

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**. These students are entered each month to win a gift card, as well as being recognized on the marquee on Salerno road, this newsletter, and morning announcements. This week, we recognize **Ana Gunter**. Ava was kind to stop and offer Mrs. Kohuth a ride back to the Clark building from her morning spot for taking temps. Mrs. Kohuth declined as she needed her morning steps logged, but the offer was much appreciated!

Shout out for recent Adopt A Class sponsors! Thank you to the family of Sarah Bell who adopted our School Counselor Ms. Tiffany Jones and our Career Counselor Dr. Denisha Bonds! Your generosity for supporting the purchase of resources for both of these valuable services is very much appreciated!

Thanks to the family of Katie Berger **for providing our Thursday staff breakfast!** What an incredible array of baked goods!

Announcements and Reminders

Today is Patriot's Day - the 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance. We honored those lost with the rest of the nation by observing a moment of silence to correspond with the attacks 19 years ago, which began at 8:46 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time), the time the first plane, American Airlines Flight 11, struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. Take a moment today to let someone know you appreciate them.

Constitution Week is the commemoration of America's most important document. It is celebrated annually during the week of September 17-23. The aims of the Constitution Week celebration are to:

- Emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution.
- Inform people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life.
- Encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787.

IMPORTANT: Clark families have opted for **In-Person OR Remote Learning from Home** for the Fall 2020 semester. If there is ever a need for a student who attends classes in-person at Clark to remote into a class due to illness, the student is required to give the instructor prior notice via email and preferably Google Voice number call/text AND the parent is required to email Mrs. Wood gwood@irsc.edu with the reason/symptoms for this change in access for the day or the class.

Don't forget to check out the attached **Clark activity flyer** and get involved!

Make sure to drop into Interact Club beginning Monday, Sept 14 at 12:30-12:50 in The Dome! Interact is a Rotary-sponsored service club that gives high school students a chance to participate in service projects that are meaningful! We have new options for volunteer hours every week with local community organizations and national & global charities. I hope to see many of you there – or have you join Clark's Interact Club virtually! If you have any questions, email: Nicholas_lynch@clarkalc.net.

Looking for volunteer opportunities but not sure where to look because of COVID? Check out VolunteerMatch!

Virtual Volunteer Opportunities - <https://www.volunteermatch.org/virtual-volunteering>

Local Remote or On-Site Volunteer Opportunities - <https://www.volunteermatch.org/covid19> (search by city/zip code)

Sophomore & Junior Info Night along with Parents as Partners session is next week! Plan to attend Thursday, 9/17, 6:00-8:00, in the Knowledge Room or via livestreaming online. Sophomore/Junior students & parents encouraged to attend. Learn about graduation requirements, career planning, ACT and SAT, choosing a college, scholarships...it is never too soon to think about these topics. 419-5753 with questions. Streaming link is available on the Clark homepage.

So that we can be set up properly with social distancing in place Thursday evening, please **sign up to attend in-person or virtually**. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4BAFAB2BA6FDo-10th11th> Students/parents **attending virtually (or unable to attend) can pick up their personalized folder** at Clark on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday of next week between 7:30am and 3:30pm.

While we celebrate our healthy environment here at Clark, just a few reminders that it is **our responsibility to all stay safe**. Masks, distancing, good hygiene are key! Check out the Be Safe poster attached.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are approaching on the afternoon of our next Early Release Date! On Wednesday, September 23, from 2 to 4 p.m., Clark teachers will be available BY APPOINTMENT for conferences either in person at Clark or virtually. Parents – to view information and to sign-up for a timeslot, please use this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4facac23a3f85-parentteacher9> Be sure to select your conference format carefully as the Clark Teachers will be expecting you to meet in the format you choose. Please direct any questions or need for being added to any potential waitlist to Dr. Denisha Bonds dbonds@irsc.edu or 772-419-5768.

Are you interested in robotics, engineering, business, programming? Then **SPAM Robotics** could be the activity for you! An informational meeting is being held virtually on 9/24. See flyer attached.

The IRSC Center for Financial Literacy is sponsoring a **Financial Literacy Essay competition** open to all AA, AS, and Bachelor's degree students registered for Fall 2020. This is a great opportunity for our students to reflect about the importance of financial literacy in their daily lives and how it can help them achieve their goals. (see attached)

Yearbooks are the lowest price they will be this school year, so don't delay! Order easily online [here](#).

Entries still being accepted for our Hispanic Heritage Month contest. Submit a PowerPoint slide that celebrates the 2020 Florida theme "Celebrating Untold Stories and Contributions of Hispanic Americans in Florida" Slides will be judged on creativity, appearance, and adherence to the theme. Deadline to submit to ljudd@irsc.edu is October 11. Top 3 winners will receive a gift card. Check out the state level contests [by clicking here](#).

FSA ELA testing for ALL juniors who do not have SAT or ACT concordant scores on file will begin Monday 9/28. There are 3 days of testing required, which means, you will need to come to campus at times other than when you have classes. This is a graduation requirement and is only available in person. Testing days, times, and locations will be posted in the main office window and will be emailed to you no later than 9/21.

Some very caring & concerned students crafted this announcement for World Suicide Prevention Day on September 10 as part of Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month: Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death in young people between the ages of 10 and 24. PLEASE **ask for help**, even if you want to remain anonymous. **Call *The National Suicide Prevention Hotline* at (800) - 273 – 8255 now to get help or 211 for assistance and resources.**

Save the dates:

- School wide assembly (live stream) on Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 1:00. Join us for the Character Counts! kick-off, Honor Roll recognition, and a Constitution Week speaker.
- Parent-Student-Teacher conferences will begin at 2:00 pm on 9/23. Details for signing up shared above and this week from Dr. Bonds for Sign-Up Genius. These conferences are designed for students who are having academic difficulties. If you just want to meet the teacher, please reach out and set up a different time for that.
- Senior Parent and Student Information Night is on Tuesday, September 29 at 6:00 pm

Handbook Highlights

p. 8 PROGRESS REPORTS High School Classes: To help parents/guardians monitor their child’s progress and attendance, High School Progress Reports are made available on FOCUS for parents/guardians during the fifth week of each nine-week grading period. These reports reflect grades for high school and college classes taught by Clark full-time faculty. Weekly progress reports are also available for students who are having difficulties in school. Parents may request progress reports through the certified School Counselor. College Classes: College-level class grades are available at the end of the course. Fall Semester courses end in December and Spring Semester courses end in April/May. College courses taught by IRSC instructors only report final grades. Students have access to their college courses through the Blackboard Learning Management System.

Articles of Interest for Parents

September is Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month. Please talk with your teens about this very important topic as most teens are impacted in at least 1 way by suicide.

[Teens and suicide: What parents should know](#)

Handling another important topic through conversation:

[How to talk to kids about racism: An age-by-age guide](#)

Enjoy an amazing weekend! Stay healthy!