

From the Desk of Our Clark Principal

On behalf of the Clark Advanced Learning Center's faculty and staff, welcome to the Spring Semester of our 2019-20 School Year, which began Tuesday, January 7, for our students.

We are already off and running as we support our seniors towards their high school finish line crossing the stage on May 23, 2020. Seniors balance their classes with their essential planning for life beyond high school. Our underclassmen have similar balances to uphold as they determine what opportunities loom ahead for these Clark Graduating Classes of 2021 and 2022. We continue partnering to equip and empower our students for successes both in and out of school! Stay tuned for information later this Spring for our *Adulting 101* seminar sessions for providing essential life skills and guidance regarding budgeting, household and automotive basics, quick math for tips, taxes and sales, Internet research for services and for REAL news, business etiquette, and so much more!

Our school is uniting with Students4H2O to make a difference in the lives of those in South Sudan in desperate need of clean drinking water from wells. Volunteerism & global thinking remain at the helm for many of our students who are part of Clark's UNICEF and Interact Clubs with school wide support of Students4H2O's *A Long Walk to Water* fundraising contest. The contest between schools throughout Martin County will have one top prize: a school visit by Mr. Salva Dut, one of the Lost Boys of Sudan, who is now an adult leader bringing hope and clean water to his country of origin. Additionally, there are second and third prizes — a video chat call with Linda Sue Park (author of *A Long Walk To Water* and the elementary school version *Nya's Long Walk*) or 75 copies of *A Long Walk To Water*. We also remain on the lookout for the details and timeline from our Clark student and Students4H2O Board Member Emily Osborn regarding an Art contest leading up to Salva Dut's presentation at the Lyric Theatre on March 25th at 7 p.m. — and perhaps his visit to Clark Advanced Learning Center if (when!) we are the TOP fundraiser for this contest. We have collected close to \$300 thus far and look to encourage school wide giving and awareness at Clark's *A Long Walk to Water* FUNdraiser Festival on Friday, January 17 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. All Clark students are invited to join in relays, games, and movies by way of a \$5 donation for purchase of the activities wristband plus available snacks.

Let's make 2020 an especially spectacular and productive year!

With Best Regards,

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Students and Parents: Check e-mail weekly from Ms. Judd for Friday updates from Clark.

Also, check out all the other valuable information at www.clarkadvancedlearningcenter.org

Students: Please make a habit of **checking your Clark email and IRSC-Rivermail** regularly.

These accounts are the main forms of electronic communication for Clark students and IRSC/Clark employees .

Counselor Corner

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Seniors: Monitor your college applications for all materials being submitted.

Seniors and Parents of Seniors: Complete your FAFSA for financial aid. Keep applying for scholarships.

Juniors: Register for the January and/or March SAT if you have completed the math courses covered on the SAT. If not, plan to test in May or June. The ACT will be administered in February, April, and June, so taking the ACT is another option. Prepare for the SAT or ACT by signing up for a test prep course being taught in the 3rd or 4th nine weeks at Clark (email Ms. Jones if interested). You can also check out test prep books from Ms. Jones, or take free SAT/ACT practice tests on sites such as Khan Academy or <https://www.march2success.com/>.

Sophomores: It is never too early to start researching colleges and universities. Visit the racks outside of guidance to browse through literature and guidebooks or surf the web and check out college and university home pages. VOLUNTEER! It's a great way to identify your interests and to develop skills. Colleges and scholarship committees as well love seeing your involvement throughout the years! Submit hours to Mrs. Wood.

Grade Book in FOCUS:

FOCUS Parent Portal registration link is:

<https://martin.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/auth/>

The initial registration for access to FOCUS requires parent's name and email address as well as the last 4 digits of your student's SSN, student's school ID number and birthday as defined in our student information system.

To access your student's high school grades and attendance, parents/guardians may click on the FOCUS link on our website at <http://www.Clarkadvancedlearningcenter.org>.

If you experience difficulty or have any questions about this service, please contact Mr. McCrory at 772.419-5767.

Note: Ongoing IRSC class grades are posted in Blackboard. FINAL grades for IRSC coursework are accessed from Workday.

Career Coordinator Corner

Spring Interns: Dr. Bonds is working on Internship placements for the spring. Many of you still need to submit a resume to her. Please send your resume immediately if you have not already.

Career Development Month Update: "My Inspiring Future Career" was the theme for Career Development Month in November 2019. Students had opportunities to explore career options in a variety of ways. Students participated in IRSC's Great Explorations program and the ASVAB Career Exploration Program to explore career interests and skills. A Healthcare Careers Panel was held and professionals from Engineering, Architecture, Law, and Art visited classrooms to talk about careers related to the class subjects. The annual Poetry & Art Contest was also held and some beautiful posters were submitted. Sadie Mann, a current sophomore, won first place and Juniors, Marissa Tomas and Rianna Lepak won second and third place, respectively.

As always, feel free to contact Dr. Denisha Bonds to discuss your career plans at any time. You can reach her via email at dbonds@irsc.edu or phone at **(772) 419-5768**.



Dates to Remember:



January 16—Thursday..... Parents As Partners, 6 p.m. at Clark
 January 17—Friday*A Long Walk to Water* FUNdraising Festival 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 Clark & IRSC classes TODAY but NO BUSES
 January 20—Monday.....Martin Luther King Day HOLIDAY Clark/IRSC Closed
 January 29—Wednesday.....Early Dismissal @ 12:15 / Parent-Teacher Conferences
 February 17—Mon.....Clark & IRSC classes TODAY but NO BUSES
 February 20—Thursday..... Parents As Partners, 6 p.m. at Clark
 February 26—Wednesday.....Early Dismissal @ 12:15
 February 28—Friday.....Professional Enhancement Day-NO Clark/IRSC classes
 March 13—FridayMiddle of Spring Semester/End of 3rd Nine Weeks

March 16-20.....Spring Break

April 10—FridayClark & IRSC classes TODAY but NO BUSES
 April 16 —Thursday.....Parents As Partners, 6 p.m. at Clark
 April 18—SaturdayProm @ The Kane Center
 April 30—ThursdaySpring Commencement—Associate in Arts Degrees
 May 6—Wednesday.....Early Dismissal @ 12:15
 May 21—Thursday.....End of Spring Semester/LAST DAY of School for Students
 May 22—Friday.....Graduation rehearsal from 3:30 to 5:30 @ JBHS
Senior Report Cards Distributed
 May 23—Saturday.....Graduation Day for Class of 2020!

Week of June 1-4, 2020.....FINAL REPORT CARDS Mailed