

## Celebration and Appreciation

We will continue to recognize **caring and kind students of character weekly**, but need you to let us know when you see an act of kindness. Email Dr. Judd or drop a note in the box in the front office. All students recognized are entered to win a gift card.

What a great way to kick off semester 2 with staff Panera breakfast provided by the family of **Chris Wiercinski**! We all needed a little extra caffeine Monday morning!

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

It is now time to get those votes in (and spread the word to our alum) to **vote for Mr. Bicksler** for Martin County teacher of the year! Follow [this link](#) and vote today!

Welcome to **Ms. Evette Rodriguez** who will be joining us next week in the part time student success services role. You will hear more about her soon, but we are so lucky to have her expertise and love of helping our teens overcome barriers and reach their goals!

We also send a great big Crane welcome to 5 new students who joined us this week. They all join the class of 2022. **Jacqueline Connett, Jonathan Saint Juste, Aleia Samson, Taylor Sesta, and Mason Shinnebarger**.

Thanks to **Liam Lepak** for stepping up to deliver the plastic bags we have collected to LAHIA and **Nick Bennett** for also volunteering to help with this task this semester. Little things make a big difference!

## Announcements and Reminders

**Fall semester Report Cards** are now available in FOCUS. Make sure to review these and if you see any wrong or missing grades, email [tjones@irsc.edu](mailto:tjones@irsc.edu) to discuss and look into. Directions for accessing these in FOCUS can be found here: [How to access report cards in FOCUS](#)

This Tuesday, YOUR student government is hosting a **welcome back WinterFest** from 8:45-9:45 outside. Come enjoy hot cocoa, coffee, donuts, corn hole, shooting hoops and just enjoying some fresh air to kick off the new year.

**1 XL heather blue Clark tee** still available. \$15. Email [ljudd@irsc.edu](mailto:ljudd@irsc.edu) if you want it- first come, first served!

Last month to **order a yearbook!** The yearbook crew is working hard to make this a great yearbook like none other! Don't miss out!

Come by the front office by end of day Monday to pick up **IRSC textbooks and codes**. If you were given a book and/or code and your teacher no longer requires it or you dropped the class, please bring it back ASAP.

Tuesday is the LAST day to make any **schedule changes**. You must have parent permission. Change requests must be submitted before 2:30 pm.

Students who completed all of the required **mental health modules** before break should see Dr. Judd to pick up your gift.

**Clark's Interact Club meets Mondays** in The Dome D-110 from 12:30 to 12:50 – or via Collaborate link for Remote from Home students. Reminder for current members that our meetings resume Monday, January 11. New members are always welcomed! Interact Club supports community organizations and our school through donations and volunteering of time. Join online through Blackboard Collaborate by 12:30: <https://us.bbcollab.com/guest/61e1a434a04e429fb6b264a379041639>

### ***Class of 2021***

- Senior Social Media Shoutouts are needed. Submit your info here if you have not already. [Senior shout out form](#)
- IRSC and Community Foundation Scholarships are coming due this month, See emails from Ms. Jones or check in with her. Lots of money available if you simply take the time to apply!
- Arts for Life! annually awards \$1,000 scholarships to 25 graduating high school seniors in Florida who demonstrate excellence in one of the following art forms: creative writing, dance, drama, music, visual art. Deadline is February 1, 2021. To Apply: Visit <https://artsforlifeaward.org> or download the attached application.

As we are welcoming our students back to in-person learning, please remember, mitigation (Not Elimination) of Risk is our **BEST** defense against COVID-19. Please **stay simple and consistent with YOUR personal risk mitigation strategies both at school, work and in the community:**

- Frequent hand washing or sanitizing
- Social Distancing – 6 feet or GREATER **when possible**
- Wear a multi-layer face covering AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE (example: surgical mask plus cloth mask)
- If you are feeling ill (any acute symptoms) or have a fever **STAY HOME**
- If you are feeling ill at school or become feverish – **see Mrs. Wood to be excused to leave school**
- **STAY HOME** if you are awaiting test results or tested positive – **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL and email [dkohuth@irsc.edu](mailto:dkohuth@irsc.edu)**
- **ISOLATE** from anyone in your home that becomes ill or is positive for COVID 19.

### Dates to Remember

Tuesday, January 12: WinterFest sponsored by SGA → 8:45-9:45 a.m. ALL CLARK STUDENTS WELCOME

Monday, January 18: DAY OFF Holiday for ALL / No IRSC or Clark classes

Thursday, January 21: PaP – IRSC Programs

Wednesday, January 27: Early Release @ 12:15

Parent-Teacher Conferences, 2 to 4 p.m. (details coming soon)

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

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

The **spring exam schedule** is attached and will be posted on our website next week.

### Contests and Service Opportunities

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

Stay tuned **for local service opportunities**. Many organizations are beginning to welcome volunteers back in person and they need you.

### Handbook Highlight

#### p. 10-11 **Early Dismissal from a Scheduled Class**

If the student must leave campus before the end of his/her scheduled school day, the following steps must be taken:

1. See Student Services in Room 137 (Knowledge Room office).
2. Student Services contacts parent/guardian to obtain permission to leave early.
3. Upon receiving permission, student and parent must sign out in the log book located at the front desk. Before a student can be released to anyone, authorization must be verified through Student Services.

Students scheduled to be in a class in the Clark building are NEVER to leave the building without the knowledge of a Clark employee.

### Parent Corner

SAVE THE DATE: Parents as Partners will meet on Thursday, January 21 beginning at 6 p.m. Tune in for important school information and to offer ideas and suggestions, PLUS our topic this month is an overview of the valuable array of programs offered by IRSC for students and community members! Please stay tuned for Collaborate link to provide remote access for the evening session. Link and agenda will be posted on our website homepage.

Please note that our February session – originally scheduled for Thursday, February 18 – is moved to FRIDAY, February 19 as Parents as Partners hosts the annual BINGO Night at Clark. Stay tuned for those details!!!!

During last evening's MCSD Parent University Workshop, members of the District's Instructional Services and Student Services divisions presented information to families on required instruction - the curriculum, courses and topics the District (including Clark) is mandated by statute to teach students. Parents and guardians received a detailed look at required subjects such as the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, Holocaust education and mental health.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ONy2ajYT31w&feature=youtu.be> The video is about 30 min and starts 2 minutes in. Email [ljudd@irsc.edu](mailto:ljudd@irsc.edu) if you have questions.

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