



3205 N. University Drive, Coral Springs, FL 33065

PANTHER POST DECEMBER 2010/JANUARY 2011

Dear Parents and Students,

I am sure many of you are already aware but I am proud to announce that for the seventh year in a row, we are an A rated school! I would like to congratulate our faculty, staff, and students on their amazing effort they put forth on an ongoing basis.

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.

Our holiday chorus, band and dance performances have already taken place and I hope you had an opportunity to enjoy the top talent our school offers. I look forward to the many other events that will take place in the New Year.

As I have often mentioned, I am extremely proud of the community mindedness of our faculty and students. For the fourth 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 Second Annual Darius Butler Foundation and RuJohn foundation's Thanksgiving Giveaways. Again, thank you, parents, for encouraging your children to get involved in their community.

To highlight our character education program (STRIVE) and Student Government for this year, several of our students will be participating in the Coral Springs Holiday Parade on Wednesday, December 15th. Our marchers will depict the many positive character traits that we promote at Coral Springs Charter.

On another note, enrollment for the 2011-2012 school year is right around the corner! We will begin the process by hosting an Open House on Thursday, February 17, 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 25th and report cards will be issued to students on February 9th. 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 25th.

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!

Gary Springer



IMPORTANT DATES – DECEMBER 2010

December 1	DECA Fashion Show, 7pm, Auditorium
December 3	Blood Drive, Library Parking Lot
December 7	Interim Reports Issued
December 7-8	Chorus Winter Concert, 7pm, Auditorium
December 9	Band Winter Concert, 7pm, Auditorium
December 13-14	Dance Winter Concert, 7pm, Auditorium
December 15	City of Coral Springs Holiday Parade, 7pm
December 17	Jeans Day
December 20-31	Winter Break



IMPORTANT DATES –JANUARY 2011

January 3	Classes Resume
January 4	Chorus Booster Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 402
January 10	SAC Meeting, 7pm, Cafeteria
January 11	PTSO Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria
January 12	Drama Booster Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 404
January 13-14	Herff Jones Senior Cap & Gown Orders- During C & D Lunch
January 17	Holiday, Day Off
January 18	Band Booster Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 401
January 20-21	HS Final Exams
January 21	Early Release
January 24	Employee Planning, No School for Students
January 25	Third Quarter Begins
January 27	2011 Teen Political Forum @ Coral Springs Center for the Arts
January 28	Cup of Joe Show, 7pm, Auditorium



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

NATIONAL HONOR/JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

Invitations to join NHS and NJHS will go out shortly after second quarter ends. One of the requirements is 30 hours of community service must be completed. Check out the website www.volunteerbroward.org for ideas over the holiday break.

HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL

Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Leadership & Diversity Conference
Monday, January 17 from 9 to 1 pm at the Coral Springs Gymnasium. MS and HS students are invited to attend. Parents are responsible for transportation and only registered students will be able to attend. Event is hosted by the City of Coral Springs. Contact Mrs. Hoo at dhoo@coralspringscharter.org for more information. Sign up in Guidance by December 7, 2010.

UNITOWN 2011

Attend weekend retreat February 19 to 21, 2011 for experience of a lifetime!. HS students learn how to deal with issues, develop leadership skills, meet new friends, and discover the real you. A deposit of \$50 is required. If in attendance, 50% is refundable however, you may elect to donate it to help cover cost. Event is organized by the City of Coral Springs. Contact Mrs. Hoo at dhoo@coralspringscharter.org for more information. Sign up in Guidance by December 17, 2010.

ACE ACADEMY

Your interest in the ACE Academy for High School students is appreciated. We received many requests for enrollment. Packets will be sent home with students in January and if you are interested and did not get the packet, please email Mrs. Hoo at dhoo@coralspringscharter.org.

EXECUTIVE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM, ACE ACADEMY

Special thanks to our Business Partners for their continuous support. Our seniors are interning with Abi's Place, Coral Springs Police Department, Marriott at Heron Bay, The Parklander, Our Town News, Northwest Medical Center, TPC at Eagle Trace and Wyndham Learning Center.

NURSES NOTES

Our sixth grade screenings for vision and hearing are completed. If your student did not pass the vision screening you will receive a letter from the school stated that your child/guardian needs to be seen by an eye care professional. If your student did not pass the hearing screening they will be seen by the county audiologist and if necessary you will receive information via the county regarding this.

