



Clark news for the week ending January 10, 2020
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Celebration and Appreciation

Many thanks to the family of **Marley Berounsky** for the delicious staff breakfast this week!

Thanks to **Ecological Associates, Inc.** for your generous **classroom adoption** of Mr. Fears' classes through the Education Foundation of Martin County!

Congratulations to the 10 amazing seniors who are nominees from Clark for the **Joe Kordick Youth Character Awards**. These students have the opportunity to earn \$1000 simply because they have consistently demonstrated the 6 pillars of Character Counts! **Abbie Nauss, Daniel Patterson, Dillon Hansen, Gregory de Laski, Kayla Keating, Mackenzie Abbott, Mackenzie Armstrong, Miguel Paes, Tyauna Lewis, and Zakkary Bosma**

Huge thank you to the following **LIFESAVERS** from Clark who took time to donate blood. Our next drive will be January 30, so if you are over 16, plan to join this group of people who want to save lives. **Angela Wang, Ashlee Farias, Cindy Barillas-Farias, Emily Campbell, Katelyn Herter, Kyle Timms, Sierra Hendricks and mom, Patti, and Mrs. Bartow and Ms. Judd.**

Shout out to **Nicole Reyes-Madrid and Hailey Leonardo** who spent some time before break helping younger students with First Baptist to wrap gifts at Elev8hope. Giving back is always a good choice!

Another shout out to **Brock Olsen, Faith Olsen, and Emily Damm** who were invited to provide some festive music and showcase their talents at the December Stuart Sunrise Rotary meeting.

Announcements and Reminders

The last day to pick up Spring books and access codes is this Monday from 10:00-1:00. Even if your class is not starting until later this month, you need to come and get your materials. Any items on backorder will hopefully be in Monday, but you will receive an email when they arrive.

Report cards are now available in FOCUS. Please log in and review these carefully to make sure all of your courses and grades are accurate. Contact Ms. Jones with concerns.

School Years and Clark newsletter attached. Both have lots of valuable information, so be sure to read them through!

IRSC Creative Writing contest deadline 2/17. See two attachments for details.

If you are a student leader interested in a paid summer Internship with a local non-profit organization, then you need to apply for the **Bank of America Student Leader Program**. The program is for current juniors and seniors interested in leadership and community involvement and includes participation in a week-long Student Leadership Summit in Washington, DC. Applications are due by January 31st, so see Dr. Bonds for details as soon as possible!

Students who took the ASVAB: If you did not attend the interpretation session today, see Dr. Bonds to pick up your scores.

Next Friday, January 17 will be the first ever Clark FUNdraising festival from 11-1:30. A detailed email was sent by Ms. Judd on 1/9 with cost, events, the cause we are supporting, and more! Buy your tickets early!

ArtsFest is in need of volunteers. More info [here](#)

Last call for input into the **2021 Study Abroad trip**. While our Spring Break may begin as early as March 13* allowing for the departure to be on or around March 12, we have just tentative pricing based on departures and travel for the 7 to 8 day tours in March 2021. The three proposals for March 2021 Study Abroad programs are:

- Belize (7 days, ca. \$3,400)
- Costa Rica (8 days, ca. \$2,900)
- Paris, France (8 days, ca. \$3,700)

Survey link [here](#) and flyers attached. Please respond before January 15.

Black History Month Contests

The FL Dept. of Education is holding the annual grades 4-12 Essay contest Details here: <http://www.floridablackhistory.com/student-contests.html> The essay theme for students in grades 4-12 this year is “Celebrating Untold Stories and Contributions of African Americans in Florida.” All entries must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, January 21, 2020. Some helpful hints: The essay needs to be cited using <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/> on a separate page than the essay. The essay needs

to have varying points of view. The winning essays generally have no mistakes, follow the guidelines and have interesting topics and points of view.

Clark will also be holding our own contest to win a gift card. The Clark contest will use the same theme. Submit a powerpoint slide or other pdf document to Ms. Judd that creatively shares about the theme. You can choose a particular person or group or just help others better understand the theme in general. Winners will be selected on adherence to the theme as well as visually pleasing. Entries are due to ljudd@irsc.edu by February 14 at 2:00 pm.

Seniors

Grad Bash payments are due. Many of you still owe payments and risk losing your spot if you do not make a payment or a plan with Ms. Judd.

IRSC scholarship deadline is January 31. EVERY senior should apply regardless of future plans. In addition to millions of dollars available for IRSC programs, there are many for students transferring to Universities in and out of state. Don't miss out on FREE money by completing one pretty easy application!

Info for Parents:

Parents Only: Please join the Parents as Partners forum on Thursday, January 16 from 6 to 7 p.m. in our Knowledge Room at Clark. Guest speakers this month will be Dr. Agnieszka Marshall and Mrs. Courtney Kalinowski of Tykes and Teens. They will provide an overview of the services and support available to our community and specifically for our Clark students by Tykes and Teens. Dr. Marshall will provide valuable suicide prevention insights and awareness as well as showcase an upcoming event called "hidden in plain sight" -- letting parents know how/where teens might hide drugs & alcohol, what to do if you find drugs and/or alcohol, the telltale signs and symptoms of usage. As always, there will be time for an open forum of questions-and-answers and input for our partnering to make Clark the best school for your son/daughter(s).

Article of potential interest: [Pick Your Battles with Your Teen, Here Are Ones NOT to Pick](#)

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