

## 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 **Jasper Mann and Sydnee Gilliam**---Both students found important missing items left behind by peers and turned them in allowing the rightful owners to get their items back quickly. Finders are not keepers here at Clark! Thanks for being caring and responsible, Jasper and Sydnee!

*Students- 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.*

Congratulations! **Joseph Arias** has been named United Way of Martin County CHARACTER COUNTS! Student of the Week. The following has been submitted to TC Palm for publication on December 9th and will be shared on United Way of Martin County's social media platforms: Joseph Arias is being recognized as United Way of Martin County CHARACTER COUNTS! student of the week. Joseph is a Junior at Clark Advanced Learning Center and is being recognized for the pillar of Trustworthiness. Joe is honest and reliable and the staff at Clark can ask him to help with anything, be it in the classroom or beyond, and he always lends a hand (with a smile). He is always on time and prepared for classes and tasks and we are honored to recognize him.

Huge thanks for the delicious staff breakfast provided this week from the family of **Brady Donahue**!

Wow! Check out the awesome news from TC palm about Clark sophomore, **Lauren Cioffi**, in her recent basketball game as a part of the JBHS team. Way to go, Lauren!



### **Cioffi's double-double life Jensen Beach to win**

Lauren Cioffi scored 20 points and grabbed 12 rebounds for Jensen Beach in a 49-30 win over Sebastian River on Tuesday

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## Announcements and Reminders

We've got some just for FUN things planned as you prepare for exam weeks ahead.... Please join us in person or remotely for these! Earn an entry for raffle prizes for every day you participate!

Monday, Dec. 7- Wear **RED** or **GREEN** or **BOTH**

Tuesday, Dec. 8- Ugly holiday sweater day! (My favorite day of the year.... Wait until you meet my crazy cat lady sweater!)

Wednesday, Dec. 9- Day at the movies.... We will be serving popcorn and you can dress in your favorite movie/ TV character attire (dress code in effect)

Thursday, Dec. 10- Clark gear or favorite team or college.

*If you are remote, send a picture in your spirit days wear to [ljudd@irsc.edu](mailto:ljudd@irsc.edu) as ALL students will earn an entry into a prize drawing for each day they participate, but since we won't see you in the halls, we need you to show us your fun from off campus! In person students, be on the lookout for yearbook to take your picture!*

Students who still need to take/ pass the **Algebra 1 EOC** are scheduled to test and your parents were sent an email from Dr. Judd. Email [ljudd@irsc.edu](mailto:ljudd@irsc.edu) or stop by the front office ASAP if there is an issue with your testing day or time.

The December **Clark exam schedule** is online [HERE](#). As we near the end of the semester, grades will become final and entered in your GPA. Do you need some extra help or a plan to pass your classes or improve your grades? Contact your teachers **TODAY** and they will help you make a plan for success. Only 10 more school days before winter break and only 2 days before college classes end. The time is now to take action in your academic success.

**Textbooks are due** when you finish your classes. If you were issued your book by a Clark teacher, return it there. All other books for college classes need to be returned in the basket at the front desk. NO books will be issued for spring if you do not return fall books.

**REMINDER: Clark closes at 4 p.m. on 12/18 for Winter Break** and remains closed through 1/3. Clark will reopen on Jan. 4 for an employee workday. Clark classes resume on 1/5 and IRSC classes resume on 1/6.

More laptop cover options now available! 2 new protective case options have been added to the Clark Home page. **Clark highly encourages all students to use a protective case** for their school issued MacBook.

