

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 recognized **Connor Smith**. As part of the Interact Club, Connor borrowed scissors from Mrs. Decker. He'd left without returning them and as soon as he remembered, he turned around and got them back to her as promised. Small acts mean big things when someone is counting on you! Thanks!

Thanks to the family of **Caroline Riggs** for providing our delicious Thursday staff breakfast! And, Oops for last week's breakfast as I spelled **Siena's** name wrong!

We are grateful for our partnership with the Stuart Air Show. This year we had to go virtual, but had a wonderful visit and learned a lot from the USAF F-22 Raptor Demo Team Visit.

Congrats to JBHS swimmer and diver **Connor Barral** who qualified for regionals in the 100 meter butterfly as well as the 200 and 400 free style relay. Also, good luck to **Jonathan Rucker** as he competes at the state level in swimming! Also wishing **Katie Hale** much success in a Lacrosse tournament in MD this weekend!

Parents- don't forget to let us know all of the great successes and accomplishments happening outside of school!

Shout out to **Clark parent, Emily Mauri**, who was presented with the Keep Martin Beautiful Green Business Advocate Award as the owner of JAR the zero waste shop.



In October, we recognized a classroom facilitator/sub, **Ms. Lynn Matthews** (above left), who has been so instrumental in keeping the classes going when teachers have had to be out and our own "Mr. C." Mr. Chris Carley (above right) who keeps our Clark grounds looking so amazing.

Announcements and Reminders

YEARBOOK NEWS!

- Do you have any photos of you playing a sport, volunteering in the community, or just doing something fun? Our yearbook would love to feature you! Submit up to five photos for consideration to be featured in the 2020-2021 yearbook. Submit photos by 11/10 to the Google Form linked here! <https://forms.gle/Z8XAJVYLfchJawz59>

- There is still time 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 for 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!

We received a request for lockers this week. That isn't an option we plan to pursue, BUT please know that we offer storage for equipment, books, instruments, and stuff you don't want to haul around all day in the front office, so feel free to drop your big, bulky items off there when on campus.

Clark Crane nominations – please send Mrs. Kohuth dkohuth@irsc.edu any names and specific mentions of Clark faculty or staff who have gone above and beyond to provide excellent service to you as a parent, to your child/ren as student/s, or for our entire school. Nominated team members receive special recognition at monthly All Clark Staff meetings – the crane statue, a certificate and a gift card thanks to the generosity of Parents s Partners. Let's celebrate our super stars!

Please view the quarterly Clark Newsletter (attached), which has pertinent information and reminders from our school, including the highlights from our academic calendar, and a special message from Mrs. Kohuth to parents.

If you have any family, friends, co-workers, neighbors who you know have children who would be a great fit for Clark and are interested in applying, please pass on this link for the admissions process for 2021-2022 school year: <http://www.clarkadvancedlearningcenter.org/p/10/admissions#.X6FxeohKiUk> Application is now officially opened and will remain so until February 28, 2021. Current students do not need to re-apply. You will receive a form in January. Clark siblings who meet criteria and apply have preference for admissions, but apply before the deadline. All other qualified applicants will be part of a random selection process if/when number of applicants exceeds number of available seats.

Info Sessions for Clark prospects have been added to our calendars for February 3 and 4. More details will be provided on website as those dates approach!

Did you miss the **assembly last Wednesday**? We had wonderful presentations from Student Government, National Honor Society, and Writing Club, as well as Dr. Bonds as we get ready to kick off Career Development Month. They all did an AMAZING job!!!! Watch it here: <https://youtu.be/V8g75VYEU4I>

I shared in the assembly a reminder of the state statute requiring **high school students to 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!

MANY resources for any issues you or friends may be facing can be found here. Locally, calling 2-1-1 is a great first step! <https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/mental-health-resources/>

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

Money for Clark logo clothing is now due. Drop off cash or check to Dr. Judd in the front office.

Attached is important information regarding **flu and COVID 19 prevention**. Together, we will remain vigilant and diligent in prevention of COVID 19 and flu. Handwashing, wearing masks, and social distancing are important tools to keep us safe and healthy. And let's not forget the flu shot!

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.

Calendar reminders:

- Veterans Day- No Clark or IRSC classes on November 11.
- Sunday, Nov. 22- NHS Chipotle fundraiser.
- On Monday and Tuesday, November 23rd and 24th, Clark and IRSC will be holding classes as usual, but due to the MCSD schedule, there will be no bus or lunch service on those days. Bus riders will need to provide their own transportation to and from school. We will be serving lunch for \$2.50. Please contact Ms. Decker as soon as possible to reserve your lunch. Remember that you must purchase your lunch with cash in advance, or have cash with you on those days. If you have questions, please call 419-5750.
- Clark and Indian River State College will be closed on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, November 25th, 26th, and 27th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. All classes will resume on Monday, November 30th. Also, as a reminder for seniors, all standard application packets for scholarships are due in Guidance on Tuesday, December 1st. We wish you a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

Club and Activity News

From NHS- Create for a Cause is an annual silent art auction hosted by Clark's National Honor Society. The art sold is donated by local students and professional artists. This year, we will be bestowing our proceeds to Catch the Wave of Hope, a local organization that fights human trafficking in our community. The funds raised by Chipotle on November 22nd from 5 to 9 will be used to organize this year's event, and any additional money will be given to Catch the Wave of Hope. For Create for a Cause to receive the funds, students and families will need to say that they are with Clark Advanced Learning Center's NHS. Additionally, between 5 and 9, food can be ordered from their app with the code K8Z2CTL for NHS to receive funds. Flyer attached.

