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 **Parker Bohn and Calloway Jaycocks** who both found some items (lunchbox and ID card) and swiftly turned them in so their owners could be located. This is especially important with the ID card since it is a key to the school.

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.

Many thanks to the family of Larissa Coleman who provided a remarkable spread for staff breakfast this week! What a wonderful treat!

Many thanks to those who donated to Interact's Change for Change collection this week. \$101.52 was collected for House of Hope. A special shout out to member Connor Smith who worked hard and asked every one he could in order to boost those donations higher!



MC Fair superstars!!!! **Evelyn Howe** (above) was Miss Congeniality this year for the Miss Martin pageant at the fair. Also, she was senior grand heifer showman, senior grand champion dairy heifers showman, grand champion dairy heifer and reserve champion beef heifer. Congrats also to **Sydnee Gilliam** who was senior reserve steer showman. This are huge accolades for these girls with all the work they put into these projects!



Counts! Nathaniel DeForest has been named United Way of Martin County CHARACTER COUNTS! Student of the week. Nathaniel is a senior and is being recognized for the pillar of Respect. Nate demonstrates kindness, respect and thoughtfulness to both faculty and classmates alike. He values the opportunity to work for the school as a tech team member which clearly validates respectful character attributes with his actions. He cares about completing tech team work to a high standard while putting forth his best effort on a daily basis. Nate is very respectful in class, through email, and when you see him around school. He always has something positive and kind to say. Even through what was a long and difficult Internship placement process this semester due to COVID, he never became frustrated and was very patient and willing to do whatever was asked of him. United Way of Martin County CHARACTER COUNTS! Student of the Week project congratulates Nathaniel. For more information about the United Way of Martin County and CHARACTER COUNTS!, visit www.unitedwaymartin.org

2021 IRSC DIGITAL MEDIA STUDENT EXHIBITION AWARDS are tonight at 6:00 pm via zoom. Check out the works by the following Clark students: Juliana Vallone, Arianna Fairchild, Aaron St. Aubin, Eliana Cotton http://dme2021-irsc.weebly.com/

Thanks to all of the students 16 years of age and older who took the Pledge to Vote this week with SGA. We appreciate your commitment to citizenship!

Congrats to the staff Crane award winners for this month! Mrs. Bartow and Mrs. Gribble!

From a student, "Mrs. Bartow is an amazing teacher that always tries her hardest to keep the material we are learning interesting to us. She is by far one of the best teachers I have ever had and I am happy to have her as my teacher." And from a parent, "I have very much appreciated Ms. Bartow's efforts this semester in supporting and encouraging my son in Chemistry. She has taken the time to connect and provide positive and affirming feedback, which has boosted his confidence level in his ability to succeed academically and strive to do well. It has meant a lot to me and him! He really enjoys the class, too."

From a parent, "I am writing to sing the praises of Mrs. Gribble. My son has taken three classes with Mrs. Gribble. Over the semesters, Mrs. Gribble has given guidance and shown a tremendous amount of patience. She includes me on all email correspondence so I can stay in the loop, and poke and prod my son to get his work completed. I am extremely grateful for the positive experiences she has given my son, and that she has the heart not to have given up on those who struggle."

Announcements and Reminders

Third quarter report cards are now available in FOCUS. Please note that grades for college level courses are only interim and will not be finalized until after classes end on April 23. Any concerns, please reach out to your students' teachers. Remember, placement in classes next fall will be determined by test scores, GPA, and grades/ efforts in current courses. If you want college level scheduling and courses, you need to be putting in college level effort. Dual enrollment is not a guarantee.

Seniors: Deadline to pay for graduation is next week. AA grads need to check their IRSC email and workday inbox. It is a two-step process. See Dr. Judd with questions. Non-AA grads need to bring the form send via email and \$50 to Mrs. Wood.

No Clark classes next Friday, April 2 (IRSC still has classes). Martin County Schools will be closed on Monday, April 5th, yet Clark & IRSC remain open. There will be no bus service, so alternate

arrangements should be made to get to and from school. A pizza lunch will be brought in & served by Clark staff at the cost of \$2.50 for a slice of pizza, salad, fruit and drink. Please sign up is advance so we make sure to purchase enough. See Mrs. Decker in the office or email her at sdecker@irsc.edu to let her know your intent to purchase. Make sure you either pay her in advance or bring cash on April 5th.

Reminder: high school students must receive 6 hours or more of education related to substance abuse, human trafficking, suicide awareness, and other issues related to mental wellness. **ALL students are required to complete the modules in a program called Suite 360 EVERY year of high school**. The videos and content do change from year to year, so even though you did it last year, it still needs to be done for this year. Students will log in with their Clark email address as the username and their 4300# as the password. Contact Dr. Judd with questions. https://martin.suite360sel.org/login?return=content If you are new to Clark this year, you may need to use your classlink info to log in.

Are you interested in being part of the **Clark Information Technology Team A.K.A. "Tech Team**"? If Information Technology, collaboration, learning, innovative thinking, network security, and computer hardware are of interest to you then contact me to learn how you can become part of the Tech Team. All skill and experience levels are invited to apply! Contact Mr. McCrory cmccrory@irsc.edu

Class of 2022 students and parents- save the date for your internship info session on Thursday, April 1. See email from Dr. Bonds.

Last call for entries for our **Poetry contest** (see attachment).

The City of Stuart and Tykes & Teens are hosting our 4th Annual Stars Over Stuart (SOS) talent show for middle and high school youth. This is a talent show that promotes encouraging messaging and has been such a positive event in the past, as we have witnessed some amazingly talented youth! This year's event will be virtual via Zoom. I have attached the event flier First place prize is \$200.00 and the runner up prize is \$100.00.

Florida has an extensive postsecondary higher education system—a system that provides students access to a world class education. To ensure Florida's postsecondary higher education system is well positioned for the future, the Florida Legislature created the **Economic Security Report** to provide students, parents, and others with information on graduates of Florida's public postsecondary institutions of higher education, which include the District Technical Centers (DTC), the Florida College System (FCS), and the State University System of Florida (SUS). Check out the current info showing that education pays in FL http://lmsresources.labormarketinfo.com/special/ESR_Summary.pdf

Handbook Highlight

Dress code, dress code, dress code!!!!! It's not that restrictive, so you need to follow the few guidelines we do have. Prohibited dress include hats and sunglasses on in the building and bellies and butts showing.

Parent Corner

We have had some instances of students being "snarky" or passive aggressive to one another... especially in groups of their friends. While they will say near each other, "It's ok, it doesn't bother me, etc." we know that silently jokes and snide comments can build sadness and walls in teens. As the most important adult role model your child has, it's important that you are also watching your words not just

to them, but to everyone. Read more here: <u>People's words and actions can actually shape your brain — a neuroscientist explains how</u>

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