

3205 N. University Drive, Coral Springs, FL 33065

PANTHER POST

DECEMBER 2009/JANUARY 2010

Dear Parents and Students,

By the time you receive this newsletter, winter break will be rapidly approaching and holiday preparations will be underway. This is the time of year when life becomes more hectic than usual, so it is important to find moments of peace and relaxation. Once again our chorus students, under the direction of Ms. Webb, performed at the EPCOT Candlelight Processional on December 2. In addition, the chorus will be performing their winter concerts on December 8th and 9th in the CSCS Theatre. Our winter band concert will be held on December 10th in the theatre. I can't think of a better way to spend a relaxing evening than to attend one of these events. CSCS is very fortunate to have many talented students who work very hard to present wonderful performances throughout the year!

As I have often mentioned, I am extremely proud of the community mindedness of our faculty and students. For the third year, our teachers and staff are participating in the city's angel tree project. Several of our service organizations are busy spreading goodwill throughout the city by collecting clothing, food and toys for families in need. Our school was proud to host the First Annual Darius Butler Foundation Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway. Darius Butler, one of our alumni has been faithful in giving back to his community. Again, thank you, parents, for encouraging your children to get involved in their community.

To kick off our character education program (STRIVE) for this year, several of our students will be participating in the Coral Springs Holiday Parade on Wednesday, December 16th. Our float will depict the many positive character traits that we promote at Coral Springs Charter.

On another note, enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year is right around the corner! We will begin the process by hosting an Open House on Thursday, February 18, 2010 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. This Open House is for prospective parents and students. Please tell your friends and neighbors about this opportunity to come and visit our school.

The third quarter will begin on January 20th and report cards will be issued to students on February 4th. **Recommitment information will be included with your child's report card.** Please be prompt in returning this important information. To ensure your child's spot for next year, it is imperative the online recommitment be made or the recommitment letter be returned by the deadline date of February 26th.

I would like to close by wishing everyone a joyous and relaxing winter break and to wish you much happiness and prosperity for the New Year.

Happy Holidays!

Billie Miller



IMPORTANT DATES – DECEMBER 2009

December 1	Chorus Booster Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 402
December 1	Interim Reports Issued
December 1	Jr. Class Fundraiser, Chili's
December 2	Football Booster Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Cafeteria
December 2	Senior Class Dinner Night
December 4	Blood Drive-Library Parking Lot
December 4-5	Junior Thespians Districts
December 8	PTSO Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria
December 8-9	Chorus Winter Concert
December 9	Drama Booster Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 404
December 10	Winter Band Concert, 7:00 p.m.
December 10	DECA Barnes & Noble Book Fair
December 11-12	Senior Thespians Districts
December 14	DECA Fashion Show, 7:00 p.m.
December 15	Band Booster Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
December 16	Coral Springs Holiday Parade, 7:00 p.m., Sample Road
December 21	Winter Break Begins (students return Jan. 4, 2010)



IMPORTANT DATES –JANUARY 2010

January 4	Classes Resume
January 5	Chorus Booster Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 402
January 5	Senior Class Dinner Night
January 6	Football Booster Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Cafeteria
January 12	PTSO Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria
January 12	FCAT Parent Night, 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria
January 12	MS History Fair
January 13	Drama Booster Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 404
January 14-15	HS Final Exams
January 15	Early Release
January 18	Holiday, Day Off
January 19	Employee Planning, No School for Students
January 20	Third Quarter Begins



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Main Phone line	954-340-4100	Student Activities Director	954-340-4120
MS Attendance line	954-340-4128	MS Dean of Discipline	954-340-4118
HS Attendance line	954-340-4129	HS Dean of Discipline	954-340-4125
Guidance Office	954-340-4134	Nurse/Clinic	954-340-4107
ESE Department	954-340-4139	School Store	954-340-4123
Athletic Department	954-340-4106	Registrar	954-340-4108

CHESS CLUB

WE NEED CHESS SETS: If anyone has any chess sets that they want to donate to the chess club, they would be greatly appreciated. Our chess club has been growing so fast that we sometimes don't have enough games for all the members to be playing at the same time. All donations can be dropped off at the main office attention to Ms. Warshauer.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

To be considered for membership in NJHS, each inductee must have 30 hours of community service completed. Please start getting your service hours done.

