

“The time is always right to do what is right.”

-Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Celebration and Appreciation

Each week, we celebrate and recognize a student who has shown random acts of kindness and character as our Clark Caring Student of the Week. This week, we are recognizing **Jasper Kimbutte**. As shared by a peer returning from remote learning, she wrote. “he was very kind when welcoming me back to school.” I am sure many people have also had kind interactions with Jasper, too! Thanks for being welcoming to all!

Students- Make sure to email Dr. Judd or drop a slip in the front office when you see others doing random acts of kindness and character.

Our plea for a new Menorah has been answered by the family of **Brady Donahue**! Thanks!

We also want to send a huge thank you to the family of **Emma Boyer** for providing the weekly staff breakfast yesterday. YUM!

It is now time to get those votes in (and spread the word to our alum) to **vote for Mr. Bicksler** for Martin County teacher of the year! Follow [this link](#) and vote today!

A great big thank you to **Ms. Hutcheson and the amazing student government officers** and reps for putting on the first ever WinterFest. Also want to thank **Mrs. Decker** for being our DJ as well as **Mr. Omar and Mr. Fernando** for all of the behind the scenes set up work as well as rescuing the floating basketballs! We are looking forward to another fun fest later this spring!

Announcements and Reminders

Clark quarterly newsletter is attached and full of information for parents and students.

Hey sophomores and juniors! Applying to college is a complicated process, so we’ve got an event you simply cannot miss. **College Board is hosting four virtual college fairs** that are designed for you to have real conversations with hundreds of colleges, admission reps, and current college students. You can sign up to attend any event and more than one to explore colleges in each region across the nation. Learn more at cb.org/bigfuturedays and sign up for the College Board BigFuture Days A-S-A-P!

Want to learn more about your skills? The **ASVAB Career Exploration Assessment** will help you learn about yourself and career options that could be good matches for your skills and interests. The ASVAB will be given at Clark on Friday, January 22nd from 7:50 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Results will be available in an interpretation session on February 19th. Registration is required before January 20th – contact Dr. Bonds via email or phone as soon as possible. Be sure to notify your teachers in advance about class time that will be missed if you plan to participate.

Fall semester Report Cards are now available in FOCUS. Make sure to review these and if you see any wrong or missing grades, email tjones@irsc.edu to discuss and look into. Directions for accessing these in FOCUS can be found here: [How to access report cards in FOCUS](#)

Yearbook News

- Students and Parents – Time is running out to purchase your yearbook. Pre-ordering is the only way to guarantee your copy. Head to <http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A01087927> to order today. Price is \$75 and the deadline to pre-order is 1/29/2021.
- Senior Parents – Only 2 more weeks to purchase senior ads! You can purchase ads online at <http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A01087927> – there are plenty of size options to choose from! The final day to order senior ads will be 1/29/2021, so don't delay! Email Mrs. Gribble or Mr. E with questions.
- Own a business? Know someone that does? If you or a business owner you know would like to support the Clark yearbook, business ads are available for purchase. Don't need an ad? Sponsorships are available as well. Contact Mrs. Gribble or Mr. E for details on how to purchase. **1 XL heather blue Clark tee** still available. \$15. Email ljudd@irsc.edu if you want it- first come, first served!

New Student Info Sessions are coming soon! (see attached postcard) RSVP required! If you have a friend or family member who wants to learn more about Clark, share the info with them. Seats are limited.

High School Years newsletter attached – January 2021 edition includes suggested study skills, the positives of taking initiative, and various means of connecting with teens.

Crane Recognition nominations can be sent to dkohuth@irsc.edu for any faculty and staff member(s) who have gone above and beyond as Clark super stars.

Prepare for the SAT or ACT by signing up for Critical Thinking course being taught again 4th nine weeks at Clark (email Ms. Jones if interested). There are many resources on our website under Guidance. Check out test prep books from Mrs. Decker, or take free SAT/ACT practice tests on Khan Academy or <https://www.march2success.com>

Club and Activity Updates

Interact Club- A lot of exciting events are coming up soon for some great causes.

- In the front desk area/main entrance, there will be a box for collections of gently used wearable coats. Supporting the organization One Warm Coat. The collections will begin Tuesday, Jan. 19 and run through Friday, Jan. 29
- Collection of various items for LAHIA (Love and Hope In Action) will also run Jan. 19-Jan. 29. Some requested items are: AA, AAA, C, and D batteries, disposable razors, canned chicken and tuna, ladies socks (dark colors), and many more items listed on <http://www.lahia.org/donate/>
- Have any loose change? Change for Change will be collecting money for LAHIA on Tuesday, Jan. 26 and Wednesday, Jan. 27

If you bring in any items for the One Warm Coat drive and/or for LAHIA drive, write down items brought in for purpose of service hours. Remember to submit your hours using FOCUS. Directions for submitting hours can be found at <https://www.martinschools.org/domain/4645>

The **GSA (Gay Straight Alliance)** at Clark is a physical representation of the acceptance and rare diversity at its campus. It is a safe place for LGBT youth, gender defying, gender nonconforming, and allies. The

club is open to anyone hoping to make a change in Martin County and enjoy the company of the like-minded. Feel free to drop by and say hello during our first meeting in the Knowledge Room on Tuesday, Jan. 19 after school.

