



The Howler



DECEMBER 2023 Issue

Important Numbers : Front Desk: 281-373-2303

Fax: 281-373-2304

Calendar for December

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
					1 Choir Drumline	2
3	4 Pom Squad Dance Team Practices	5 3rd Grade Musical No Visitors Day Testing	6 Tutoring @ 8:00am No Visitors Day Testing	7 Tutoring @ 8:00am Pup Squad Yearbook Campus Spelling Bee	8 Choir Drumline Spirit shop Winter Party FastPass Deadline	9 All Dancers @ Cyfair Highschool
10	11 Pom Squad Dance Team Practices	12 No Visitors Day Testing	13 Tutoring @ 8:00am YMOD-7:55am Winter Wonderland performance No Visitors Day Testing	14 Tutoring @ 8:00am Pup Squad Yearbook Willie's Spirit Night	15 Last day to scan for winter party	16
17	18 No Dance	19 Marco's Spirit 3rd Grade box night	20 YMOD-7:55am	21 Winter Party	22 Student/staff Holiday	23
24	25 Winter Break	26 Winter Break	27 Winter Break	28 Winter Break	29 Winter Break	30
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Wednesdays = College Day
Fridays = Spirit Day

Please join the Fun

Winter Break Dress up days starting December 4th!

Winter Party Fastpass Reminders:

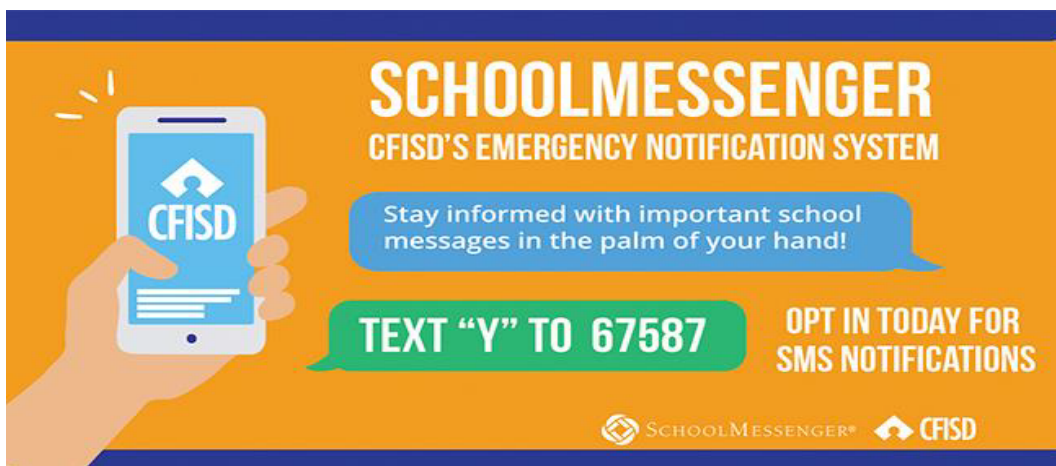
The Form has been sent out on Yellow Paper. [The information sheet](#)- (link to information sheet) please read the information sheet if you have any questions. The form will need to be sent back. Please send only one form per family. The Non- Guardian form at the bottom will only need to be filled out if **someone other than the Parents** are taking the student(s) home. An example of this is if a grandparent is coming and taking the student home. You would fill out the Bottom of the form and a parent would sign the form. If you have any questions please feel free to call the front office at 281-373-2303. The link for the Winter party volunteers will be going out soon see the PTO website!

- Deadline for FastPass forms is December 8th @ 5:00 PM
- Last day to scan License is December 15th @ 5:00 PM
- Passport can not be scanned and will have to wait in line.

Principal's Message

Parents,

We are asking that you opt into school messenger. This is where important messages will be sent from. Thank you for helping us keep the communication lines open!



SCHOOLMESSENGER
CFISD'S EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Stay informed with important school messages in the palm of your hand!

TEXT "Y" TO 67587

OPT IN TODAY FOR SMS NOTIFICATIONS

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Important Reminders:

- You must have valid identification to enter the building and to check out students. Forms that are accepted- Driver license or Passports that can be scanned not a copy on your phone.
- Staff ID badges will only be accepted if visiting and signing into campus as district visitors. The above will apply if you are here as a parent.
- When arriving at the campus please be patient when checking in as we have a limit to how many people can be in the front office at once. If you have to wait a few minutes, we apologize in advance.



