

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 **Thomas Shannon Ladley**. Thanks to his kindness and responsible actions, a classmate was able to get her car keys back that he found in a chair. He also found another item that someone is sure to be missing. If you lost something this school year, please stop by the office as it may have been found. Thanks for being honest and turning these items in as soon as you found them!

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.

Thank you to the family of **Alyssa Teixeira** for providing the weekly staff breakfast yesterday!

Congratulations to two of our stellar staff members, **Mr. Escandon and Mr. Fears**, who earned the Crane Award this month based on nominations submitted by parents. A parent shared, "Mr Escandon is amazing. Very empathetic to student needs, attentive, keeps the parents in the loop, motivates the students." And two more parents shared, "I nominate Mr. Fears for his dedicated care of our budding computer scientists! He has given my son and the other students so much support and encouragement in pursuing their education in computer science. We are so very grateful." And "Mr Fears has gone above and beyond as he meets with our son twice a week in addition to his normal class schedule on his office time to chat with and assist him with any issues with classes or homework."

Thanks to the family of **Coby Flannery** for the delicious treats for our staff meeting. We also got to **celebrate Mr. Omar's recent 40th birthday!** Some of our Interact students heard he was an MLB player and made sure to go all out with cupcakes with this theme. We even got to present him with his baseball cards bought online. We are so glad to have the MVP, Mr. Omar, on our Clark team!



Announcements and Reminders

IRSC Open Houses (replacing Great Explorations this year) —Online - Monday–Thursday, February 15–18 & February 22–25, 5:00–7:30 p.m. <https://www.irsc.edu/admissions/open-house.html> Learn more about the amazing programs IRSC offers.

Calendar Reminder- Early release day next Wednesday, Feb. 24 and No Clark or IRSC classes on Friday Feb. 26.

Bingo Night is TONIGHT! Last call! SO MANY RAFFLES AND GIFT CARDS TO WIN! Doors open at 5:30 with first game at 6:30. LOTS of great raffles to win!

Attention Juniors and Seniors. Do you want to take the **SAT on a Wednesday at Clark for free**? You may be eligible. Contact Dr. Judd ASAP to reserve a seat. If you already received an email about this, then your space is reserved if you replied.

Follow Clark on Facebook and Instagram to see updates and some of the fun things happening. We are also celebrating our seniors as we near the finish line for the class of 2021!

Club and Activity Info

Interact Club

- Throughout this month the Interact club is fundraising for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society! You can buy paper blood drops for \$1 (or more!) 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!

LLS is a global leader in the fight against cancer. By funding pioneering cancer research to advance treatments and cures and helping patients and families access the care they need, LLS is helping to save and improve the lives of patients and giving hope to countless families across the globe. But there is more work to do. Please consider making a life-saving impact today!

<https://events.lls.org/pages/pb/Clark-Advanced-Learning-Center-2021>

Thanks to everyone who donated to the January change for Change drive and supply collection. **Anja Simmons** was able to present a check for \$150 to LAHIA.



NHS

- NHS Create for the Cause (to benefit Catch the Wave of Hope) Art Show and Sale is Friday, March 5.
 - Art work is needed. Sign up to donate artwork <https://forms.gle/j41iQXHQoz9RgeGYA> (students sign in with Clark email). Service hours will be given for donated art.
 - Invite everyone you know to come by and see the art work and make a purchase!

Contests and Service Opportunities

Volunteer opportunities available for High School Students ages 16 and up in the Habitat for Humanity Restore in the afternoons on weekdays and on Saturdays, either a morning shift 9-1 or and afternoon shift 1-5. The kids would be helping in the areas of the warehouse, cleaning and getting our donations on the floor, helping customers with purchases, loading and unloading. We have a safety video for them to watch before they volunteer and we are also CDC compliant. Contact Debb Fertal volunteer@habitatmartin.org 772-223-9940 ext : 2226

The monthly Math Riddle Contest is attached!

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

Dress code reminders: NOT ALLOWED- Any clothing that exposes the torso, cleavage, and/or undergarments.

NO BARE midriffs (that means, shirts must cover your stomachs) and skirts must be fingertip length.

We are very liberal in our dress code here, however, many of you have been pushing limits and taking advantage of the privileges here at Clark. You will need to change into dress code approved clothing or head home with an unexcused absence to change. ***Multiple violations of code of conduct, including dress code, can result in not being allowed to attend Clark.***

Parent Corner

Articles that may be of interest-

Parents- I include articles each week that I know relate to at least a handful of our students/ parents. In schools, we see and hear so many wonderful things every day, but unfortunately, we also see and hear the poor choices students are making, as well as the issues they are facing. Even if you feel “the shoe doesn’t fit” every time, I encourage you to be familiar with what is happening with teens. If you ever have a topic you want to be covered, please email me. I worked as a counselor in criminal justice before education and I can assure you that the time is NOW to do what it takes to help your teens. Please do not minimize or turn a blind eye to the small poor choices being made as these may only be the surface of something much more underneath, to come, or that you simply didn’t know was happening.

[Alcohol harms the brain in teen years — before and after that, too](#)

[Getting to the Root of Attention Seeking Behavior in Kids and Teens](#)

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