

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**. These students are entered each month to win a gift card, as well as being recognized on the marquee on Salerno road, this newsletter, and morning announcements. This week, we recognized senior **Derick Hill!** Derick was nominated by Mrs. Rizzo for being so very helpful in Ms. H's room on Tuesday when Mrs. Rizzo substituted for the class, and she noted that every time she sees Derick, he is very friendly and positive, plus Derick is very helpful and kind to his classmates. Thank you, Derick, for being such a caring young man!

Thanks to the family of **Mauricio Villalba** for providing our Thursday staff breakfast!

Gratitude to the family of **Jack Ryan** for the **donation of facemasks** – everyone must wear face coverings while at Clark/IRSC, so IF you forget yours or need a fresh mask, please see your Clark instructor or stop by the Front Desk.

Clark's **Traveling Cranes for September 2020** were awarded this week to **Mr. Judd and Mr. McCrory**, on behalf of Parents as Partners. Notes of recognition & gift cards are provided to Clark team members who go above and beyond.

Mr. Judd was nominated by a student and parent for all the added support and clarification for student when she came to Clark as a junior and was guided to improvement in her history knowledge and her writing skills by Mr. Judd.

Mr. McCrory was nominated by a student and parent who recognize the immense time and expertise that he invests in making sure NEW laptops and all instructional technology is in place for this school year as learning is done differently!



Announcements and Reminders

Constitution Week is the commemoration of America's most important document. It is celebrated annually during the week of September 17-23. The aims of the Constitution Week celebration are to:

- Emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution.
- Inform people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life.
- Encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787.

Mr. Judd provided a videotaped presentation to students in recognition of Constitution Day, which was September 17.

Early Release Day, Wednesday, 9/23. Students released at 12:15 p.m. Busses will be running. IRSC classes will meet as usual all day. At Clark, Block 1, 2, and 3 are the only classes.

Virtual Assembly on Wed, 9/23 at 1 p.m. Join the live stream from the Clark website.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for this Wed, 9/23. See email from Dr. Bonds for link to schedule. Reservations required with commitment to in-person or virtual as reserved. Contact Dr. Bonds dbonds@irsc.edu with questions.

Parent Volunteer Meet-and-Greet on Friday, September 25 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. A link to join us will be sent on Monday when Ms. Judd returns to campus.

Please remember to provide **Fall Sports Schedules** to sdecker@irsc.edu and agribble@irsc.edu for school and Yearbook awareness.

IMPORTANT: Clark families have opted for **In-Person OR Remote Learning from Home** for the Fall 2020 semester. If there is ever a need for a student who attends classes in-person at Clark to remote into a class due to illness, the student is required to give the instructor prior notice via email and preferably Google Voice number call/text AND the parent is required to email Mrs. Wood gwood@irsc.edu with the reason/symptoms for this change in access for the day or the class. Reminder that when attending class remotely and for live log-ins, the **camera on your device must be ON**. Expectation for participation and presence for entire class. Tardies online as well as leaving class early will be noted in Focus.

Are you interested in robotics, engineering, business, programming? Then **SPAM Robotics** could be the activity for you! An informational meeting is being held virtually on 9/24. Flyer attached.

The IRSC Center for Financial Literacy is sponsoring a **Financial Literacy Essay competition** open to all AA, AS, and Bachelor's degree students registered for Fall 2020. This is a great opportunity for our students to reflect about the importance of financial literacy in their daily lives and how it can help them achieve their goals. (see attached)

University of Florida Admissions Presentation: A UF virtual admissions presentation is designed for high schools students wishing to learn more about UF and the admissions process. A 20-30 minute presentation will be followed by Q & A. Date & Time: 12:30pm - 01:15pm on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 Email tjones@irsc.edu for info.

Ms. Jones sent out an additional email on September 16 that highlights **many virtual college sessions** from September through November.

Another student message during Suicide Awareness Month: Everyone is affected differently no matter if it's stress, anxiety, depression, or troubling thoughts. Whatever it is, never be afraid to find help and talk to someone about it. You can talk with your friends, a family member, faculty or staff, or even our amazing School Counselor Ms. Jones (find her inside Room 210 at Clark or via GoogleVoice @ 772. 212-1804.

See Mrs. Kohuth's email requesting **shout outs for our Clark Faculty and Staff** – please nominate anyone from our Clark Team who has gone above and beyond to support you as a student or parent. Over the course of each school year, with the support and generosity of our Parent as Partners

volunteer group, we will continue to acknowledge Clark Staff, Faculty and Administration who go above and beyond and are seen by YOU, our students and parents, as **educational stars!** You may choose to reply to Mrs. Kohuth's email and/or send her your nomination at any time throughout the school year OR In the Main Office, we have a green "Vote Here" box into which your nomination or letter of recommendation can be placed as you deem appropriate. No fancy nomination letter required. A simple hand-written note or short typed statement about the WHO and the WHAT that has made a difference in your day(s).

Nominate more than one person, if you would like, yet please be specific about the action or attention of anyone at Clark that has brought value or clarification to you/your child. **We invite you to participate in sharing your thanks by shining a light on what is right and good!**

Glad for all who were able to join **Parents as Partners followed by Junior and Sophomore Information Night** on Thursday. Here is the link to the recording for those who were unable to watch in-person or remotely: <https://youtu.be/MWVbqqpk4EI>. Be sure to pick up your personal folders from the front Desk in the coming week from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Make sure to subscribe to the Clark YouTube channel. Find recorded sessions and subscribe here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVypZV4oSkBAkAZU8fmqc9A/videos>

Job Opportunity from parent of a Clark grad attached.

Save the dates:

- Senior Parent and Student Information Night- Tuesday, September 29 at 6:00 pm

Handbook highlights

Starting on page 18- "*A high standard of academic rigor applies to college classes.*" Make sure you read and truly understand that college courses come with college student responsibilities.

Articles of Interest for Parents

[Parenting Children in the Age of Screens](#)

[Effects of Divorce on Teens](#)

Respectfully,

Leslie Judd, LMHC, Ed.S.
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“One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world.” -- Malala Yousafzai