

## Celebration and Appreciation

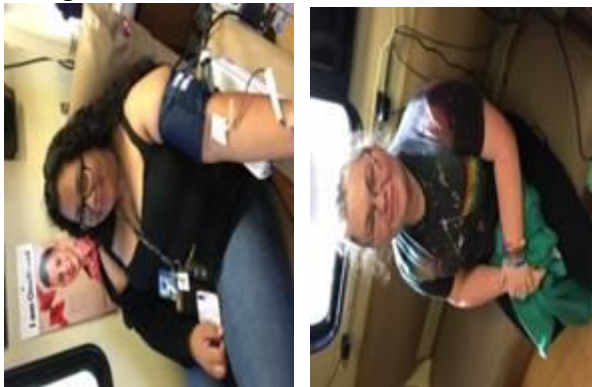
Thanks for the delicious staff breakfast this week from the family of **Lauren Wadsworth!**

Congrats to the Fall Phi Theta Kappa college honor society inductees from Clark! **Juliana Chavez, Christopher Wood, and Audrey Anderson** (picture below with Chastain Provost Ms. Gaskin). Not pictured: **Tatum Kvpil, Ramses Morantes, Laura Roberts, Olivia Salem, Logan Woodcock, Carson Zophres.**



Thank you to our **student government** representatives and sponsors, **Mrs. Mercado and Ms. Hutcheson**, for an out of this world, fun winter dance last Friday night!

Thanks to those who came out to donate blood on Wednesday! **Cindy Barillas- Farias** was just finishing up and **Emily Campbell** was awaiting her turn to save lives. Yay for Mrs. Bartow for being a first time donor!



Congrats the following debate team members who won awards at a tournament over the weekend: **Nick Lynch, Mason Johnson, Joe Arias, and Mya Desimone.** Way to go!



## News and Updates

**Monday and Tuesday, November 25th and 26th**, Clark and IRSC will be holding classes as usual, but due to the MCSD schedule, there will be **no bus or lunch service** on those days. Bus riders will need to provide their own transportation to and from school. We will be serving lunch for \$2.50. Please contact Mrs. Decker [sdecker@irsc.edu](mailto:sdecker@irsc.edu) as soon as possible to reserve your lunch. Remember that you must purchase your lunch with cash in advance, or have cash with you on those days. If you have questions, please call 419-5750.

**Attention seniors-** Ms. Jones sent an important email with an application for over 40 scholarships. Do not delay. The December 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline is coming quickly. Grad Bash money also coming due if you are on the payment plan.

**Exams are coming soon!** Calendar is on our website and attached.

The Clark **National Honor Society** has been busy supporting their community. They collected toys for some local children in foster care as well as doing a great job putting together a tree for Tykes and Teens. Clark NHS is one of less than a half dozen organizations to have participated in this event every year it has existed. This year's tree has a value of \$1000, maybe a little more. Extra special thanks to **Gina Saxton** who led the Tree Committee and **TC Cyclewerks** for the generous bike donation! In need of a bike, visit them and tell them you came because they support schools and mental health initiatives! <https://www.tccyclewerks.com/>



Also helping out with the Tykes and Teens Festival of Trees were more Clark students, **Sienna Pollis and Aiden Miller**. This is Sienna's 5th year creating a piece for the Festival and volunteering for the children's event.



Mrs. Kohuth and Ms. Judd had the honor of watching our student, **Rebecca O'Neill**, in a very **important, student driven musical this week called Speak Life**. The show is an original musical featuring modern, hip hop and Broadway style dance, live singers, actors and interactive video segments. It is a musical that addresses key issues including: bullying, cyber bullying, teen violence, teen suicide, peer pressure, poor self-image, the struggle to "fit in", high expectations by adults and peers and the silent suffering of the forgotten. All Access trained communicators to connect with the audience through their unique stories of bullying. This connection allows each audience member to receive the challenge to "speak life," in a personal way. They are then encouraged to look inward and realize they have the power to make a difference in their schools and communities. It's not just words. At the end of the show the students will participate in a Q&A with the actors from the show. **The public is invited to see this powerful play on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at MCHS or Wednesday, December 4 at Christ Fellowship**. Both performances begin at 7 pm. **Want a Preview?** Click [here](#) to watch the trailer.

### **Handbook Highlights/ Reminders**

I'm not sure if we can blame the chilly temps or the holidays nearing, but it seems students are having a tough time arriving on time for classes recently. Students receive detentions for a certain threshold of tardies within a one or two week span. If detention does not help to change the behavior, more significant consequences will be issued. Traffic is heavier for winter, so adjust those driving times accordingly!

*From page 10 of our handbook: Tardiness is defined as an arrival to class after the designated start time. Students arriving late to a Clark class for any reason must report to the Student Services office in the Knowledge Room for a late pass. Tardies will be identified as excused/unexcused in FOCUS according to the same guidelines as absences. Progressive interventions may be initiated by the school administration and/or the Intervention Planning Team.*

### **Articles of Interest for Parents**

[Volunteering Is the Best Kept Secret for Mental Health](#)

## [9 Things All Parents Should Know About Teens and Suicide](#)

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