to know exactly when teachers are available for office hours and their contact info. Write it down!
- Parents and students should stay on top of grades. Utilize grades-on-line at least once a week, which can be found on the CCUSD main webpage. Parents and students should download the Infinite Campus App on their cell phones and check this regularly.
- Encourage time management and organizational skills. Students should use agenda daily to write down assignments and club/activity times.
- Don't assume that now that they are in high school they don't need you, they in fact need you more!
- Teachers are available on-campus for extra-help during office hours. There are additional support resources for math if needed. Please check with school counselor on this,
- Read counselor emails and save them. They are relevant for grades 9-12.
- Encourage your child to get involved in at least 1 activity each year. This is a great way to connect with other students who may share the same interests.
- Be aware of our dress code and our attendance policy.
- Make sure to come early to school because of the traffic.
- maintain open communication with the teachers. They are here to help.
- Know your students friends. Choose friends wisely :)

**Q: My question wasn't answered. Where do I go?**

A: Text 818-324-6868 or email [cshspto@gmail.com](mailto:cshspto@gmail.com) and we will point you in the right direction. We are here to help!