Currently, the National Honor Society continues to show commitment to their middle school tutoring program. After achieving goals by assisting numerous athletes academically, NHS has ended their athletic tutoring program for the school year, and has proven the program to be successful. In addition to middle school tutoring members are striving to assist individuals in the community. As an organization, NHS was able to provide a meal for two grateful families on Thanksgiving Day. Also, through participation in "Angel Tree" the organization teamed up with the Salvation Army to provide children of impoverished families with gifts for the holidays. "It is part of our duty to as NHS members and citizens of our community to give back to society", says member Gabriella Hude. The organization plans continue their acts of service by creating holiday cards expressing appreciation to United States military veterans, as well as participating in a park cleanup on an environmentally sensitive land in our community.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY SCHOOL LEVEL GEOGRAPHY BEE

The 9th Annual School Level Geography Bee will be held on January 7th 2010 in the school auditorium starting at 12:30. The competition is for 6-8 grade students. Students will have completed the preliminary round competition in their classes in December. The students with the highest scores will be nominated by each social studies teacher to possibly compete at the school level competition. Students competing were notified prior to the winter break. The winner of the school level competition may qualify to participate in the state competition in April.

HISTORY FAIR COMPETITION

The 3rd Annual History Fair will be held January 12, 2010 in the school cafeteria from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Students work will be judged starting at 3:00 pm and be on display for the afternoon. Students work was nominated by their respective social studies

teacher in one of the following categories: research paper, display, web site, documentary or performance. Prizes will be awarded for overall 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. The primary winner in each category will go on to represent the school at the Broward County competition which will be held in February.

EIGHTH GRADE END OF YEAR TRIP

For the second time Coral Springs Charter School will be participating in Universal's Middle School "GRADVENTURE '10." This event is to recognize Florida's eighth graders' success in middle school, overall good behavior and their efforts on the FCAT.

The Universal Middle School "GRADVENTURE '10" will be held on May 7, 2010 from 4:00 pm to midnight. The students will depart from the school at 12:00 pm on Friday, May 7th and return to the school at 4:00 am Saturday, May 8th. The students will remain in the park from the time of our arrival at 4:00 pm until midnight when we will board our buses for the trip back to school.

In order to qualify for this field trip, students must have **no failing grades for 2nd and 3rd quarter**, no more than 3 detentions issued for behavioral issues and/or five first hour or S-O-T tardies as well as no referrals that lead to a student suspension.

Students who attend this trip will be issued a field trip t-shirt and will be allowed to wear jeans to school on the day of the field trip. The field trip fee of \$102.00 dollars (based on 50 students per bus) includes admission to the park, one meal voucher, transportation and a custom designed CSCS 8th grade Grad Night T-shirt. A deposit of \$50.00 dollars will be due by Jan 7, 2010. The second and final payment of \$52.00 dollars will be due on Mar 22, 2010. Sign-ups for this trip are on a first come first serve basis. Students must have a completed field trip form and a check or money order for the trip made out to CSCS with the participating child's' name written on the check. The first 50 students to turn in their forms and meet the criteria for participation to Ms. M. Moore in room 242 will be guaranteed a space on the bus. The 51st student will be put on a waiting list until enough students sign up to fill a second bus (50 students and 5 chaperones). The final list of students attending the trip will be issued on April 12, 2010.

Refund Policy: **No refunds will be issued if a student's grades, behavior or family issue arises. It will be the responsibility of the student to find a suitable replacement.**

Any questions concerning the field trip can be emailed to Ms. Moore mmoore@coralspringscharter.org



GUIDANCE CORNER **FCAT PARENT NIGHT**

There will be an FCAT Parent Night on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 immediately following the PTSO Meeting. Parents, please come and learn about test-taking techniques that you can pass on to your children from the Department Chairs and teachers of the FCAT Departments: Reading, Math, Language Arts (Writing) and Science.