All students are invited to join the **SGA "Social Hour"** every Friday from 12:30-1:30 pm. You can come to our knowledge room or join through Google Meet. Join yoo2fhn to keep up with what's happening.

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

Sponsored by **Interact Club**, the classroom coin wars as a Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF fundraiser raised \$72.85 with the top three classes being: (drum roll, please...) 3rd place collecting \$10.84 – Mrs. Gribble’s Block 3 Art Appreciation class; 2nd place collecting \$14.30 – Dr. Bond’s Block 3 Internship class; AND taking 1st place collecting \$24.38 -- the winners of the donuts and apple juice treat is Mr. Escandon’s Block 3 Spanish class.

Our top Interact Club member fundraising with collections from the community of over \$214 is **Brianna Gasparini!**

Congratulations, and thank you to all students, staff and faculty who participated.

All-in-all through the various means of October fundraising for UNICEF, Clark’s collective donation by way of Interact activities is **over \$736.90**... with continued opportunities this week to donate via the link in the past two Friday e-newsletters from Dr. Judd and through video watching by Interact Club and community members to earn extra coins.

For November, the local organization will be Elev8 Hope, for which the first collection takes place on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 3 and 4, by way of Change for Change during car lines and lunch times. Thanks in advance for your ongoing support via coin/cash donations and/or contributing to the food baskets. 1 service hour will be given for every 10 items donated. Make sure you put your name and number of items in the bag(s) so we can get you the credit. We will post in FOCUS, you do not need to submit. Deadline extended to 11/12. Thanks to Jasmyne Echevarria for once again leading this service project. **Items: stuffing mix, mashed potatoes, mac and cheese, cream of mushroom soup, canned green beans, cranberry sauce, turkey gravy, cornbread mix, cake mix, and icing.** Thanks for the many donations so far!

Wondering why you are suddenly getting a pop up message on your school issued laptop each day at 7:50 am? Well, sadly child abuse is increasing and it important that ALL students know that if they are being abused or know of a child being abused, it needs to be reported because help is available. As always, FortifyFL is required to be shown everywhere we possibly can because any concerns about safety at school reported through this link will be acted upon quickly at local law enforcement and state level. The Department of Children and Families Abuse Hotline 1-800-962-2873 and the FortifyFL link is <https://getfortifyfl.com/> Help is available when it is needed.

Handbook Highlight

Starting on page 22 of the handbook:

Responsibilities

1. It is the responsibility of the student and parents/guardians to exercise reasonable care
2. of school issued devices at all times.
3. Students are expected to bring the device with them to school every day, ready to use and fully charged.
4. If a student leaves Clark, the student must return the school issued device.

Please find these helpful reminders regarding care for your school issued MacBook:

Cracked screens - Your laptop screen is one of the most fragile and exposed parts of your laptop. Closing objects like pencils, cords or even earbuds inside the laptop can cause the screen to crack.

Dropping - You should assume no safe distance is acceptable for your laptop to drop, even if it's in a backpack. Tossing your backpack onto a bed or letting it drop to the ground beside you is not recommended.

Liquid Spills - The best solution is to just say no...no drinks anywhere near your computer. Liquid spills are the leading cause for MacBook damage.

Dents, Cracks, and Gouges - **Always use a case.** Below are links for snap on shells

Option 1

Option 2

Info for Parents

It's time for our **annual Poinsettia and organic herb sale** (some new options this year!). See attached flyers for ordering and more info. Thanks to parent, Katie and Guy Carroll, for coordinating and creating the flyers. Spread the word! Money raised benefits student recognition funds and activities.

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>

Save the Date to plan on attending **Parents as Partners meeting on Thursday, November 19 from 6-7 p.m.** Dr. Bonds will be our "guest" speaker with heaps of great information & activities as we celebrate National Career Development Month. We will be sharing a Collaborate link prior to that date so parents/guardians can attend from wherever they may be! As always, Mrs. Kohuth encourages your ideas for what session topics you would look forward to for our PaP meetings in 2021.

Articles of interest:

I found this info to be very important always, but even more so when we have had a year like this one with a lot of disappointment, change, adaptation, stress, unrest, and more! [Building Resilience in Children](#)

And maybe some of you can relate to this... [My Son Did High School His Way and I Had to Get Over It](#)

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