

Gratitude and Celebration

Congrats to the Clark Caring student of the week, **Jasper Mann**. Jasper found and turned in some money to the office showing honesty and integrity. Then later in the week, he stayed after lunch to help fix all the displaced chairs in the café area. We appreciate these small acts that make a big difference!

Another shout out from a teacher who writes the following: I just asked a group of boys if some trash left on the chairs by the West doors was theirs. They replied no, but went and cleaned it up anyways. The boys are **Mason Johnson, Zakk Bosma, Connor Stewart, and Jagger Sturdivant**. Thanks for stepping up!

The MCHS Girls Golf Team defeated Port St Lucie and Okeechobee this week with the help of two Clark students, **Samantha Shann-46** and **Gillian Stickles-47**. Great job!

Thanks to local attorney, **Jason Berger**, for speaking to our students about our US Constitution and the important role it plays in our lives. We appreciate his time and expertise as we prepare for Constitution Week beginning 9/17. Check out this brief video with more info about Constitution Week from our local Supervisor of Elections. [Click here](#)



Thank you for spoiling us, **Verril (and grad Vianca) Martinez**, with the box of delicious baked goods from Impartico's Bakery! What a way to start off our week!!!

Thanks to the family of **Katie Richert** for a wonderful staff breakfast this week!

Thanks to our donors for **fund a projects**. All have been fully funded except one. It is only \$350 away from full funding! Could you spare a few dollars to help our art students? [Donate here](#)

We celebrated MANY Clark students who earned all A and A and B **Honor Roll certificates** this week. We also recognized those who earned a level 5 on any state testing last Spring. If you missed the assembly, your certificate is at the front desk.



Reminders and New Info

Info Night for 10th and 11th grade students and parents is this Tuesday night at 6:00 pm in the Knowledge Room. Dr. Bonds and Ms. Jones will be sharing a lot of important information to help your succeed in high school and reach your college and career goals. Parents and students should attend. Each student will receive a folder with personalized information, so if you cannot attend, plan to pick your folder up later in the week.

Our first **blood drive** will be held from 9-2 on 9/24. If you are 16, you need parent permission to donate. Forms are available in the front office. Make an appointment online [here](#) and enter the code 9560 . Help spread the word as the public is welcome and the more donors, the more lives are saved and the more money is raised for Clark scholarships.

Three Clark seniors, **Mackenzie Abbott, Dillon Hansen, and Gabby Galland** started a non-profit last year called Stand2Help. They are currently collecting paper goods (paper towels, tissues, toilet paper, and diapers). All donations are going to the Mary's Shelter of The Treasure Coast. Mary's Shelter assists local homeless mothers during their pregnancies and early motherhood. Each student who donates will receive 1 volunteer hour per pack of paper goods. All donations are greatly appreciated, thank you! Please contact abbottmj@mail.irsc.edu for further questions regarding volunteer hours. 1 Diaper pack = 1 hour; 1 Toilet paper pack (6) = 1 hour; 1 Paper towel pack (3) = 1 hour; 3 Tissue boxes = 1 hour. Collection boxes are located by the front and west doors at Clark. Make sure your name is on the bags/items so you get your service hours. Ms. Judd will email the hours to you and Mrs. Wood to be entered into FOCUS.

A great big welcome to Mr. Fernando Dominguez who has joined the Clark/Chastain facilities team! He begins his work day with us around 1 pm and is here all day on Fridays. Make sure to introduce yourself when you see him around!

Mr. Plaisimon, our Student Success Specialist, is here and ready to help students who need to chat, need some extra help getting organized, need a quiet place to work on school work, etc. You can find him in room 210 typically on these days and times: 8:15am-3:45pm on Tuesday & Wednesday and 9:15am-3:45pm on Thursday. Stop by or email him at jplaisim@irsc.edu to see how he can help!

Learn more about your **career options by attending Great Explorations** on November 1st! This hands-on career exploration event for high school students is held on the IRSC Main Campus. You will participate in a variety of activities to help you make decisions about college majors and careers. With more than 50 interactive presentations to choose from, this is a can't-miss event! Registration is required by September 27th – see Dr. Bonds as soon as possible.

Check out the attached flyers for the **IRSC Career Workshop** coming up next week, September 18, and on September 26th they will host the **Martin County Career Fair**.

Local coupon books are being sold by the Clark UNICEF Club, Rotary Interact Club, and Debate Team to raise funds for each organization. Books can be purchased by sending a check made payable to Clark or cash to the attention of L. Judd. To purchase with a credit card and ensure Clark gets credit, purchasers should visit SAPayNow.com and use the group name Clark and group number 186211. If you would like to designate your purchase to one of the 3 students groups specifically, please either write it on the memo line if a check or email ljudd@irsc.edu. Out of town books are also available upon request.

School Picture Retake day is Monday, October 21. If you missed it this week, make sure you come for your yearbook photo then!

Clubs to check out next week: Monday- Interact (lunchtime), NHS after school (members only); Tuesday after school- Art Club, UNICEF; Wednesday lunchtime- First Priority, Investment Club; Thursday after school Writing and Performance Club, Science NHS (invites sent by email)

FSA Writing is Wednesday. You received an email if you are in 11th grade and required to take this test.

Celebrate Freedom Week is a statewide celebration from 9/23-9/27. Statute requires “public school principals and teachers conduct an oral recitation by students of the following words of the Declaration of Independence: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.” If you do not want your student to participate in this, you must submit a notice in writing to dkohuth@irsc.edu before 9/20.

In our efforts to maintain SAFETY for our students during drop-off and pick-up, please review the directions and visuals provided & discussed at orientation.

Drop-Off – pull as far forward to the cones for students to enter the west side doors of the building, and then stay straight to pull around the parking lot – “make the loop”.

Pick-Up – pull as far forward to the cones – which are set before the west side in the afternoon – for students to access car from sidewalk only, then carefully turn left to exit through back portion of parking lot

Please use caution and slow speed - 20 miles per hour or less - on Crane Lane and in our parking lots.

Parking:

Students - access parking via thoroughfare closest to the building (use student lots across from Knowledge Room to beyond west side doors) and exit out the back of each lot --- there is **no two-way traffic in front** of our building during the high school day (7 am to 3:20 pm)

Parents/Visitors – please park in the first lot to easily access the Main Entrance for sign-in

Clark Traffic Pattern

Procedure for Drop-Off and Pick-Up at Clark: Make the Loop

Morning Drop Off: Please proceed down Crane Lane and make the 2nd right to drop off your student(s) at the front sidewalk back near the West Entrance. After student(s) safely exits your car, proceed to end of sidewalk and then to the left to loop around the parking lot and exit out Crane Lane.



Handbook Highlight of the Week

Common Areas- page 14. 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 and can only be played on the patio.

Also a reminder that food and drinks are NOT allowed in the Knowledge Room or classrooms.

Articles of Interest for Parents/Guardians

The Parent-Teacher Conferences appointment link was sent this week. Please note, these times are reserved for parents who have a student struggling in the course and need to speak to the teacher in order to help the student improve. If your student is doing well and you'd just like to meet the teacher (and didn't the night of orientation), please email the teacher directly to request another time to come and say hello. We have very limited spaces available on conference day. [Sign up here](#)

[Phone use linked to teen anxiety?](#)

[The Power of Parental Listening to Their Adolescent](#)

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