HIGH SCHOOL CONCERNS

If your child has failed a class that is needed for graduation, please contact his/her Guidance Counselor to obtain information on making up the credit in Night School or on-line. Please keep in mind that in order to earn a standard diploma a student, must have a GPA of a 2.0 or above, passing scores on the FCAT, 80 community service hours and earn 24 required credits of high school classes.

PRINCIPAL'S LIST

Congratulations to the following students for receiving straight As on their first quarter report cards! An Honor Roll Assembly was held in November in celebration of their hard work.

6th Grade

Sander Bloshinsky
Gregory Budden
Kyle Buhler
Brandon Bukata
Mateo Canarte
Johncarlo Cerna
Elizabeth Degirolmo
Paul Demars
Courtney Faiella
Dayanna Fair
William Fix
Kayla Gardner
Ignacio Guzman
Christopher Hoyek
Valerie Kessler
Emilia Kosonen

Melissa Litenski
Brenda Lupo
Rachel Materdomini
Adrienne Mcchrystal
Alan Miller
Carli Moskal
Zachary Nebrasky
Jonathan Puerto
Nicole Pustizzi
Samantha Shionis
Lachlan Shiver
Courtney Sienkiewich
Danielle Smith
Nathalie Thelemaque
Oliver Zavala

7th Grade

Jillian Alexander
Claudia Alvarez
Gabriela Berner
Brian Caldwell
Stephanie Campo
Alison Cavicchi
August Charni
Samantha Coccia
Kylie Driscoll
Paige Fairchild
Eric Friedman
Valeria Giraldo
Priscilla Haase
Erin Hernandez
Jaida Hudson

Kara Kropp
Gabrielle Lawlor
Cathleen Maluda
Katie Nakonechny
Ophir Rotem
Daija Rufus
Rachel Saiker
Nathalia Salinas
Angela Sanchez
Ashley Taepakdee
Tianna Thompson
Gustav VanRooyen
Nicole Wadsworth
Rachel Wechsler

8th Grade

Anthony Castro
Jessica Chen
Sarah Dozil
Brandon Fairchild
Victoria Garcia
Kathryn Kollar

Brandon Kutchera
Andrew Lantz
Timothy Ramjattan
Cailin Shiver
Edwin Velasquez
Eddie Velazquez

9th Grade

Justin Chandilall
Melinda Clarke
Carina Tenaglia
Tiffany Thompson
Amanda Vozzola
Kristine Chen
Justun Galindez
Newel Guzman

Michelle Taepakdee
Tatiana Zoino
Shannon Bradley
Caitlin Chambers
Craig Dent
Cassandre Gaspard
Taylor Markley
Eric Zurita

10th Grade

Shannon Cochrane
Sarah Fine
Blake Rumuly
Vivian Cornejo
Sebastian Pinzon
Amrutha Sasikumar
Lauren Sciubba
Michelle Concilio
Benjamin Cornejo
Breana Rodriguez

Mary Simpson
Yessika Noriega
Jason Anon
Bryce Driscoll
Brendalis Estevez
Virgi Heikecalabria
Ishana Hingoo
Nicholas Scahill

11th Grade

Keith Gerber
Ryan Roehrig
Alexandria Horlacher
Patryk Wiech
Nicole Archer
Bettina Mayer
Elizabeth Montano
Melissa Riggi

Keatia Savage
Taylor Toebe
Valerie Galeano
Kaelyn Lee
Chantel Tavares
Brooke Bitton
Christian Cintron

12th Grade

Nicole Briody
Rebecca Childress
Nicole Tran
Matthew Chenoweth
Dana Delosa
Natalie Galindez
Ashley Schemtob
Steven Barbuto
Austin Bigos
Candace Harrinarine

Jaimee MacDougall
Najla Walfall
Lauren Aho
Danielle Borrelli
Maria Hernandez
Anthony Katsikis
Megan Michelman
Joseph Rushfield
Brandon Becker
Amanda Holden

MIAMI HERALD SILVER KNIGHTS

We are pleased to announce our 2010 Miami Herald Silver Knight Nominees. These outstanding seniors will represent Coral Springs Charter School in a rigorous competition with other Broward public and private high school seniors. Our Silver Knight nominees must complete a portfolio and interview exhibiting their community service endeavors and their outstanding academic accomplishments.

