

Celebration and Appreciation

Each week, we celebrate and recognize a student who has shown random acts of kindness and character as our Clark Caring Student of the Week. This week, we are recognizing **Emily Beagle**. A staff member nominated Emily for being kind, not just to people, but to animals. She rescued a creature that made its way into our building and released it back into the wild. Thanks for being kind to all living beings, Emily! The world could use more of that!

Students- Make sure to email Dr. Judd or drop a slip in the front office when you see others doing random acts of kindness and character.

We also want to send a huge thank you to the family of **Adrian Arteta** for providing the weekly staff breakfast yesterday. YUM!

Speaking of food.... Thanks also to the family of **Caroline Riggs** for the delicious fruit and cookie tray for our staff meeting this week!

Congrats to **Ms. Jones and Dr. Judd** who were the recipients of the Crane award this month based on nominations from parents. Ms. Jones received a nomination on behalf of the whole family. The parent shared, "for all her hard work: answering questions or email extremely fast, juggling schedules in unorthodox times and figuring out how to do it, and for caring about the well-being of all her students like they were her own. This is not new behavior for Ms. Jones she has been this way for years!"

Dr. Judd received a nomination from a parent who was very appreciative of her "going above and beyond" to arrange for notes when a student was out with a dental issue. Another parent shared, "Whether it be assistance with trips abroad, selecting/scheduling courses, letters of recommendation or college applications, Dr. Judd has always gone above and beyond in assisting the parents and students alike (all while working diligently to earn her Ph.D.)"



Announcements and Reminders

NEVER be afraid to ask for help!!!! There have been many things coming to our attention as staff this semester that could be easily resolved by reaching out and asking a question. We work hard to have students self-advocate, but we need all of our parents and students to know that every employee is here to help and you should never be afraid to talk to or email any of us. Yep, we are all juggling a whole lot, but your questions are very important to us. If you happen to not get a response within 2 business days or something is time sensitive, please follow up. We are here to equip and empower all students for success.... As long as we know what you need. All of our contact info can be located on our website here: <http://www.clarkadvancedlearningcenter.org/p/76/admin-faculty-staff#.YAsgAChKiUk>

Our next assembly is being held this Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 8:45 am. Please use the link for live events on our home page and join us! We will be celebrating our pillar of responsibility winner, choosing a

random act of caring winner, presenting fall honor roll students, as well as other important announcements about upcoming student activities. Don't forget, that is also an early release day as well as conferences.

Yearbook News

- Students and Parents – **Time is running out to purchase your yearbook.** Pre-ordering is the only way to guarantee your copy. Head to <http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A01087927> to order today. Price is \$75 and the deadline to pre-order is 1/29/2021.
- Senior Parents – Only 2 more weeks to purchase senior ads! You can purchase ads online at <http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A01087927> – there are plenty of size options to choose from! The final day to order senior ads will be 1/29/2021, so don't delay! Email Mrs. Gribble or Mr. E with questions.
- Own a business? Know someone that does? If you or a business owner you know would like to support the Clark yearbook, business ads are available for purchase. Don't need an ad? Sponsorships are available as well. Contact Mrs. Gribble or Mr. E for details on how to purchase.

Bank of America Student Leader Program- 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 29th*, so see Dr. Bonds for details as soon as possible! dbonds@irsc.edu

1 XL heather blue Clark tee still available. \$15. Email ljudd@irsc.edu if you want it- first come, first served!

Info Sessions for new students are coming soon (see attached postcard) RSVP required, so let your friends know who may want to join the Clark family!