Our next pillar for Character Counts is RESPONSIBILITY. If you know of a student who meets the criteria below, nominate them for Character Counts. Submit nominations to me NO LATER THAN next Tuesday, January 19th! Please include in your nomination why you feel this person is worthy of this award (just a sentence or two).

Do what you are supposed to do, Plan ahead, Be diligent, Persevere, Do your best, Use self-control, Be self-disciplined, Think before you act, Be accountable for your words, actions and attitudes, Set a good example for others

Class of 2021

- Senior Social Media Shoutouts are needed. Submit your info here if you have not already. [Senior shout out form](#)
- IRSC and Community Foundation Scholarships are coming due this month, See emails from Ms. Jones or check in with her. Lots of money available if you simply take the time to apply!
- Arts for Life! annually awards \$1,000 scholarships to 25 graduating high school seniors in Florida who demonstrate excellence in one of the following art forms: creative writing, dance, drama, music, visual art. Deadline is February 1, 2021. To Apply: Visit <https://artsforlifeaward.org> or download the attached application.

Dates to Remember

Monday, January 18: DAY OFF Holiday for ALL / No IRSC or Clark classes

Thursday, January 21: PaP – IRSC Programs

Wednesday, January 27: Early Release @ 12:15

Parent-Teacher Conferences, 2 to 4 p.m. (details coming soon)

Friday, January 29: Inductions for Honor Societies @ 6 p.m. (Invitations coming soon)

Remember- **the Clark calendar DIFFERS from MCS D and sometimes even IRSC.** Please always consult the Clark calendar as posted online. [CLARK CALENDAR 20-21](#)

The **spring exam schedule** posted on our website.

Contests and Service Opportunities

Check out the **monthly Math riddle** (attached) sponsored by the Math Club/ Mu Alpha Theta honor society.

LAHIA posted recently: We REALLY need ambitious volunteers to pitch in a couple hours weekday afternoons to assist with evening meal prep, serving and clean-up! If you can do a 2-hour shift between 2 and 6pm, please call us at 772-781-7002 and give the office your contact info for follow-up!

Handbook Highlights

p. 9 Tardy and detentions- Tardiness is defined as an arrival to class after the designated start time. We will be issuing detentions for students who are late to a class (unexcused) repeatedly. If you arrive late, you must come to the front desk for a tardy pass.

P. 18- Driving on campus is a privilege, not a right. Students are not allowed to loiter in the parking lot or remain in vehicles.

p. 13 Dress code. The following are NOT ALLOWED while on the Clark campus:

Any clothing that exposes the torso, cleavage, and/or undergarments. • Tears, rips, holes, or shreds in clothing that expose the torso, cleavage, and/or undergarments. • Tube tops, bare back or midriff clothing, spaghetti straps, see-through clothing, bathing suits. • Bare feet, only socks, bedroom-type slippers, shoes with built-in containers/wheels/cleats/unsecured laces. • Any head coverings such as hats, headgear, knit caps, kerchiefs, bandanas, or hoods are prohibited while in the building. Exceptions for head coverings should be discussed with administration. • Clothes or accessories with metal studs, ornaments, chains, or other objects which can scratch furniture, damage property, or cause harm to oneself or others. • Inappropriate clothing/accessories, costumes, or offensive messages on clothing/accessories including pictures, symbols, or words that are harmful to the health, safety or welfare of others. • Pajamas, clothing resembling pajamas, and/or full-size blankets or Snuggie-type coverings. • Sunglasses in the building.

Parent Corner

SAVE THE DATE: **Parents as Partners will meet on Thursday, January 21 beginning at 6 p.m.** Tune in for important school information and to offer ideas and suggestions, PLUS our topic this month is an overview of the valuable array of programs offered by IRSC for students and community members! Please stay tuned for Collaborate link to provide remote access for the evening session. Link and agenda will be posted on our website homepage.

Please note that our February session – originally scheduled for Thursday, February 18 – is moved to FRIDAY, February 19 as Parents as Partners hosts the annual BINGO Night at Clark. Stay tuned for those details!!!!

Link to sign up for **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4FACAC23A3F85-parentteacher10> Questions? Email dbonds@irsc.edu

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