

Gratitude- That's what is on my mind as we enter the extended Thanksgiving holiday break. While it has been a school year no one could have expected or planned for when we think back to how we spent this time a year ago, I am grateful to the staff, students, and families who have gone above and beyond to ensure teaching and learning continues in the safest ways possible. We know this has not been easy on anyone and we look forward to doing all we can to build the bonds for students and assist, whether on campus or remote, the remainder of this semester.

Please take time to safely enjoy the company of your loved ones... for many, this means a virtual meet up instead of traveling or packing the house. Thanksgiving has always been my favorite holiday and while it will be different than ever before, I know that I have so much I can be "giving thanks" for. I hope you are all able to rest, rejuvenate, and find gratitude this break. With gratitude, Dr. Judd

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 **YOUR NAME COULD BE HERE**. 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.

Audrey Anderson has participated in the IRSC HOSA Purse Project for the last 3 years. The Purse Project requests volunteers to collect purses, new or gently-used and fill them with goodies. The items are placed in gift bags and delivered to at least one shelter in each of our four counties. If the shelter includes children, the purses will be given to the children so they have a gift to give to their mother for Christmas. Women in shelters without children will also be gifted. Last year over 500 purses were gifted. Thanks for being caring and a great citizen, Audrey!



Announcements and Reminders

Interim grades are available in FOCUS. Please review and reach out to teachers. Some college classes only meet 1-2 more times before grades are final so there is no time to delay in getting the grades where you are happy!

The December **Clark exam schedule** is online [HERE](#) and attached.

Class of 2021- WORK ON YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS! Yes, this is Ms. Jones and Dr. Judd yelling at you in the newsletter! Check your email from Ms. Jones from yesterday (and back the past few weeks) for important info and how to apply to MANY. The most likely to be awarded to you (AKA local donor) scholarships have a due date of next Tuesday, Dec. 1 so you are running out of time!

COVID-19 safety: We need everyone to be taking care of themselves at school and in the community. Keep your distance, wear your mask, and wash those hands! We want to ensure a safe environment here, so please consider the well-being of others when you enjoy the days off this week.

The Clark Cares: Students for Students Message Board as developed by NHS is up and running. Give an anonymous shout out to thank someone who has helped you when you were facing something difficult. It helps to know that little acts matter! [Click here to submit](#).

Clark tees and hoodies have arrived! Come by the front desk to pick them up. You must pay before we can give them to you. Cash or check only. Email ljudd@irsc.edu if you forgot how much you owe. We have a couple extras that were no longer needed- small gray hoodie (\$30), large gray long sleeved (\$20) and XL heather blue tee (\$15). First come, first served!

Volunteer Opportunities

- United Way holiday project <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040d48a5ac2da4fc1-united> (no students needed at this point on 12/16 and 12/17)
- House of Hope has several needs. Seed starters, Food pantry, Thrift store, and more. Interested? Email Lauren@hohmartin.org

YEARBOOK NEWS!

- Attention students and parents! Act now to order your yearbook at the \$70 price. Visit www.jostensyearbooks.com to order. Contact Mrs. Gribble (agribble@irsc.edu) or Mr. Escandon (jescando@irsc.edu) with questions.
- Attention Seniors! If you have not already been photographed by Cady studios for your senior portrait, please schedule your appointment in their Delray Beach studio. Make your appointments at <https://store.cady.com/> The last day to get photographed is 12/1/2020, so don't delay!

Don't forget to follow Clark on Instagram and Facebook to see some of the fun happening here, as well as other updates and opportunities!

Scheduling of spring classes has begun. Seniors will be scheduled first in order to assure graduation requirements will be met. Be on the lookout for an email from Ms. Jones with instructions on how to make your scheduling appointment.

Some of Mrs. Gribble's classes make GREAT electives and were detailed in last Friday's enews.

Reminder: **high school students must receive 6 hours or more of education related to substance abuse, human trafficking, suicide awareness, and other issues related to mental wellness.** ALL students are required to complete the modules in a program called Suite 360. Students will log in with their Clark email address as the username and 4300# as the password. Contact Dr. Judd with questions. <https://martin.suite360sel.org/login?return=content> **Prize for all students who complete ALL modules before Thanksgiving! before December 1!** **Get in touch with Dr. Judd for questions. If you are new to Clark, you may need to use your classlink info to log in.**

Calendar reminders:

- Reminder for seniors, all standard application packets for scholarships are due to Ms. Jones on Tuesday, December 1st.
- School wide assembly (in person and virtual) will be held Thursday, December 10 at 9:30 am.

Club and Activity News

SNHS is holding a painted record sale with some REALLY cool items. Order here and flyer attached. Love the way they are repurposing! bit.ly/SNHSrecordsale

Writing and Performance Club is sponsoring another **creative contest**. Flyer attached, but note that the maximum word count is 2000 (error in flyer, but wanted to get it out with deadline nearing!).

NHS- The NHS Toy Drive is donating toys to local families in need. If you're interested in donating or have any questions, please contact the committee head for it Samuel Vinci. See flyer.

Samuel_vinci@clarkalc.net

SGA Social Hour looking for input as to what you'd like to do for fun next semester. Stay tuned for a survey.

Math Club is holding a monthly riddle contest. See attached!

Interact- On Tuesday, December 1 and Wednesday, December 2, Clark's **Interact Club** will sponsor Change for Change during car line times and lunchtime. The coin and non-jingling bill collections for the month of December will be donated towards the **toy drive** sponsored by National Honor Society. Pooling our resources and our service, we can have a larger impact on our community. Our sponsoring Rotary Club of Stuart-Sunrise reminds us to follow their lead and model by partnering with other service clubs to support organizations collaboratively strengthening the community projects near and far.

Handbook Highlight

Students- wouldn't it be great to not have to take a final exam in a Clark class?????? Not ALL classes have this, but many do, so make sure you are working hard towards being exempt!

p. 11- Exam Exemption Eligibility- The Florida Department of Education policy prohibits examination exemptions based on attendance. Only **students with an A average, who complete at least 95% of the course work including class work, homework, quizzes, major assessments, etc. (Only 5% zeros or Z's) throughout the semester and satisfactorily complete all exam review material may be exempt from taking the final exam.**

Info for Parents

Free meals for all continue, but make sure you fill out the form weekly for lunches on or off campus so we don't run out of food! <https://www.martinschools.org/Page/9711>

Articles of interest

[How parental self-care helps kids weather pandemic stress](#)

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