Prepare for the SAT or ACT by signing up for Critical Thinking course being taught again 4th nine weeks at Clark (email Ms. Jones if interested). Check out test prep books from Mrs. Decker, or take free SAT/ACT practice tests on Khan Academy or <https://www.march2success.com>

Class of 2021 Senior Social Media Shout-outs are still needed. Submit your info here if you have not already. <https://forms.gle/FnkHQAaFgENN9VZcA>

Club and Activity Info

Interact Club

- Gently used, wearable coats are being collected to support the organization One Warm Coat. The collections will run through Friday, Jan. 29 and **service hours will be given.** Sign the sheet next to the totes.
- Collection of various items for LAHIA (Love and Hope In Action) will also run Jan. 19-Jan. 29. Some requested items are: AA, AAA, C, and D batteries, disposable razors, canned chicken and tuna, ladies socks (dark colors), and many more items listed on <http://www.lahia.org/donate/> **Service hours will be given.** Sign the sheet next to the totes.
- Have any loose change? Change for Change will be collecting money for LAHIA on Tuesday, Jan. 26 and Wednesday, Jan. 27

The GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) had its first meeting this week and all enjoyed planning for the rest of the school year. This club is a physical representation of the acceptance and rare diversity at Clark. It is a safe place for LGBT youth, gender defying, gender nonconforming, and allies. The club is open to anyone hoping to make a change in Martin County and enjoy the company of the like-minded. Feel free to drop by and say hello and any of the meetings that are held after school on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, January 27: Early Release @ 12:15
Parent-Teacher Conferences, 2 to 4 p.m.

Friday, January 29: Inductions for Honor Societies @ 6 p.m. (Invitations sent)

Remember- **the Clark calendar DIFFERS from MCSD and sometimes even IRSC.** Please always consult the Clark calendar as posted online. [CLARK CALENDAR 20-21](#)

Contests and Service Opportunities

The Annual Black History Month contest for Clark students- The national theme for Black History Month 2021 is “The Black Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity” Contest details:

- Create a poem, powerpoint slide, short story, or other piece of artwork based on this year’s theme.
- Winner(s) will be selected based on adherence to theme and clarity of message.
- Submit entries by email to ljudd@irsc.edu or drop off to her office NO LATER THAN Feb. 19. Winners will be announced at an assembly in late Feb/ early March and all entries will be displayed throughout the school.

Celebrate Literacy Week is NEXT week! The statewide theme this year is “Humanity tells a story: What’s YOUR chapter?”

- Simply email ljudd@irsc.edu with “What’s your favorite book and why?” before 10 am this Monday to be entered to win a prize! Winner announced at the Wednesday assembly!

Check out the **monthly Math riddle** (attached) sponsored by the Math Club/ Mu Alpha Theta honor society.

LAHIA posted recently: We REALLY need ambitious volunteers to pitch in a couple hours weekday afternoons to assist with evening meal prep, serving and clean-up! If you can do a 2-hour shift between 2 and 6pm, please call us at 772-781-7002 and give the office your contact info for follow-up!

Handbook Highlight

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Students are required to attend each scheduled class on time, every day, unless the absence is excused. Upon returning to school from an absence, students must submit a dated, signed parent/guardian note or email to student services explaining the reason for absence and the specific dates and/or times to be excused. If a note/email is not received within two school days, the absence is unexcused and may affect the student’s grades or result in further disciplinary action.

Parents can email gwood@irsc.edu in lieu of a written note.

Parent Corner

If you missed the Parents as Partners virtual meeting with many IRSC resources and other updates last night, please follow the link here for the recorded session.

<https://us.bbcollab.com/collab/ui/session/playback/load/58763de650ad4bedb6a3d76929024b26>

The City of PSL is offering community conversation on topics very important to parent of teens as well as teens. Check them out here. <https://www.cityofpsl.com/government/departments/parks-recreation/healthyu>

Conferences are this Wednesday. Sign up here

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4FACAC23A3F85-parentteacher10>



Here's the link to reserve your table(s).

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevo9rPtpVXSXV3ZqXv5JaiYGRReUV-Dr90517FqY3siefZzkg/viewform>

Huge thanks to those who have already sent in donations for prizes and raffles! We still could use lots of items, as well as help, so sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054aaaaf2da3f94-clark10>

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