

Appreciation and Celebration

Thanks to the family of **Abby Enriquez** for the yummy staff breakfast this week.

Shout out to the Clark caring student of the week, **Anja Simmons**! A parent volunteer commended her of offering to assist with textbooks. The parent stated, "She saw that my sorting piles were full, and volunteered to take all the books back to the book room. So helpful and sweet."

Thanks to all who have sent in contributions for staff holiday gifts. You can still bring in a donation to Ms. Judd or Mrs. Bartnick (volunteer coordinator on M/W at front desk).

Thanks to our wonderful **National Honor Society** for donating some of their money raised recently to the families our staff has chosen to adopt this holiday season. Instead of giving gifts to each other, our staff gives to local families in need and with the contribution from NHS, we were able to spread even more cheer!

Tis the season of sweets and treats and the **Salguero family** got that started this week by bringing us a delicious coffee cake and bags of coffee to last into the New Year!

Character Counts! And this month, we got to celebrate and recognize **Jasper Mann** as the recipient representing the pillar of respect. He got many cheers as peers and staff nominated him for always being respectful and kind in interactions with all.



Congratulations to the winners of the Career Development Monty Poetry & Art Contest. This year's theme was, "My Inspiring Future Career." **Rianna Lepak** won 3rd place. **Marissa Tomas** won 2nd place. And, **Sadie Mann** (pictured below) won 1st place! **Chris Wood** received an honorable mention for his poster about Mathematics featuring Mr. Bicksler! Thank you to all who submitted posters.



HUGE shout out to **Kathryn Bakinowski** who wanted to find a way that she and her friends could help the Bahamas recovery but that was manageable for cash strapped high school and college students. She decided to sell the stickers shown below for a few bucks each in places where she thought there might

be an interest. She went to the Sign Store and More and asked them to make/donate the stickers and used one of her paintings that friends said they liked as the image. She engaged businesses like Ohana Surf Shop, Surf Central Surf Shop, and City Beets to help by displaying and selling them for her at their registers. She had friends sell them down at FAU and display at the Ft. Lauderdale Boat show. All in all, she raised over \$2500 that all went directly to the 25 United Bahamas recovery fund through Community Foundation for Martin and St Lucie County. Amazing the power of youth! Make sure to support these local businesses, too!



Thanks to **Bailee Moselle** for dropping off our huge bags of bags to be recycled at Publix and a bag of bottle caps to “Jar” where they are being collected to make buddy benches.

Announcements

A few handmade holiday cards remain and can still be purchased up until next Thursday. Bring money to Mrs. Gribble in room 146 to choose yours!

Clark’s Interact Club collected around \$50 so far and many items for LAHIA – Love and Hope In Action to help feed, clothe, and support the homeless in our Martin County community. **Feel free to still drop off items and/or money on Monday!** Max of 5 service hours able to be earned. Bring your donation and service hours sheet into the front office for credit.

Socks/Undergarments (boxers)- 1 hour per pack
Batteries AA, AAA, D- 1 hour per pack (pack of 4 or more)
Bug repellent- 1 hour per can
Disposable razors- 1 hour per package
Feminine products- 1 hour per package
Men Jeans, Shorts, Shoes- 1 hour each
Canned Goods (poptops) 1 hour for 5 cans
Breakfast bars 1 hour for 5 packages
Snacks individually packaged 1 hour for 5 packages
Toothbrush/ Toothpaste- 1 hour for 5
Lanterns/flashlights 3 hours each
Tarps- 5 hours per tarp
Coupon books make great gifts!

Dual enrollment textbooks are now past due. Return these to the front desk immediately. Spring textbook distribution will be Tuesday, January 7th through Monday, January 14th. Check your Clark email for times the room will be open each day as this is the **ONLY** time you can get your books.

Students who have outstanding fall textbooks will not receive spring textbooks until all obligations have been met. You must have your ID and your schedule with you in order to check out books in January.

Attendance for the rest of the semester: High school classes have required attendance until Thursday, December 19. Any absences from high school classes between now and 12/19 require a parent note to gwood@irsc.edu or call 772-419-5754.

Front desk volunteers needed for spring. See or email Mrs. Decker sdecker@irsc.edu

Girl Scout cookies are being sold by 3 of our amazing students. Want to order? Email any of the following students. They will have some on hand (while supplies last) in January, also. Sarah Bell sarah_bell@clarkalc.net, Juliana Sequeira Juliana_sequeira@clarkalc.net, and Marissa Salguero marissa_salguero@clarkalc.net

Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) sends out a newsletter with vital information for students. Attached is the **E-news for students**.

For Spring 2021, Clark will once again offer an exciting and valuable opportunity for Study Abroad with travel during our Spring Break! 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.

----- *fingers crossed that our IRSC break aligns with that of the Martin County School District Spring Break approved as March 13-21, 2021; we will provide our Clark families the approved IRSC/Clark 2020-2021 Academic Year calendar once approved! -----

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)

Please review the 3 three-page brochures attached for each of the travel-and-learning itineraries and then complete the short survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9ZNRQMM> to provide level of interest for each possible Study Abroad itinerary along with your potential level of commitment. You will notice on brochures that "Matthew L." has been a busy traveler!!!! --- while this quote may be a bit canned, many of us at Clark can assure you that ACIS is a very reputable and attentive company from planning to registration through departure to landing back stateside! March 2021 will be the fifth Study Abroad trip for Clark, all of which conducted with ACIS. Due to our small school population, **we will need to choose one** Study Abroad program to be the trip for March 2021. Your input is very valuable to us in making this decision. If at all interested in this opportunity, **kindly respond to this survey by January 15, 2020**. If you have any questions or need for clarification, please contact Mrs. Kohuth, Principal, via dkohuth@irsc.edu or 772.419-5751.

Articles of Interest for Parents

Please see High School Years newsletter attached for some easy reading of tips and tidbits to support our young people with their reading just to have fun and enjoy, encouraging leadership and participation, budgeting and saving, using respectful language, and more.

And while we will not have any “Snow Day” here in our Florida paradise - nor any more hurricanes this school year, thankfully - students can be encouraged to plan their FREE time during every school day and to also know where the emergency equipment in your home is just in case of any random power outage!

Articles:

[Understanding the Teen Brain](#)

[Helping Adolescents Develop More Mature Ways of Thinking](#)

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