Our Coral Springs Charter School 2010 Silver Knight Nominees are:

Art	Jennafer Mellott
Athletics	Gabriella Hude
English	Nicole Briody
General Scholarship	Matthew Chenoweth
Mathematics	Steven Barbuto
Music	Daniel Evans
Science	Nicole Tran
Social Studies	Rebecca Childress
Speech	Candace Harrinarine
World Language	Isabela Guizan

The Guidance Department and our Coral Springs Charter PTSSO are sponsoring a series of parent/ student seminars for the 2009/2010 school year. These seminars will target important topics and will provide pertinent information in planning for high

school, college and beyond. Parents will receive 2 hours of service for attending these joint PTSSO and Guidance Meetings.

Listed below are the dates and topics for the parent/student seminars. The seminar presentations will begin immediately after the PTSSO general meetings. **SOME DATES AND TOPICS HAVE BEEN CHANGED SINCE OUR LAST PANTHER POST.**

January 12th - FCAT Parent Night

There will be an FCAT Parent Night on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 immediately following the PTSSO Meeting. Parents, please come and learn about test-taking techniques that you can pass on to your children from the Department Chairs and teachers of the FCAT Departments: Reading, Math, Language Arts (Writing) and Science.

February 9th - Junior Journey

Does your student have everything together in planning for success this year, senior year and post secondary planning?

Target Population: 11th Grade

March 9th - Sophomore Survivor

What your student should be doing and planning for this year and the next two pivotal years.

Target Population: 10th Grade

April 13th-Parenting Your Middle Schooler

This will be a parenting program in dealing with typical middle school/adolescent behavior issues.

Target Population: 6th, 7th and 8th Grade

May 11th-"Letting Go"

A parent/student seminar (concurrent sessions) with a focus on letting your Senior Go. Last minute tips on Bright Futures, the dorm, dealing with an adult child etc. will be presented.

Target Population: 12th Grade

B.R.A.C.E NEWS

Bright Futures

The state of Florida has opened their Bright Futures application. For more information regarding Bright Futures please check out the web site:

<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/>

To apply for Bright Futures students must log onto:

https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/UA/SAWSTUA_uaform.asp

Parents of Seniors

2010 is just around the corner which means graduation is only 6 months away!! We hope that you all have received your child's graduation status letter. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the status of your child's graduation, please contact Ms. Pepe or Mrs. Smolka ASAP. Ms. Pepe can be reached at ipepe@coralspringscharter.org or Mrs. Smolka csmolka@coralspringscharter.org or by phone at 954-340-4134.

High School Concerns

If your child has failed a class that is needed for graduation, please contact their guidance counselor to obtain information on making up the credit in night school. Please keep in mind that in order to earn a standard diploma a student must have a GPA of a 2.0 or above, passing scores on the FCAT, 80 community service hours and earn 24 required credits of high school classes.

PSAT information

PSAT score and test booklets were given back to students during the month of December. Please ask your child to show you their results.

The Guidance Department and your BRACE Advisor would like to wish everyone HAPPY HOLIDAYS and a HEALTHY NEW YEAR!!!!



ATHLETIC NEWS

Coral Springs Charter Has Two Early Commitments

Two CS Charter student-athletes signed letters of intent to play at the Division I collegiate level.

All-American Ashley Hicks will move on to swim for Florida State; All-State Softball player Lauren Pollack will play next year for the University of North Florida.

The Girls celebrated with their families, friends, and coaches in a ceremony on November 15th, 2009 in Mrs. Miller's conference room.

Coral Springs Charter estimates that 8-10 more athletes will sign letters of intent over the next few months.

PTSO NEWS

Our 4th Annual 'Step into Fashion Show' was a HUGE success! With your help, we raised \$13,000 for the Fine Arts Wing and Technology. Wow, that is \$2,000 more than last year.