In January we will do our BMI and scoliosis screenings. BMI will be done January 18th-19th. Scoliosis will be done January 20-21. I will need volunteers for both. If you are a nurse that can help with scoliosis screening, please email me and sign up to help either Thursday or Friday. BMI will just involve measuring height and weight. If you need hours and would like to help, please email me.

As always I am available for whatever questions you or your student may have. I wish all of our CSCS family a wonderful and safe holiday season.

Nurse Eve

ewilloughby@coralspringscharter.org

954-340-4107

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK

The 2011 Middle School yearbook is now on sale. Order on or BEFORE January 15 to receive a special reduced rate of \$45. Price will go up after January 16. Fill in the information below and return to either Mrs. Murray (257) or Mrs. Pullo (262) by the deadline. As an added feature you may now purchase your yearbook online using Visa or Mastercard. Follow the link on the Coral Springs Charter School home page and click the yearbook logo to the right (make sure you select Middle School) or you can go to Yearbookforever.com and enter Coral Springs Charter Middle School. Personalization of yearbook's are also available for a nominal fee through the website only.**Also, there are still a few yearbooks remaining from last year (2010 Edition) that are available to purchase for \$20. Don't miss out on your chance to own a CSCS yearbook.

****Make all Checks or Money Orders Payable to CSCS****

Name: _____ Grade: _____

HR Teacher (Per 1) _____

Of Yearbooks Ordered : _____ Price per book: _____

Total # of Book ordered: _____



GUIDANCE CORNER

SOPHOMORE PARENTS-SAVE THE DATE

Immediately following the January 11th PTSO meeting we will have our 10th grade parent seminar. This seminar will focus on what sophomores should be doing now with college preparation, tests that should be taken and preparing for career choices. The program will be held on Tuesday, January 11th 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.

PSAT RESULTS

The PSAT results will be distributed to students in January. The PSAT was administered so that students can get data on score results, test question details, and their projected SAT Score. In addition, there is a great online tool entitled "My College QuickStart". Students will receive an access code that will enable them to view more information on their score report. In addition they can begin a SAT study plan, participate in a personality test that helps students to discover their majors and careers that fit their strengths and interests. If parents have any questions regarding the PSAT please call Mr. Frazier.

SAT and ACT

We want every student who graduates from Coral Springs Charter to take at least one SAT and one ACT college admission examination. Juniors should take these tests in the spring testing window. The websites for registration are:

SAT: www.collegeboard.com

ACT: www.actstudent.org

There are registration deadlines and fees attached to this testing. Please visit these websites to gain the information necessary for registration. If further assistance is needed, please contact us in the Guidance Office.

Students who are on free or reduced lunch are eligible for fee waivers for both the SAT and ACT tests. Please see Mrs. Smolka, Brace Advisor for these waivers.

WWW.FACTS.ORG

A reminder to every student and parent to use www.facts.org. This is the State of Florida office website for all information on college admissions, high school planning, Bright Futures Scholarships and much more. Your student (8th grade and higher) has a log on to view their high school transcript, future planning and career information. This tool is an excellent way to view the many opportunities available to our students. Remind your student to log-on often and use the career planning/education information at www.facts.org.

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 online. Please keep in mind that in order to earn a standard diploma, a student must have a 2.0 or above, passing scores on the FCAT, 80 community services hours and earn 24 required credits of high school classes.

PRINCIPAL'S LIST

Congratulations to the following students for receiving straight A's on their first quarter report cards! An honor roll assembly was held in November in celebration of their hard work.

6th Grade

Anthony, Brianna
Arevalo, Christian
Boing, Maggie
Caldwell, Bradley
DiPentima, Tyler
DiPrima, Joseph
Fechter, Madison
Galvez, Daniela
Goldstein, Noga
Grassi, Dominic
Irwin, Ryan
Jimenez, Kevin
Kallas, John
Lipworth, Adam

Lombard, David
Magrann, Shane
Mersch, Rianne
Nieves, Herberto
Perez, Riley
Perkowski, Daniel
Rampartap, Mikaeel
Renzy, Rory
Roman, Jonathan
Sarralde, Maria
Shabash, Marni
Wengrovitz, Andrew
Young, James

7th Grade

Bloshinsky, Griffen
Bloshinsky, Sander
Bukata, Brandon
Canarte, Mateo
Cerna, Johncarlo
Cichowski, Jake
Crance, Jordan
Dani, Jibin
Day, