

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 **Katie Hale and Skylar Crumpler**. On Monday, Ms. Judd was taking a cart full of paperwork to her car when the very gusty wind caused several papers to go flying everywhere. Both Katie and Skylar (and their families) quickly retrieved these and then made sure Ms. Judd could get everything loaded without further incident. Their instinct to help without being asked was a much appreciated gesture of kindness!

Shout out to **Gillian Stickles** and the MCHS Girls Golf team on being County Champs! Gillian is left of that big trophy!



Thanks to the family of **Skylar Crumpler** for the recent classroom adoption of Mrs. Hardy (Geometry)!

Thanks to the family of **Donovan Byrnes** for providing our Thursday staff breakfast!

Our Clark Faculty received a well-deserved special treat prior to Parent-Teacher Conferences on Wednesday. Interact Club members made donations of items to provide a roving snack cart with cookies, granola and protein bars, waters as well as mints and flavored seltzers. THANK YOU, dear faculty for ALLLLLLLLLLL that you do supporting students! **Shout out to Interact members for their kindness!**



Announcements and Reminders

On Monday, September 28, when Martin County School District is closed, there will be no bus transportation (morning nor afternoon) and no MCSD lunch.... However, Clark will provide lunch to those who wish to purchase or who receive free or reduced lunches. A slice of pizza with fruit, vegetable or salad & drink will be \$2.50, with additional pizza slices at \$1 each. You must bring CASH to purchase. Pre-order at the Front Desk to ensure we have enough or email Mrs. Decker at sdecker@irsc.edu prior to Monday morning at 8 am.

Individualized **folders from the 10th and 11th grade info night** are available for pick up at the front desk.

Ms. Jones sent out a list of the **MANY college and University Info Sessions** they are hosting online for Clark students. This is a GREAT time to gather info directly from the colleges when they are focused solely on Clark.

Hispanic Heritage Month began Sept. 15. We are having a school wide contest to win a gift card. Submit a PowerPoint slide that celebrates the 2020 Florida theme “Celebrating Untold Stories and Contributions of Hispanic Americans in Florida” Slides will be judged on creativity, appearance, and adherence to the theme. Deadline to submit to ljudd@irsc.edu is October 11. Top 3 winners will receive a gift card. Check out the state level contests [by clicking here.](#)

At our assembly this Wednesday, we recognized our All A and All A/ B Honor Roll students from Spring 2020. See the attached Powerpoint that is also scrolling on campus to celebrate the hardworking students here at Clark! The assembly can be viewed here <https://youtu.be/hdMdZpRfJE>. We learned more about Hispanic Heritage Month, the Character Counts! program at Clark, Constitution Day, and Freedom Week. Take 20 or so minutes and check it all out!

FSA testing begins for 11th grade students on Monday, 10/5. Emails went to all students/parents who need to take this. Please note, testing begins at 7:50 each day unless your email says otherwise.

Senior Information Session is this Tuesday, September 29th, from 6:00 to 7:30pm in the Knowledge Room at Clark. Ms. Jones will be discussing degree requirements, college application information, scholarships, providing career direction/information (courtesy of Dr. Bonds), Bright Futures, community service, etc. Each student will get a personalized folder with their high school credit check/grad status as well as their current Bright Futures evaluation/standing. Please RSVP using the following link - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RBS9D57>

The PSAT will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 14. All grade 10 student can test for free. This is GREAT practice for the actual SAT and for those who have not earned a passing score on Algebra 1 EOC (due to not being offered last spring), as you can use your math score in place of the EOC. It is paper/pencil, so can only be given in person. Juniors need to take this for qualification for National Merit and this can also be used in place of PERT this semester for spring class scheduling. See email from Ms. Jones for more details on signing up.

We held a severe weather table top drill this week, so students on campus Thursday viewed the following videos about what to do in a tornado warning. Please take the less than 5 minutes to review them. [tornado warning video 1](#) (length 2:48) [tornado video 2](#) (1 min)

Club and Activity News

I noticed a couple of errors on the **original club flyer**, so please look at the newest attached to this and plan to join at least one student activity. SGA elections are coming soon, so email ahutches@irsc.edu if you have not already notified her you want to run for office.

SGA is sponsoring “Meet and Greet” next week as the first of many fun things to come. They are requesting (and will all also be participating) in making an extra effort to meet someone either in their virtual classes or here on campus. All it takes is a simple hello!

Messages from Samuel Vinci, Jessica Morales, Marie Juliano, and Emma Boyer as public service announcements of HOPE for Suicide Prevention Awareness Month:

Half of all mental health conditions start by age 14 yet most cases are undetected and go untreated. Although some mental illnesses may not be shown on the outside, that doesn't mean someone can't be hurting. Keep this in mind when you communicate with others. Some mental illness symptoms may be obvious such as thoughts of suicide or changes in energy level; however, some symptoms may be less noticeable such as changes in appetite or a new onset of guilt. To learn more about mental illness, visit teenmentalhealth.org.

Clark juniors, Jasmyne Echevarria and Elijah Santiago, will once again be leading a collection to help provide thanksgiving turkeys will all the sides for the over 1000 families served by Elev8hope. Stay tuned for more details on how to contribute and earn service hours.

Handbook Highlights

Pages 13-14 re: use of phones on campus:

The use of cell phones/electronic devices is prohibited during class, unless the instructor is using them for educational purposes, otherwise all cell phones must be turned off and placed out of sight. Any student who uses a cell phone to make or answer a call or send and read text messages or emails during class time will be subject to disciplinary action. No student has the right to disturb the teaching and learning process.

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Students are issued a Clark ID Card upon enrollment at Clark. The student ID card should be carried and available at all times. Students are required to use proper identification for Martin County school lunches and IRSC tutoring/testing. **Lost cards must be reported to the Main Office immediately in order to deactivate the door access. Students will incur a \$10 charge to replace a lost card.**

Articles of Interest for Parents

We held our annual **parent volunteer meet and greet** virtually this morning with a great turnout! Here is a link with various volunteer opportunities that you might be interested in: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054AAAAF2DA3F94-clark8>

I forgot to mention that we are selling fruit and sharing the profits with Interact Club to support their various causes. I know I will be sending all of my Northern family some delicious Indian Rover fruit this winter! Order here:

<https://www.floridaindianrivergroves.com/ecommerce/1020958>

Interim grades for Clark classes are now available in FOCUS. The [FOCUS Parent Portal](#) allows parents/guardians to view their child(ren)'s report cards, grades (middle and high school students), attendance records and score reports for statewide assessments. If you have not already registered for FOCUS account access, there's no time like the present! Instructions [here](#) or email cmccrory@irsc.edu

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