Celebration and Appreciation

At the assembly on Wednesday, we were honored to celebrate the pillar of responsibility winner, **Becca O'Neill**. In her nominations, people shared the following: She always tries her best at everything she does in the classroom. She is extremely self-disciplined, and will ask questions about projects that she has started weeks before they are due!! Additionally, I think she is incredibly polite and friendly to teachers, staff, and her peers. Rebecca is a responsible student leader who exhibits accountable behavior in multiple situations. I am inspired by Rebecca's character as a true leader as she infuses the traits of responsibility in other students by honoring commitments, consistently making mature decisions and prompting other students to shine. WOW! Way to go Becca! Other students nominated for this pillar were: Kylie Becraft, Katie Berger, Katie Fors, Hailey Leonardo, Nick Lynch, Elizabeth Michels, Jade Nunez, Sienna Pollis, and John Reddick

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 **Rylee Dooley and Cooper Hyland**. Cooper Hyland for quickly notifying the front office when there was an issue with the patio doors. This demonstrated he cares about the safety and well-being of all of us. We also recognize Rylee Dooley for finding a set of staff keys in the restroom and quickly getting them turned in so the rightful owner had them. Thanks to both of you for putting the needs of others ahead of yourselves!

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.

Congratulations also to 10th grader, **Bayli Legg**, who finished 2nd place in her weight class in district weightlifting. She and senior, **Gillian Stickles**, will be competing in regionals. Both compete with Martin County high school. Best of luck to both of you!

The Center for Constitutional Values (CCV) and the Martin County School District conducted the sixth annual "Constitution Academic Competition" on January 26, 2021. Judges Laurie E. Buchanan, Darren Steele and Brett M. Waronicki (19th Judicial Court) presided over teams from each high school as they debated the constitutional issue: Which approach to judicial interpretation of the Constitution provides the strongest protection of inherent rights—originalism or living constitutionalism? Congrats to Nick Lynch who paired up with a peer at MCHS and fell just 2 points shy of the victory!

Thank you to the family of **Emily Osborn** for providing the weekly staff breakfast yesterday. YUM!

Huge thanks to the Interact Club for providing a healthy staff lunch before conferences this week! From set-up to clean- up, you made our afternoon much better!

Many thanks to the family of **Isabella and Langley Elg** for the "random act of chocolate" Monday! The box of Hershey bars didn't last long around our staff!

Next week, we are excited to celebrate our incredible counselor, Ms. Jones during national School Counseling Week!

Announcements and Reminders

Our monthly assembly was held on Wednesday. It can be viewed at

<u>https://youtu.be/6HqGtV1UopQ</u> Congrats to the MANY students recognized for <u>honor roll from fall</u> <u>semester</u>, as well as our winner for the responsibility of pillar, Becca O'Neill.

Last call for textbooks and codes. You must see Mrs. Decker this week if you need anything. If you happen to have books or codes you no longer need, return those early.

CLASS OF 2021- FREE MONEY!!!!!!!!! Last year IRSC was blessed with the generosity from donors who made \$3.5 million in privately funded scholarships available to our students. The application only takes about 20 min to complete and opens the doors to money if you are staying at IRSC or headed off to another college or university, but you can't get the money if you don't apply BEFORE THIS SUNDAY! www.irscfoundation.org/Scholarships

Yearbook News-

- Students and Parents Today is the last day to purchase the yearbook. The price is \$75. Head to http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A01087927 to order your copy today. Don't miss out! There is no guarantee that you will be able to purchase a book if you did not pre-order one, so don't miss out on your chance to get a copy of this year's book! (Remember, you will be entered to possibly win your money back!)
- Senior Parents Don't miss out on your chance to purchase senior ads today is the final day to purchase! You can purchase ads online at <u>http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A01087927</u> – there are plenty of size options to choose from!
- Today is the last day to purchase business ads to support the Clark yearbook. Don't need an ad? Sponsorships are available as well. Contact Mrs. Gribble or Mr. E for details on how to purchase.

Club and Activity Info

Interact Club

- Throughout this month the Interact club is fundraising for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society! Next week you can buy paper blood drops for \$1 from Interact members. Purchased blood drops will be made into a display and put on the windows of the career cafe at the end of the month. Show your support and get one today!
- Candy grams will be sold soon, too. Stay tuned for a special email with that info.
- \$35.56 was raised this week for LAHIA through Change for Change. Every bit helps those who are currently homeless!
- Several coats were also collected for the One Warm Coat campaign. If you happen to have one or two spare, Monday morning is the very last chance to drop them off for service hours.

Our newest club, The Sexuality and Gender Alliance/S.A.G.A. (AKA GSA) is not just for LGBTQ+ youth at Clark but any individual interested in human rights and hanging out. 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 at any of the meetings that are held after school on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.

NHS- Save the date for our annual student art show/ fundraiser, Create for the Cause, to be held at Clark on Friday, March 5. (flyer attached). Students can submit artwork via google. At most one art piece can be submitted at a time, and it will require that you are signed into your Google accounts. To submit more than one piece, the form can be filled out more than once. If you submit art or get others to submit, then you will receive service hours. For additional hours, you can paint after NHS on February 5th. Clark Only Form (Must Be Signed into ClarkALC Account): https://forms.gle/j41iQXHQoz9RgeGYA

All 4 Clark Honor Societies will be inducting new members tonight. Welcome to the newest members of National Honor Society (3.6 GPA and above), Science National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta/ Math Honor Society, and National Art Honor Society!

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 <u>ljudd@irsc.edu</u> 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.

The IRSC 2021 Creative Writing Contest deadline is coming soon. Please see the attached flyer for more information. The deadline for submission is February 15, 2021

On campus volunteer opportunity! The United Way needs us to make cards for local residents who receive meals on wheels. Card kits are available in Dr. Judd's office. Service hours will be given, but these must be done by next Friday. No art skills needed to brighten someone's Valentine's Day this year!

Elections office "I Voted" sticker design contest. Students have the opportunity to design the 2022 "I Voted" sticker that will be used throughout the County during the election season. The student who has the winning entry will receive a \$200 monetary prize and be recognized at the April County Commissioners' Board Meeting. Email agribble@irsc.edu if interested

Handbook Highlight

Lunch reminders: p. 15- microwave is available if needed. P. 16 students are not allowed to order food to have it delivered. Plan accordingly---- you have 35 minutes for lunch, so it should never be an excuse to be late to 4th block.

Speaking of late, detentions will start being assigned Monday for students who are tardy more than once to classes in a week without a valid note from a parent.

Parent Corner Article of Interest: Parents: Here's How to Teach Your Kids About Mental Health

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



Here's the link to reserve your table(s). <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevo9rPtpVXSXV3ZqXv5JaiYGReUV-</u> <u>Dr90517FqY3siefZzkg/viewform</u>

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

We need 2 parents next Wednesday night and Thursday night to help with sign ins for Info Night. Email Dr. Judd if interested. We would need you from about 5:30-7:30.

IRSC is proud to offer a new program for 2021 for parents taking classes. The CCAMPIS program provides childcare assistance for eligible, income-qualified students in Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie counties. For more information or to begin the application process, please contact Ashley Days, CCAMPIS Program Coordinator, at <u>ccampis@irsc.edu</u> or 772-462-7687, or visit <u>www.irsc.edu/financial-aid/ccampis.html</u>

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