Nurses Corner

Link to the Nurses' webpage: [Clinic Website](#)

School Nurse: Denise Knippers RN

Clinic # 281-213-8240 | Fax # 281-373-2304 | Main #281-373-2303

Email denise.knippers@cfisd.net



What is happening in the clinic:

- Send any updated **immunization** records via link - [UPLOAD IMMUNIZATION](#) or a paper copy with your student.
- **Medication at school:** All medications must be brought to school by a parent or guardian in an unopened, age appropriate container. This includes cough drop, bug repellent and prescription medication. The clinic cannot accept or administer holistic, vitamins or non FDA approved medications. *To review policy follow link here - [Medication Policy](#)*
 - Emergency Medication must include Action Plan for 2023-2024
 - Action Plans, Medication Policy & More available at <https://www.cfisd.net/domain/788> Additional forms will be available. Review [Medication Policy](#) before bringing medication to school.
- Remember to keep kids home when showing signs of any illness. If they have fever, vomiting, diarrhea they must stay home at least 24 hours without medication before they can return to school.
- Any student testing positive for COVID 19 needs to be reported to the clinic at denise.knippers@cfisd.net. Include in email the following:
 - Student ID
 - Student's First and Last Name
 - Grade
 - Parent Full Name
 - Date of Birth

- Home Address
- Date Symptoms Started
- Date of test
- Lab or doctors note if available
 - You will receive an email from the clinic with a return date.

LINKS:

[CLINIC WEBSITE](#) | [KEEPING SICK STUDENTS HOME](#) | [MEDICATION POLICY](#)
[UPLOAD LAB/MD HERE](#) | [UPLOAD FORMS](#) | [UPLOAD IMMUNIZATIONS](#)



News

Name That Book

During the last week of November we had our NTB quiz. 3rd - 5th grade students who took the quiz were competing for a chance to participate on one of the grade level Name That Book teams. Teams will be announced by December 6th. Grade level competitions will be held in January and the school competition will be held in February.

Extra Curricular Activities

Our school website has all our club information on it. You will need to watch for the school cash link that will be emailed out when the club sponsors make them available. If you need help setting up the school cash, please click this link for more information.

https://www.cfsd.net/cms/lib/TX50000664/Centricity/Domain/1045/Online_payments_English.pdf

In an effort to help the clubs, we are asking **that only the student enrolled in the club be dropped off or stay after school.** These activities are before and after school so only the club sponsors will be here at that time to watch the children. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Pom Squad - Mondays @ 7:45am (drop off starts at 7:25 am)

Dance Team - Mondays @ 4:15-5:20 PM- Late Pick up being @5:30 PM

Pup Squad- Thursday @ 7:45 AM

Choir - Fridays @ 7:45 AM

Drumline - Fridays @ 7:50 AM

Young men Of Distinction - Wednesdays @ 7:55 AM. 12/13 & 12/20 in December

Yearbook - Thursdays @ 7: 45am

Volleyball Has ended!

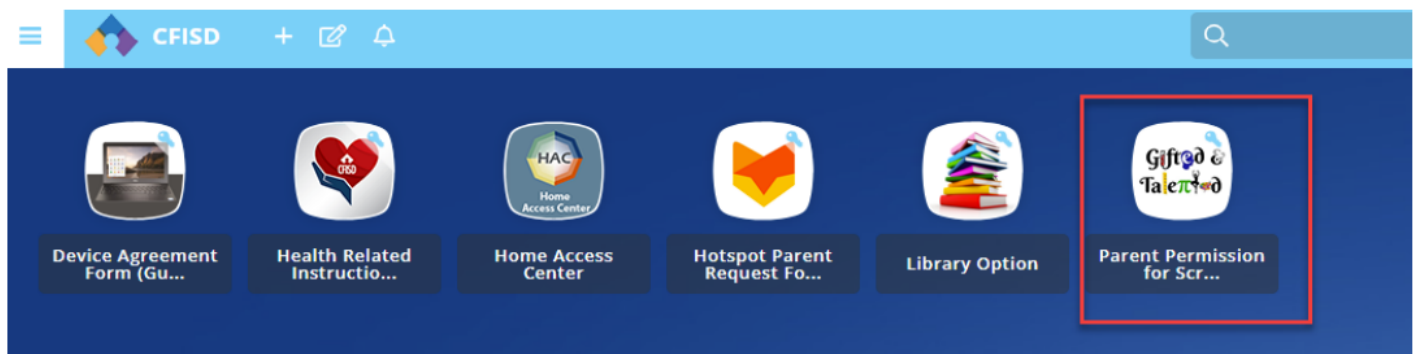
Wolves on the Run starts 1/31 link is open in school cash

