

Celebration and Appreciation

Huge shout out to **Mr. Barry Bicksler** (Math and Physics) who is the Clark 2020 Teacher of the Year! We are so grateful to have such a generous, kind, intelligent, dedicated member on our Clark team!

Some of you got ahead of the game and already adopted some of our classrooms through the Education Foundation of Martin County and we are grateful! Info for adopting is attached. Huge thanks go out to the following early class adopters:

- Mrs. Bartow (Science)- **Ecological Associates, Inc. and Dr. Kyle Bartow**
- Dr. Bonds (Career Coordinator) – **Jason Berger, Law Office of Jason D. Berger, P.A. and Ecological Associates, Inc.**
- Mr. Fears (Computer Science)- **Ecological Associates, Inc.**

Shout out to our counselor, **Ms. Jones**, who is always working hard to help students prepare for all aspects of life after high school. Thanks to her persistence, **Clark was named a Florida FAFSA Champion** for the 2019 – 2020 school year! This means that our school boosted its student completion rate of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by at least 5% by April 24th of this year compared to the 2018 – 2019 school year.

Have you or has your student done something that should be recognized? We want to hear about it! Email celebrations and appreciations (sports, service, honors, etc.) to ljudd@irsc.edu. We also LOVE when we can include photos!

Info and Announcements

We want to extend a **HUGE, warm welcome to our new, part time Math instructor, Mrs. Hardy!** Mrs. Hardy will be teaching two sections of Algebra 2 honors and Geometry honors this fall. She has many years of experience, most recently at SFHS, and has “off the charts” recommendations because of the way she helps all students master math!

Students taking courses with Clark instructors should have received a welcome letter with details necessary to have a successful start on the first day of class. These were sent to the student’s Clark and/or IRSC email accounts. Parents were CCd for *informational purposes only* as it is the STUDENT’S responsibility to monitor emails and be in active communication with teachers. Mrs. Hardy’s should be out early next week.

Community service hours are logged through FOCUS. Please complete the Community Service Hours Student Tracker under Forms to get hours on your Transcript. Community service website: <https://www.martinschools.org/Domain/4645>

The MCHS Girls Bowling team is in need of bowlers. It is a varsity team so you join, you get a varsity letter. The session is short. It ends in October and so far they only have half of the season planned. They need to have 5 girls on the team. Practices begin on Monday. No experience necessary. They teach you and the equipment is supplied unless you would like to purchase your own. Contact Cristina_delaski@clarkalc.net if you are interested and zoned for MCHS.

Remember that masks are required on all IRSC campuses, including inside Clark. Masks with exhalation valves/vents should NOT be worn as these have been determined to not be effective. More information on masks [here](#).

Orientation Info: If you were unable to attend in person or via livestream, all parents and students must watch the recorded session [here](#). We have had several changes for this year as well as reminders of key information to ensure a smooth school year for all. After participating in orientation, EVERY parent must complete the **Clark Parent and Student Acknowledgements 20-21** google form [here](#) and we would appreciate if all who attended completed our **feedback survey** as well. That is found [here](#).

Need help accessing IRSC or Clark email? Check out our website that has many links and tutorials under Crane Cornerstone addressing common issues [here](#).

Yearbook order forms and senior ad information is attached. This is bound to be a year to remember! Reach out to our co-teachers, Mr. Escandon and Mrs. Gribble, if you have any questions. jescando@irsc.edu and agribble@irsc.edu We also have a handful of 19-20 yearbooks left for \$80 cash or check. First come, first served!

Textbook and ID Card Information:

Returning students: All textbooks are now overdue. You MUST return all books before any new ones will be issued to you. If you owe a health form, you will also not be able to pick up books until that has been submitted to Mrs. Wood (you received an email this week if this was still missing).

New students: You will get your ID card either the first day you attend class or when you pick up your books. All books with Clark teachers (high school and college level) will be issued the first day of class. Any classes with IRSC instructors will need to be picked up by appointment.

All students: Fall textbook distribution dates will be by appointment only on Monday, August 17 for remote learning students only, and Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday, August 19-21st, for in-person students. Make sure to check your email for the link to schedule an appointment. You must bring your Clark ID if it's been issued and a copy of your schedule. If you have questions, please call Mrs. Decker at 419-5759.

Lunch information: Remote Learners will be able to pick up a week's worth of meals starting Tuesday, August 18th. The link below is the order form for those meals, which also must give eligible students a milk choice. <https://www.martinschools.org/Page/9711> Distribution will be at PSE, WES and JDPE on Tuesday between 3 and 4.

- Please keep in mind this is NOT the same program that we had March through August 8th. Not all children are eligible. There is strict guidance from USDA on how this is to be administered.
- Only for MCSD remote learners. [Clark students included.] A sibling who is not enrolled or goes to Brick & Mortar/In-Person classes is not eligible. Virtual School Learners are not eligible.
- This program is only Free (no cost) for Free Lunch eligible students; Reduced Lunch and Paid Students will be charged accordingly.
Apply for Free and Reduced Lunch
 - available online at the MCSD's Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) website: [here](#).

An application must be submitted EACH school year. For meal charging at Clark, add money via K12paymentcenter.com. All students must have and use Clark ID to eat lunch at Clark's café.

Essential Information for ALL arriving to Clark:

#1 – If you are sick, please do not come to school.

If well enough to attend class remotely, student is to email or call/text Clark teacher to let them know you will access class remotely; communicate with IRSC instructors for awareness.

If/when student is absent, parent or guardian must email gwood@irsc.edu from parent/guardian e-dress with a message containing:

- Student First Name and Last Name
- Date(s) of absence
- Reason for absence
- If sending a physical note into school, be sure note is signed by/full name of parent/guardian

Clark ID for Door Access begins 7:15 a.m. – no student admitted to Clark-Bulding D prior to 7:15 Monday-Friday

Tardy Scanner @ Front Desk & Main Office for checking in with Clark ID and getting printed pass for class admittance if/when late for Clark class

Arriving at Clark: Student Drop-Offs and Drivers

- Drive through "A" building parking lot between 7:15 and 8 a.m. - Temperature Scans
- Be mindful of 20 MPH speed limit
- Drop-Off students at sidewalk adjacent to Main Entrance of Clark // Student drivers must drive to back of Crane Lane THEN turn right to continue to sections 3-6 of Clark parking lot
- Enter at MAIN ENTRANCE

Arriving at Campus: Bus Riders, Bike Riders and Walkers

- NO entering through patio or west side doors
- Enter at MAIN ENTRANCE to have temperature scan

Dismissing from Clark:

- Exit WEST SIDE for bus or walking/bike riding
- Exit MAIN ENTRANCE if getting picked up or driving
- Students being picked up are to wait outside on Sidewalk with proper distancing
- Inclement Weather - KNOWLEDGE ROOM Dismissal by Announcement
- Clark ID for Door Access ends 2:30 p.m. / MAIN ENTRANCE via Intercom until 3:30 p.m.
- Be mindful of 20 MPH speed limit

Handbook Highlight

Each week, the newsletter will feature important info from the handbook. The student handbook and code of conduct is posted on our website [here](#). Stay tuned for next week's exciting featured pages and expectation!

Articles of Interest for Parents

Each week, we like to include articles and resources that parents of adolescents may find helpful. Trash or treasure... your choice! If you have specific topics you would like me to add info on, please email ljudd@irsc.edu

[Psychologists Reveal a Glimpse Into the Minds of Teenage Girls](#)

[A New Survey Links Vaping to Higher Covid-19 Risk](#)

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