We could not have done this without the help of our wonderful parents, administration, teachers, staff and students. Special thanks goes to the Fashion Show committee members Yvette Akins, Louisa Barbuto, Michele Billisi, Michele Bruhn, Gina Careccia, Barbara Cipriano, Anna Crossley, Trudy Foley, Michele Lindstrom, Susan Lorber, Stacy Molinari, Susan Monti, Sandra O'Connor, Gail Pettitt, Marcia Plummer, Lisa Russello, Cheryl Toro, Laura Wallace and Cyndi Wildroutd, who all went above and beyond what was expected.

Thank you, Michelle Lindstrom for putting together and donating the programs. Also, thank you Sandra O'Connor for donating your house to let us put the baskets together and make a mess. We would also like to thank Men's Wearhouse, Dillard's and Aeropostale for being our clothing sponsors.

Finally the PTSO would like to thank the following Sponsors who have helped make this all possible:

Alonso CPA, PA – 954-596-1127
Asphalt Milling Services Inc. 954-581-8418
Carl's Sunoco 954-755-8799
Coral Springs Charter School
Coral Springs Charter Athletics
Coral Springs Charter Band Boosters
Coral Springs Charter Chorus Boosters
Coral Springs Charter SGA
CSCS MS Social Studies/Ms. Michele Moore
Dr. Jay Singer, Orthodontics – 954-757-Smile
Engineered Air – 954-605-7091
Foley Builders - 954-346-3463
GL Homes – 954-603-0266
Lindstrom Air Conditioning 954-420-5300
Nancy Wolf-Smith State Farm – 954-431-6777
Phil Smith Chevrolet – 954-733-6000
Principal Financial Group/Michael Jacobson –
954-885-5131
Riverside Animal Hospital – 954-575-7915
Swago Custom Apparel/Dickies 954-563-8250
The Lombard Street Group - 954-426-1994
Vozzcom Electrical – 954-753-8600

There will **NOT** be a PTSO meeting in the month of December. The PTSO wishes everyone happy and safe holidays. Our next PTSO meeting is Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

PARENT VOLUNTEER FORMS

You may pick up a volunteer packet in the front office or at the school store. Don't forget you are required to do 20 hours per school year if you have one child in the school and 30 hours per school year for two or more children. It is hard to believe that we are just about half way through this school year. If you need hours please contact our Parent Volunteer Coordinator, Trudy Foley at 954-340-4142 or tfoley@coralspringscharter.org. Parent volunteer forms are due no later than May 12, 2010.

***Don't forget you will receive 2 hours for attending the PTSO meeting and you will also receive an additional hour for staying after the meeting and attend the FCAT Parent Night with Mr. Frazier the Guidance Director.

SCHOOL STORE HOURS

Monday – Friday 7:15 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Additional Hours Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 11:30

NURSES' NOTES

Volunteers are needed to assist the nurse with height, weight and scoliosis screening. These will be done January 13th, 14th and 15th. If you need hours and would like to help, please contact the nurse, Eve Willoughby, @ 954-340-4107 or by email: ewilloughby@coralspringschater.org. Thanks in advance for your help.



DECEMBER BAND NEWS

Congratulations to Eric Bastante, Billy Beamesderfer, and Danny Evans for being accepted into the FSU Tri-State Band Festival. Also, congratulations to Michelle Krzyk for her acceptance into the 7th-8th Grade All State Honors Band.

Middle and high school band students will be participating in the FBA Solo and Ensemble adjudication February 19-20 at Pembroke Pines Charter School. Please see Ms. Dinino for details.

We are currently raising money for our trip to Disney World April 30-May 1. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Ms. Dinino. Checks are payable to CSCS Band.

ACE ACADEMY

The ACE Academy is a unique program that combines academics and real world business experience essential for success in a competitive, challenging, college setting and the fast paced business environment of 21st Century. The Academy will be accepting applications in January for enrollment in the 2010 school year. If your student is interested in this program, contact Mrs. Hoo at dhoo@coralspringscharter.org Parents and students will be invited to attend the ACE Academy Information Night.

