



## Panther Post

### A Message from Mr. Springer...

Dear Parents & Students:

By the time you receive this newsletter, winter break will be rapidly approaching and holiday preparations are already underway. At this time of year life becomes more hectic than usual, so it is important to take time to slow down and appreciate each other.

Our holiday chorus, band and dance performances are about to take place and I hope you get an opportunity to enjoy the many talented students we have here at CSCS. I look forward to the many other events that will take place in the New Year.

As I often mention, I am extremely proud of the community mindedness of our faculty and students. For the fifth year, our staff is 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 Third Annual Darius Butler Foundation Thanksgiving Give-away. Again, thank you, parents, for encouraging your children to get involved in their community.

On another note, enrollment for the 2012-2013 school year is right around the corner! We will begin the process by hosting an Open House on Thursday,

February 16, 2012 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.

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!

The faculty and staff at Coral Springs Charter School would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy

holiday season!!



## Important Dates December 2011/January 2012

### DECEMBER

### JANUARY

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| 8 Winter Band Concert, 7pm                | 2 Classes resume              |
| 8 Interim Reports Issued                  | 3 Chorus Booster meeting, 7pm |
| 12-13 Winter Chorus/Dance Concert, 7:30pm | 10 PTSO Meeting, 7pm          |
| 19-30 Winter Break                        | 16 Day off                    |
|   | 17 Band Booster meeting, 7pm  |
|   | 18-19 Final Exams             |
|   | 19 Early Release              |
|   | 20 Employee Planning Day      |

## 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 & 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](mailto:tfoley@coralspringscharter.org) Parent volunteer forms are due no later than May 11, 2012.

\*\*\*Don't forget you will receive 1 hour for attending the PTSO meeting and you will also receive an additional hour for staying after for the Guidance meeting with Mr. Frazier, Guidance Director.

**Act Now!! Parent Forms Due  
May 11, 2012**

To apply for Bright Futures students must log onto: [https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/UA/SAWSTUA\\_uafom.asp](https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/UA/SAWSTUA_uafom.asp)

## 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/>

## 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. 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.

## HOT TOPIC

This month's topic: **Customer Service**

Please let us know how we can serve your needs better. Please send all replies to:

[feedback@coralspringscharter.org](mailto:feedback@coralspringscharter.org)

We appreciate your comments and concerns.

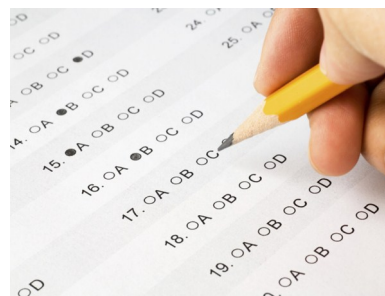


## Testing Dates

The next SAT will be held on January 28th, 2012. Please log onto [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) to register. The last day to register is December 30th, 2011. The next ACT will be held on February 11th, 2012. Please log onto to [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) to register. The last day to register is January 13th, 2012.

### PSAT information

PSAT score and test booklets were given back to students during the month of December. Guidance Counselors will review scores with your child during a classroom presentation after the holiday break. 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!!!!**

## What's Happening With NHS

The Coral Springs Charter National Honor Society volunteered at the Coal Springs Haunted House at the Coral Springs Gymnasium on October 28th & 29th. Students guided children through bounce house obstacles, painted faces and entertained families. The event helped to raise spirits for Halloween as both volunteers and children dressed in ap-

propriate costumes. Tutoring is still underway this year every Tuesday and Thursday with Mrs. Sonders and Mr. Leibowitz. Run by Jacob Childress, NHS members are continuing to help any student in need of extra practice in math. The National Honor society at CSCS is also raising money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients. So far as a whole,

NHS has collected over five water bottles filled with change. With a goal of \$500.00, the participants will be rewarded an Olive Garden pasta lunch upon reaching it.

### GUIDANCE NEWS

#### SOPHOMORE PARENTS

Immediately following the January 10th PTSO meeting we will have our 10th grade parent night.

This seminar will focus on what sophomores should be doing now for college preparation,

tests that should be taken, changing graduation requirements and preparing for career choices. The program will be held on Tuesday, January 10th from 7:30-8:30 pm (following the PTSO meeting) in the school auditorium. Mr. Frazier, Guidance Director and 10th grade counselor will lead the seminar.

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS

SAVE THE DATE-MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT UNIVERSITY

SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST 8:30 AM - 12:00 NOON

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

## Important Numbers

Main Office: 954-340-4100  
MS Attendance: 954-340-4128  
HS Attendance: 954-340-4129  
Guidance: 954-340-4134  
ESE: 954-340-4139  
Registrar: 954-340-4108  
School Store: 954-340-4123  
Athletics: 954-340-4106  
Clinic: 954-340-4107  
Activities: 954-340-4120  
MS Dean: 954-340-4118  
HS Dean: 954-340-4125

Check out our website:  
[www.coralspringscharter.org](http://www.coralspringscharter.org)

## HOLIDAY BLOOD DRIVE

CSC will be holding its annual holiday blood drive on December 9<sup>th</sup> in the library parking lot from 7:30 -3:30 PM. Please come out and support this worthy cause. Parent volunteer hours are given for parents donating blood. Please email Mrs. Hocker at

[dhocker@coralspringscharter.org](mailto:dhocker@coralspringscharter.org) or Mrs.

Wildroutd at [cwildroutd@coralspringscharter.org](mailto:cwildroutd@coralspringscharter.org) with any questions.



