

## From the Desk of Our Clark Principal

On behalf of the Clark Advanced Learning Center's faculty and staff, welcome to the Spring Semester of our 2020-2021 School Year, which began Tuesday, January 5, for our students.

From my leadership position at Clark, I am very thankful for surviving 2020. As a school, we provided learning opportunities every day of the Fall 2020 semester despite the student quarantines and isolations and even with hurricane winds and rains. While there were school days when students and teachers had to "remote in" for class, we did not have to revert to virtual instruction for the entire school. May we all agree, that was a blessing!

Looking back over the past nine months, I am thankful for what virtual learning has taught us. Virtual instruction launched in March was far from easy yet sparked several shifts. Teachers hosting virtual office hours through Meet and Collaborate plus "live log-ins" sessions and recording lessons. Twenty-Two forced us to be inventive, inquisitive, and incredibly sensitive to individual needs as we endeavored to stay positive and protective of everyone's well-being. We balanced being clever with showing grace while upholding high expectations. The technology aspects of 2020 called for flexibility. Fortunately, our Gen Z students navigate digital platforms and trouble shoot better than we could imagine at their age since our teenagers are "technology natives" within the digital age of ingenuity.

I am not saying I have loved 2020. Like most of you, my family and our Clark team endured the year. We have all battled some level of struggle during this global pandemic. I know I can do a better job of being thankful for whatever situation I find myself in! I encourage each of us to embrace the good that accompanies each situation. May we embrace Twenty-Two-"One"-derful taking time daily to reflect and make sure being in the forest does not keep us from seeing the trees individually and, conversely, may we not become too involved in the details to look at any situation as a whole. "Balance is the key to life." "Go slow to go fast." "If not me, who? If not now, when?" - all of these statements resonate in my brain daily and keep me moving forward focused on productivity, responsibility, and unity. I am humbled and honored to serve Clark Advanced Learning Center. I am given purpose and energy because of your children. THANK YOU for sharing them with us!

Let's make 2021 an especially spectacular and productive year!



With Best Regards,

*Mrs. Debra L. Kohuth*

Principal, Clark Advanced Learning Center

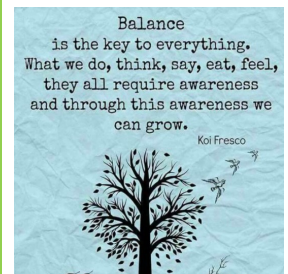


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**Students and Parents:** Check e-mail weekly from Dr. Judd for **Friday updates from Clark.**

Also, check out all the other valuable information at [www.clarkadvancedlearningcenter.org](http://www.clarkadvancedlearningcenter.org)

Students: Please make a habit of **checking your Clark email and IRSC-Rivermail regularly.**

These accounts are the main forms of electronic communication for Clark students and IRSC/Clark employees .

## Counselor Corner

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Seniors: Monitor your college applications for all materials being submitted.

Seniors and Parents of Seniors: Complete your FAFSA for financial aid. Keep applying for scholarships.

Juniors: Register for the March SAT if you have completed the math courses covered on the SAT. If not, plan to test in May or June. The ACT will be administered in February, April, June, and July, so taking the ACT is another option. Prepare for the SAT or ACT by signing up for our Critical Thinking course being taught again 4th nine weeks at Clark (email Ms. Jones if interested). Check out test prep books from Mrs. Decker, or take free SAT/ACT practice tests on Khan Academy or <https://www.march2success.com>.

Sophomores: Start researching colleges and universities. Visit guidance office for literature or surf the web for college and university home pages. VOLUNTEER! It's a great way to identify your interests and to develop skills. Colleges and scholarship committees love seeing your involvement throughout the years! Submit your hours using FOCUS. Directions for submitting hours can be found at <https://www.martinschools.org/domain/4645>.

## Grade Book in FOCUS:

FOCUS Parent Portal registration link is:

<https://martin.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/auth/>

The initial registration for access to FOCUS requires parent's name and email address as well as the last 4 digits of your student's SSN, student's school ID number and birthday as defined in our student information system.

To access your student's high school grades and attendance, parents/guardians may click on the FOCUS link on our website at <http://www.Clarkadvancedlearningcenter.org>.

*If you experience difficulty or have any questions about this service, please contact Mr. McCrory at 772.419-5767.*

**Note: Ongoing IRSC class grades are posted in Blackboard. FINAL grades for IRSC coursework are accessed from Workday.**

## Career Coordinator Corner

**Spring Interns:** Dr. Bonds is working on Internship placements for the spring. Many of you still need to submit a resume to her or let her know your interests for the Internship. Please contact her immediately if you have not yet provided this information.

**ASVAB Plans:** The ASVAB will be administered at 7:50 a.m. on Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Results will be given in an interpretation session at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to take the ASVAB, please let Dr. Bonds know as soon as possible. Details will be sent via email soon.

As always, feel free to contact Dr. Denisha Bonds to discuss your career plans or any of Clark's career development programs at any time. You can reach her via email at [dbonds@irsc.edu](mailto:dbonds@irsc.edu), by text at 772.208-9410, or phone at 772.419-5768.

**Dr. Denisha Bonds, Ph.D.**

**Career Coordinator**



## Dates to Remember:



January 18—Monday.....Martin Luther King Day HOLIDAY Clark/IRSC Closed  
 January 21—Thursday.....Parents As Partners, 6 p.m. Virtual via Link (Clark website)  
 January 27—Wednesday.....Early Dismissal @ 12:15 / Parent-Teacher Conferences

February 12—Friday .....NO Clark classes TODAY—Faculty PD  
 February 15—Monday.....Clark & IRSC classes TODAY but NO BUSES  
 February 19—Friday.....BINGO Night sponsored by Parents as Partners, 6 p.m. at Clark  
 February 24—Wednesday.....Early Dismissal @ 12:15  
 February 26—Friday.....NO Clark/IRSC classes TODAY  
 .....Professional Enhancement Day for Staff

March 12—Friday .....Middle of Spring Semester/End of 3rd Nine Weeks

**March 15-19.....Spring Break**

April 2—Friday .....NO Clark classes TODAY—Faculty Planning  
 April 5—Friday .....Clark & IRSC classes TODAY but NO BUSES  
 April 28 —Wednesday.....Early Dismissal @ 12:15  
 April 30—Friday .....IRSC Spring Commencement—Associate in Arts Degrees

May 1—Saturday .....IRSC Spring Commencement—Associate in Science Degrees  
 May 14—Friday.....Graduation rehearsal from 3:30 to 5:30 @ JBHS  
 .....Senior Report Cards Distributed  
 May 15—Saturday.....Graduation Day for Class of 2021  
 May 25—Tuesday.....End of Spring Semester/LAST DAY of School for Students

By Middle of June 2021.....FINAL REPORT CARDS AVAILABLE