



# NOVEMBER 2016 CALABASAS SCHOOL "COUGARS" NEWSLETTER

## EDUCATE EVERYONE EVERY DAY

### From The Principal's Office...

Dear parents,

As we draw nearer to the Thanksgiving season, it is important to give thanks for those who have made a significant impact on the success of Calabasas PreK-8 School. We would like to thank the Calabasas staff for their continued drive to ensure that our students are safe, and receive the quality education that is expected from each school in the Santa Cruz Valley Unified District. The staff of Calabasas is committed to helping each student grow to his/her potential.

We would also like to thank the students of Calabasas for their continued diligence in the pursuit of academic excellence. Their desire to learn is consistently prevalent at Calabasas, and is appreciated by all.

Finally, we would like to thank the parents/guardians of our students. Your unending support is to be commended. We thank you for the continued guidance that you show your children, along with the high expectations that you have for their academic/character growth. Please stay involved in the education of your children.

Your Partner in Education,  
John Fanning, Principal

*"Home of the Cougars"*

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John Fanning,

Principal

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Assistant Principal

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7:00 A.M.-3:30 P.M.

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### IMPORTANT NOVEMBER DATES

- 1 & 15 Board Meeting
- 2 & 16 & 23 EARLY RELEASE
- 1 & 30 REGULAR DAY
- 1-30 STUCO Food Drive
- 3 Student of Month Breakfast
- 7 Site Council /Booster Meeting
- 10 Fun Run # 1
- 16 Mingus Jazz Festival
- 17 Library Hour
- 18 Fiesta Mexicana
- 23 Turkey Bowl Football  
Staff vs Students
- 24 & 25 Thanksgiving Break /  
No Classes
- 28 Spelling Bee
- 30 Fine Dining w/Administration

### First Line of Defense FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

The flu season has started. Influenza (flu) is a contagious disease that spreads around the United States every year, usually between October and May. The flu virus is spread mainly by coughing, sneezing and close contact.

Anyone can get the flu. It strikes suddenly and last for several days. Symptoms vary by age, but can include:

- \* Fever/chills \*Sore throat \*Muscle aches \* Fatigue
- \* Cough \*Headache \* Runny or stuffy nose

The AAP (American Academy of Pediatrics) recommends that annual influenza vaccination should be given to all people 6 months of age and older. There is no live flu virus in flu shots. They cannot cause the flu. Please help prevent the spread of the flu virus at Calabasas. Get vaccinated today. Best of health to you and your family!

### SPORTS

#### Boys Basketball

- 11-1 Sahuarita-home
- 11-3 Altar Valley-away
- 11-8 Anza Trail-away
- 11-10 DSMS-away
- 11-15 CTMS- @ RRHS
- 11-17 Continental-home
- 11-22 Emily Gray-away

#### Girls Soccer

- 11-1 Sahuarita-home
- 11-3 Altar Valley-away
- 11-8 Anza Trail-away
- 11-10 DSMS-away
- 11-15 CTMS @ RRHS
- 11-17 Continental-home
- 11-22 Emily Gray-away
- December 1st - Pictures

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### From the Counselor's Office

**Claudia Tolano** (520)375-8600 [ctolano@scv35.org](mailto:ctolano@scv35.org)

Our second round of MAP testing is just around the corner! Our goal is to have perfect attendance during testing days. Students should come to school everyday, but especially during testing days. Please support our effort to have 100% attendance during MAP testing days. The following days are scheduled for testing per grade level.

Middle grade level students 6th–8th grade: November 7th–November 11th

Elementary grade level students K-5th grade: November 14th–November 18th

We appreciate your support!!

### From the Assistant Principal

**Rebekah Cabrera** (520-375-8600) [rcabrera@scv35.org](mailto:rcabrera@scv35.org)

Parents and Guardians,

As we move into November, we have a lot to be thankful for! Listed below are just a few of the wonderful things that have gone on so far at Calabasas!

\* **Qtr. 1 Awards Assembly** for both our elementary and middle school students! Congratulations to all who received an award! Keep it up!

\* **Pajama Movie Night** What a great turn out! Thank you to all who came!

\* **Library Hour for our K-5 grade students** Wonderful stories are being read to our students! Come and join us each month!

\* **21st Century Program** Many of our K-8 students are partaking in the afterschool program for additional support in the areas of Math and Reading as well as being able to take part in after school clubs. All participants are doing a great job and enjoy the program!

\* **Qtr 1 Parent/Teacher Conference** Thank you parents and families for coming to your child's conference (s). It's great to have such a strong parent, school, and community partnership!

\* **1st-3rd grade RIF (Reading is Fundamental) book distribution** All 1st–3rd grade students receive a new free book from the Nogales Women's Club.

\* **Monthly Fine Dining and Breakfast with administration** Students are selected monthly using our PBIS behavior reward system.

\* **Santa Cruz Fair** Both our elementary and middle school students were recognized for their artistic talents. Congratulations! Calabasas students definitely have lots of TALENT!

\* **MS Band concert** Our middle school students are working hard and sounding great!

\* **Healthy Family/Healthy Youth** Great job to all who participated!

\* **Folkloric** Beautiful dancers showing our cultural pride.

\* **Middle school sports** Football, volleyball and cross country did a great job during the 1st quarter.

These are just a few of the many things to be grateful here at Calabasas! THANK YOU parents, staff, and community members for making Calabasas such a great school to be at!

With Kind regards,

**Rebekah Cabrera**

### From our Parent Liaison

**Irma Vélez** (520)-375-8600 [ivelez@scv35.org](mailto:ivelez@scv35.org)

Hello parents,

I want to thank all of our parents who came Parent/Teacher conferences and took the time to complete the surveys, your input is very important and appreciated by our school. Also, a big thank you to all the parents that provided desserts for our teachers' dinner during the conferences! If you are interested in GED classes, please call me to register. Classes are Mondays 5:00-6:30pm in the computer lab. We are also seeking volunteers. If you are interested please call me. We have many upcoming events that we can make nicer and better with your help. Don't forget to join us for our Site Council meeting on November 7th, Library Hour on November 17th and our biggest event of the year our, Fiesta Mexicana on November 18th. Please join us! Happy Thanksgiving to you and your loved ones!

### From the Band Director

**Jason Taurins** (520)375-8600 [jtaurins@scv35.org](mailto:jtaurins@scv35.org)

We have many upcoming performances. On Friday November 11th, our bands will perform at the Veteran's Day parade in Nogales.

Students will need to be dropped off before and picked up after. Stay tuned for details. The Mingus Jazz Festival, originally scheduled for November 16th, has been cancelled. Students will perform their solo projects the week of the week of November 21st. Our Winter Concert is scheduled for Thursday December 15th.

### From the Athletic Director

**Manuel Carrillo** (520) 375-8600 [mcarrillo@scv35.org](mailto:mcarrillo@scv35.org)

Dear parents and students

Second quarter sports are on their way! This year, we will be having one of our home games at Rio Rico High School. This game is scheduled for November 10th. Come and support our school. At Calabasas, academics are our priority. Our athletes are students before they are athletes. Grades are checked on Wednesdays to determine their eligibility for the following week. Remind your student-athletes of the responsibilities.