Students and Parents: Join the **IRSC Digital Media Department on Friday from 5-8 PM on Zoom for the Fall Portfolio Show**. This event will showcase graduating student portfolios from the Bachelor and Associate degree programs here at IRSC. This event is normally in person only held at the Massey Campus in Fort Pierce, so it's a great opportunity to view graduating student work and see what the Digital Media programs are all about! Join the Zoom meeting using the code: 364 529 3665

**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 your time off campus.

**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.](#)

**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](mailto:Lauren@hohmartin.org)

#### **YEARBOOK NEWS!**

- Seniors – It is time to turn in your senior quotes and baby photos for the yearbook! Quotes and photos will be turned in via the Google Form linked here: <https://forms.gle/Trke71Uj2i1Lr15i8> If you have any questions, please email [yearbook@clarkalc.net](mailto:yearbook@clarkalc.net) or Mrs. Gribble or Mr. E.
- Students and Parents – There is still time to purchase the yearbook at the \$70 price. Head to [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com) to order your copy today. Don't want to order online? You can pay in person with cash or check made out to Clark. See Mr. E or Mrs. Gribble to pay in person.
- Senior Parents – Don't miss out on your chance to purchase senior ads. You can purchase ads online at [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com) – there are plenty of size options to choose from! The final day to order senior ads will be 1/29/2021, so don't delay! Email Mrs. Gribble or Mr. E with questions.
- Own a business? Know someone that does? If you or a business owner you know would like to support the Clark yearbook, business ads are available for purchase. Don't need an ad? Sponsorships are available as well. Contact Mrs. Gribble or Mr. E for details on how to purchase.

**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!

#### **Calendar reminders:**

- School wide assembly (in person and virtual) will be held Thursday, December 10 at 9:30 am. We would love to have students attend in person and EVERYONE attend online!

#### **Club and Activity News**

**Interact Club-** Congratulations to our newest officers elected at this week's club meeting:

**President Joseph Arias** alongside current President **Nick Lynch**

**President-Elect (Vice President) Abe Zbib**

**Treasurer Zoe Williams** alongside current Treasurer **Abe Zbib**

**Secretary Elizabeth Michels** alongside current Secretary **Anja Simmons**

Huge thanks to all who contributed spare change and bills to Change for Change this week sponsored by Clark's Interact Club. With the large contribution from members of the Rotary Club of Stuart-Sunrise as well as student and parent donations, **Clark's Interact Club fundraiser supporting Clark's National Honor Society TOY DRIVE raised \$225.40** - not including the 50 cent EURO coin!

New members always welcomed! Join our weekly Interact Club meetings on Mondays from 12:30 to 12:50 in The Dome or contact Nick Lynch [nicholas\\_lynch@clarkalc.net](mailto:nicholas_lynch@clarkalc.net) for remote access. Come be part of a Rotary-sponsored service club that helps others at school, in the community and globally!

**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](http://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 of this Monday!).

**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](mailto:Samuel_vinci@clarkalc.net) Stop by the office Monday to buy some ice cream for \$1 or \$2 until they run out.

## **Handbook Highlight**

Locations other than classrooms are considered Clark and IRSC common areas (Career Café, Knowledge Room, Patio, Restrooms, Main Office, Bookstore, Morgade Library, Café, hallways, etc.) Students using these common areas are expected to maintain an academic atmosphere as defined by a low volume level for all conversations and/or noise.

- Headphones/ear buds must be used by any student playing audio within the common areas. **For safety reasons, only 1 earbud may be used.**
- Musical instruments or other sound-producing items are not allowed while classes are in session.
- All cards and games, including video games, must be school appropriate. Games played in the common areas must not be a distraction to others.

## **Info for Parents**

Huge thanks to all who purchased herbs and poinsettias! We apologize that the strawberry plants didn't work out this year and that the tomatoes needed a little more growing time. We expect the tomatoes and any replacement orders for strawberries to be in late next week. The grower always sends us great plants, so they will be worth the wait! If you happen to be missing anything from your order or haven't chosen a replacement for your strawberry plant, please email our awesome parent volunteer, Katie, at [katie208@me.com](mailto:katie208@me.com)

Thanks in advance to the many families who have been able to send in money to help sponsor gift cards and a holiday send off for our staff. There is still time to contribute if you would like to and are able. We know this is a tough time for many, so there is no pressure at all, but every bit is appreciated.

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**

<https://centerforparentingeducation.org/library-of-articles/riding-the-waves-of-the-teen-years/>

<https://parents.au.reachout.com/common-concerns/everyday-issues/family-conflict-and-teenagers>

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