ACE ACADEMY EXECUTIVE INTERSHIPS

The ACE Academy is proud to announce the Executive Interns for 2009-2010. These students elected to participate in this unique program that give them real-world business experience essential for success in a competitive, challenging, college setting and the fast paced business environment of 21st Century. We would also like to acknowledge and thank our many Business Partners for sponsoring a students and making this a viable and sustainable program. This years Executive Interns are:

Karen Alfaro, City of Coral Springs - Planning and Development; Cory Alonso, Coral Springs Charter - Human Relations Council; Fiorella Anzola, City of Coral Springs - Finance; Michelle Arce, Baptist Urgent Care and Diagnostics; Daniel Barb, Church by the Glades; Eric Bastante, Coral Springs Fire Department; Amanda Bitton, Wyndham Learning Center; Brandon Carty, KB Electronics; Trey Coke, Northwest Medical Center; Patrick DeJoie, Walgreens; Holly Fisher, Physical Therapy Associates of SFL; Isabela Guizan, Amera Corporastion; Robert Hanna, Coronado Dental Care; Candance Harrinarine, City of Coral Springs Police Department; Dahlia Hassanein, Coral Springs Medical Center; Megan Linstrom, Advanced Cable; David Macedo, City of Coral Springs Fire Department; Shay Maraj, Nordis Direct; Michael Moskowitz, Law Offices of Rolnick & Netburn; Jaime Ng, Vantage Hospitality Group; Tania Onisseril, Northwest Medical Center; Monica Pisasik, Walgreens; Ashely Schemtob, Studi4Fitness; Sidney St.Cyr, Bachelor & Associates; Shawn Thomas, Coral Springs Medical Center. For more information about the program contact Mrs. Hoo at dhoo@coralspringscharter.org

HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL (HRC)

HRC brings learning opportunities to our students about diversity and development of leadership skills, which are needed for a peaceful world. Both Middle and High school students are encouraged to sign up for the Youth Empowerment and Diversity Summit on MLK, Jr. Holiday, January 18, 2010. In February, High School students can attend UNITOWN from February 13 to 15, 2010 to experience this life changing event. Both programs are sponsored by the City of Coral Springs and are educational conferences. For more information contact Mrs. Hoo at dhoo@coralspringscharter.org Students must sign up by December 15.

CORAL SPRINGS'S THIRD ANNUAL TEEN POLITICAL FORUM

By: Ashley Wright

Politics may not fascinate every student, but political decisions directly influence student choices such as financial aid and how students perceive certain policies.

There will always be a factor that's too expensive or a policy that both students and their parents question. On the other hand, there are more interactive questions that students would like to ask, such as why so many teens have poor relations with police officers and how to improve that issue or how the state senator feels about the violence in schools. Now there's an opportunity for answers.

Coral Springs High will be hosting the City of Coral Springs's Third Annual Teen Political Forum on Jan.28, 2010 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.. This event gives students the chance to ask their leaders questions as well as be given a personal answer. Panelists will include State Senator Jeremy Ring, State Representative James Waldman, Mayor Scott Brook, Coral Springs Commissioner Roy Gold and Police Chief Duncan Foster. Not only is the event free, but also students who attend will receive service hours.

Anyone interested in participating in this event is encouraged to call 954-344-1005 for more information. Coral Springs Charter representatives Mrs. Boshek, Ashley Schemtob and Ashley Wright encourage both students and their friends to come with their best questions to this forum. More involved students create more aware young adults.

DRAMA DEPARTMENT UPDATES



The drama department was very busy during the months of October & November. The Middle School performance of The Legend of Sleepy Hollow was an amazing success, with both nights being sold out. The entire production was performed outside the school under the stars with superb performances from the entire cast and crew. The High School performance of the Crucible on November 19, 20th & 21st showcased our very talented CSCS students. This was a "Cappies" performance where dozens of their peers from neighboring High Schools came to judge this incredible show. Many thanks to all of our student and parent volunteers who helped with concessions, ticket sales, set design, backstage support, cast photos and costumes.