## Charter Students Submit Bill to the Florida Legislature

Some people see a problem and say there ought to be a law. Others set out to get one written. On Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup>, two students from Mr. Singer's government class actually presented a bill to members of the Florida House of Representatives as part of a County wide competition.

The Democracy in Action Initiative is a program sponsored by the Board of Education and State Legislator Ari Porth. Students from all over the county submit a legislative proposal and, if chosen, get to present it to a distinguished panel at Junior Achievement World on the Broward College campus. Audrey Spoerr and Jasmine Shaw wrote and submitted H.E.L.P for Animals, a bill

to make pet licensing mandatory in Florida. They were part of an elite group of students who actually got to present their legislation to the panel. In a very professional Power-Point presentation the two young ladies spoke eloquently on why the legislation is needed and how it is to be implemented. They even calculated how much it would cost. They were then subjected to a question and answer session by members of the education and political community.

The acronym in the bill's title stands for Help Enforce Legal Protection for Animals and would cooperate with private companies and organizations like the ASPCA to enforce licensing requirements for pet

owners. According to the student's research this would decrease the amount of animal abuse cases by repeat offenders as well as set up systems to unite lost pets with their owners. In addition the students documented how stray pets can be a health hazard that their legislation could control.

"I was so impressed. The kids were so professional" Mr. Singer said proudly. Each student won a certificate signed by Representative Porth and the school won a certificate as well.

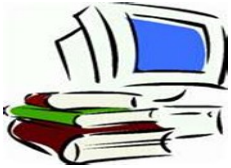


## Broward County Literary Fair

Time for our young authors and poets to get ready for this year's district literary fair! Guidebooks have been sent to teachers. Mrs. Martin will be happy to email or print out a copy of the categories for any interested parents or students. Deadlines for getting material to Mrs. Martin are:

**High School – February 14th**

**Middle School – February 29th**



## Library News

Students are encouraged to come and see the displays of the state award-nominated books for middle and high school. Students will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite books later in the year. Having trouble selecting a book for the **CSCS READS** Initiative (formally SSR)? Try the suggested books listed on these websites:

For grades 9-12 - [http://www.floridamedia.org/?page=Flo\\_Teen\\_Nominations](http://www.floridamedia.org/?page=Flo_Teen_Nominations)

For grades 6-8 - [http://myssyra.org/grades6\\_8/68list.html](http://myssyra.org/grades6_8/68list.html)



Don't forget that during this holiday season.....

**BOOKS MAKE GREAT GIFTS!!!**



**Congratulations to Jami Schlecker, Student of the Month November, Harrison Albert, CSUSA Spelling Bee Champ and Tamara Moore, Teacher of the Month November!! We are proud of you!**



## WORKSHOPS FOR COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS

Free SAT and ACT Workshops @ the Library

Pre-registration begins on January 16.

(954) 341-3900, ext. 274



Information Session.....Wed., Feb. 1, 6 – 7:30 PM  
SAT Practice Test.....Sat., Feb. 4, 10 – 2 PM  
ACT Practice Test.....Sat., Feb. 11, 10 -2 PM  
Practice Test Follow Up and Strategies.....Wed., Feb. 22, 6 – 7:30 PM

## STRIVE SPOTLIGHTS

The **STRIVE** characteristics for November are: **MORAL COURAGE AND PERSEVERANCE**. The **STRIVE** hero is Susan B. Anthony who led a non-violent revolution to win women the right to vote. Susan was the first person arrested, put on trial and fined for voting. She gave seventy five to one hundred speeches a year for forty five years, traveling throughout the U.S by stagecoach, wagon, carriage and train.

During the month of November, in addition to the **STRIVE** monthly awards, the **STRIVE** teachers committee has also initiated an **Act of Kindness** competition for students in grades six through nine. Students will write an essay from two hundred and fifty to five hundred words describing an act of kindness that they received and the positive impact that act of kindness had on their life. Two prizes will be given to the winning essays in each grade.

Our **STRIVE** Student Council will also launch a fund raiser for the holidays for the Broward food bank. Students from grades six through nine will be involved. The grade that collects the most money during the first week of December will win a prize

The **STRIVE** teachers committee along with the **STRIVE** Student Council would like to wish all families a happy and safe holiday.



**S**chools/students  
**T**aking  
**R**esponsibility for  
**I**mportant  
**V**alues of  
**E**xcellence

for greatness



### Core Honor Code

- I will do what is right
- I will do my best
- I will lift up and support others
- I will **STRIVE** to make positive choices



# PTSO NEWS



Our 6th Annual 'Fashion Around The World' Fashion Show was a HUGE success! With your help, we raised \$10,000 for the Coral Springs Charter. 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, Gina Careccia, Barbara Cipriano, Anna Crossley, Renee Fittery, Trudy Foley, Mike Kottler, Michele Lindstrom, Helene Molino, Sandra O'Connor, Gail Pettit, Lisa Russello, Michelle Waldman, Dawn Weber and Marjorie Wilson 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, Chico'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:

Allure Shades – 954-543-6259

Asphalt Milling Services Inc. - 954-581-8418

CharlieVacs – 954-360-7328

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Penn Dutch – 954-974-3900

Phil Smith Chevrolet – 954-733-6000

Priority Medical Centers – 954-346-5750

South Florida Dentistry – 954-752-7651

Swago Custom Apparel/Dickies 954-563-8250

Vozzcom Electrical – 954-753-8600

## SCHOOL STORE HOURS

Monday – Friday  
7:15 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.  
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