Counselor's Update:

Testing:

Gifted and Talented Program Identification Notice to Parents of Current Students in Cypress-Fairbanks ISD

Cypress-Fairbanks ISD provides Mid-year screening for students in grades 1 – 11 to receive gifted and talented services through the HORIZONS program if they are enrolled at a CFISD campus. Students whose referral is received by the last school day in November may be included in the Mid-year testing process and students may be referred at any time. Students must meet the following criteria: • The student has NOT participated in an identification assessment during the same school year • The student has NOT been previously identified at an out-of-state or Texas public or charter school
Note: New students who have been previously identified as gifted and talented from out-of-state and Texas public or charter schools are eligible to receive services in CFISD once previous GT placement can be verified and parent permission is provided. Parents must provide a copy of the student's notification of qualification and placement within the gifted and talented program from the former school district AND a copy of all test results used for screening. Testing will not be administered if the student has been previously identified. Parents/guardians interested in requesting screening for their student to receive gifted and talented services should complete the online acknowledgement to include the characteristics of a gifted child, permission to test, and permission for services located in the Gifted and Talented link in the parent portal of the Home Access Center by the **due date November 30, 2023.**



Testing and Screening for the Gifted and Talented Program

- Testing will occur in the Spring during the district testing window at a date to be determined by the campus.
- Student Score Reports and notification of qualification/placement will be available for view in the parent portal of the Home Access Center.
- Students whose scores qualify for identification will begin receiving services the following school year upon confirmation of placement.
- Students whose scores do not qualify may not be referred again for testing until the next school year. (Students may test only once per year.)
- Students who do not qualify for services may appeal the placement decision to the campus Selection Committee. Information regarding the appeals process is available from the elementary Counselor or secondary Director of Instruction.

Note: Appeals for entry should be based on significant advanced abilities consistently demonstrated in the classroom and supported by academic and performance data not evidenced by HORIZONS screening scores. Additional criteria for an appeal include:

- illness immediately before or during testing with documentation of the illness
- emotional duress due to a family crisis during testing with documentation
- accommodations not provided during testing for students with special needs



Attention,
CURRENT CFISD STUDENTS
Grades 1-11

Gifted and Talented Screening
Referrals

due by Nov. 30, 2023
for the mid-year testing cycle

This opportunity applies only to students who have not participated in screening this school year.

Visit Elementary Campus Counselor or
Secondary Director of Instruction
for more details.

PBIS:

Families this month we are sharing a valuable tool that was provided to us by our district student service team regarding how to identify bullying. Please take a look at the links provided. These are great resources.

[Parent Resources](#)
[Bullying Checklist](#)

Volunteers



VOLUNTEERS When you are volunteering on campus, please notify the front desk receptionist so your hours can be logged as volunteer time. If you volunteer after hours or weekends, you can log your hours manually. Visit the volunteer page at <https://apps.raptortech.com/Volunteer/Login/MzYxOlZvbHVudGVlcjplbi1VUw==>

Important Links

- Woodard [website link](#) for all up-to-date school info.
- [Parent Information Card](#) for quick reference school information.
- The Howler (Parent Newsletter) and Important Flyers [link](#).
- [School Messenger link](#)—To receive District and Woodard updates via email,



phone messages, and texts.

- [School Cash to register](#) and pay for items when those events come due.
- School Clubs [link](#).
- PTO Newsletter [link](#).
- PTO Facebook [link](#).
- PTO Sign-Up Genius for all Volunteer Opportunities [link](#).
- PTO REMIND 101 @woodardpto