On 11/14 our High School Senior Thespians successfully competed in the district competitions at Coral Springs High School and received numerous awards. Sr. Thespians One Act competitions are being held on December 11th & 12th. Chaperones are needed. On December 1st, the High School production of Fame will begin rehearsing.

The Middle School production of Beauty and the Beast auditions will be held December 10th and December 11th- from 2:45- 7. Any Middle School students who are interested in auditioning need to sign up for a time slot and pick up a packet in Mr. Browns Room (218).

Jr. Thespians will take place Saturday, December 5th at BAK middle school of the Arts in West Palm Beach.

Day passes can be obtained through the school :

BAK Middle School of the Arts

1725 Echo Lake Drive

West Palm Beach, FL 33407

School phone: 561-882-3870

District web: www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us

Our Sally Foster online Fundraiser began on 11/20. Look for information and flyers that will be sent home with drama students.

Please don't forget to attend the next Drama Boosters Club meeting on December 9th at 7pm in room 404. If you are interested in getting more involved with the Drama Department, make sure to check out the CSCS Drama Boosters website to stay informed on our latest activities -<http://www.cscsdrama.org/> Thank you to everyone for all the interest and support with all of our drama activities.



LIBRARY NEWS

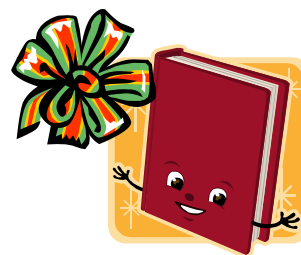
Just a reminder that the library hours have changed. Students should be aware of this when they plan for research and projects. (Many students are now in the midst of preparing for the History Fair.)

- Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday - 10:00 to 8:00
- Thursday, Friday and Saturday – 10:00 to 6:00
- Sunday – CLOSED

Please take note of the Library's Holiday Hours:

Dec. 24, 10-6

Closed Dec. 25



Dec. 31, 10-6
Closed Jan. 1

Mondays through Thursdays - Afterschool activities (school days only), ages 12-18.
2:45 to 4pm.

Literary Competitions



Packets explaining the categories and requirements for the Broward County Literary Fair have been distributed to teachers. Students in both Middle and High School who wish to start working independently on prose and poetry should see Mrs. Martin at the library for more information. Meanwhile, CSCS writers should take advantage of the following contests:



“Letters about Literature” Students are encouraged write a reflective letter about a favorite fiction or non-fiction book, short story, poem, essay or speech. This is not a fan letter, book report, or summary, but a sincere expression of the student’s feelings about the work. The student should tell specifically why and how the book affected them. The entries are due postmarked December 12.

For more information on the contest, please go to www.lettersaboutliterature.



Florida State Poets Association 2009-2010 Student Poetry Contest

This competition is open to Florida students in grades 6-12. Each student may submit one poem, which must be an original work by the student, written in English. Type the poem on a standard 8 ½ X 11 sheet. Please do not paste poems on construction paper and do not illustrate poems with drawings.

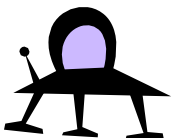
- Poems may be rhymed or unrhymed in any form, including free verse.
- Poems must be no longer than the line limits indicated below:

Junior Division, grades 6-8.....24 lines

Senior Division, grades 9-12.....32 lines

- Subject: Students’ choice, but subject and language must be school appropriate for students who will receive a copy of the anthology of winners.

Please see Mrs. Martin for the entry form. Entries must be postmarked no later than December 15, 2009



The War of the Worlds by H. G. Wells is the book that the Signet publishing company is basing an essay contest on this year. They offer \$5,000 in scholarships. The essay competition is open only to juniors and seniors. Entries are due in April. For more information, go to this website:

<http://us.penguinroup.com/static/pages/services-academic/essayhome.html>

(Please copy address to your browser if the link does not work.)

Please contact Mrs. Martin, our literary contest coordinator, with any questions:
dmartin@coralspringscharter.org or (954) 341-3900.

