

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 **Al Cornacchio**. There are multiple reasons Al is being recognized as a Clark caring student of character. He is consistently smiling, positive, polite, and keep busy making others feel welcome on campus even though he is new to us this year. When he sees a door needs opened or something needs picked up, he is quick to offer a helping hand. Thanks, Al, for being consistently caring!

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.

Huge thanks for the delicious staff breakfast provided this week from the family of **Jacob Roman!**

A thank you “shout out” to Marjorie Smith, HOA manager @ Highlands Reserve & residents that helped support Clark/ NHS with toy donations. Without hesitation, Marjorie agreed to help and sent out a flyer created by Juliana Vallone asking residents for toy donations. She also allowed us to collect gifts at the HR clubhouse! Community partnerships are so important to schools!

Another thank you “shout out” to the Morgade Library – Jamie and her team – for their quick action assisting a few Clark teachers and quite a few students get situated at the library WITH Internet access to keep on teaching-and-learning last Friday when ours went out! So glad to know we have them “on campus” when needed!!!!

Congrats to our 2 co-recipients (one in person and one remote student) of the Monthly Character Counts program for the pillar of Respect, **Nate DeForest and Juliana Vallone!** We were thrilled to surprise and celebrate them, along with their families, on campus during the assembly yesterday!



We had a bit of fun this week dressed in various outfits and eating free popcorn. Check out some of the photos on our Facebook and Instagram pages (more to be posted). Congrats to the 3 winners randomly selected! Stop by Dr. Judd’s office to collect your prize! **Riley Vansuetendael (and his dog featured in the pictures from home), Emma Boyer, and Luke Olsen!**

Announcements and Reminders

We need to know who will **need morning bus transportation for the Spring Semester...** anyone who needs the bus in the morning should contact Mrs. Decker by Tuesday, December 15. Afternoon buses will remain for transporting students to the three zoned high schools. sdecker@irsc.edu

Spring textbook distribution will be Tuesday, January 5th, through Monday, January 11th. Check your IRSC email for pickup details. These dates will be the **ONLY** time you will be able to get your books. Students who have outstanding fall textbooks will not receive spring textbooks until all obligations have

been met. You must have your ID and your schedule with you in order to check out books in January. If you have questions, please call Mrs. Decker at 419-5759.

COVID-19 safety: The Florida Department of Health in Martin County (DOH-Martin) is following newly issued COVID-19 quarantine options for close contacts to COVID-19 cases. These options are adapted from CDC guidance. See attachment for detailed information.

In yesterday's assembly (link will be sent next week... sorry for the delay), we enjoyed celebrating some students as well as shared many updates and opportunities. A 211 helpline short video was shown and will be shared each month via our social media pages as it is always good to know where to turn for help 24/7.

For our monthly lockdown/ active assailant drill, teachers shared with students in classes this week as well as posted in their google classrooms a short video about how to barricade a door without furniture. Please take a few minutes to learn more by watching this short video. I wish as schools we did not need to know this information, but the reality is, we need all the tools to be safe that we can use whether in or out of school. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xlhbiSvVKnE>

More laptop cover options now available! 2 new protective case options have been added to the Clark Home page. **Clark highly encourages all students to use a protective case** for their school issued MacBook.

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, you may need to use your classlink info to log in. I will be emailing students who earned a prize for completing all modules before Dec. 1 next week. Thanks for being on top of it!

Contests!

Indian River State College is organizing the **2021 Creative Writing Contest**. Please see the attached flyer and welcome letter for more information. The deadline for submission is February 15, 2021

Florida Atlantic University's Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute is holding the **3rd Annual Ocean Science Art Contest!** Entries will be accepted December 15, 2020 through February 28, 2021. Attached you will find two PDFs: the Contest Flyer and the Rules & Registration Form.

Volunteer Opportunities

- United Way holiday project <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040d48a5ac2da4fc1-united> (no students needed at this point on 12/16 and 12/17)
- House of Hope has several needs. Seed starters, Food pantry, Thrift store, and more. Interested? Email Lauren@hohmartin.org

YEARBOOK NEWS!

- Seniors – It is time to turn in your senior quotes and baby photos for the yearbook! Quotes and photos will be turned in via the Google Form linked here: <https://forms.gle/Trke71Uj2i1Lr15i8> If you have any questions, please email yearbook@clarkalc.net or Mrs. Gribble or Mr. E.

- Students and Parents – There is still time to purchase the yearbook at the \$70 price. Head to www.jostensyearbooks.com to order your copy today. Don't want to order online? You can pay in person with cash or check made out to Clark. See Mr. E or Mrs. Gribble to pay in person.
- Senior Parents – Don't miss out on your chance to purchase senior ads. You can purchase ads online at www.jostensyearbooks.com – there are plenty of size options to choose from! The final day to order senior ads will be 1/29/2021, so don't delay! Email Mrs. Gribble or Mr. E with questions.
- Own a business? Know someone that does? If you or a business owner you know would like to support the Clark yearbook, business ads are available for purchase. Don't need an ad? Sponsorships are available as well. Contact Mrs. Gribble or Mr. E for details on how to purchase.

Save the dates:

- Clark classes begin Tuesday, January 5
- IRSC classes begin Wednesday, January 6
- All student Welcome Back WinterFest sponsored by SGA is Tuesday, January 12
- Bingo night- Friday, Feb. 19

Club and Activity News

Check out the club offerings on our website and plan to join us for student activities starting in the second semester! Invitations for our honor societies will also be send when we return, so make sure you are checking your email DAILY.

Handbook Highlight

Contact Info for employees is located on the home page of our website. Here are a few names and who to contact for what... it is not all inclusive, but seems to hit the calls and emails we receive most.

Mrs. Wood gwood@irsc.edu 419-5754 (attendance, sick, records, transcripts for colleges...)

Ms. Jones tjones@irsc.edu 419-5753 (counseling, scheduling, scholarships, college and SAT/ACT/PSAT info...)

Mrs. Decker sdecker@irsc.edu 419-5759 (bus, parking, lunch on non-MCSD days, textbooks...)

Info for Parents

Free meals for all continue, but make sure you fill out the form weekly for lunches on or off campus so we don't run out of food! <https://www.martinschools.org/Page/9711>

Articles of Interest

[Parent's Guide to Teen Depression](#)

[Teens and Motivation: How Parents Can Encourage their Teenager to Succeed](#)

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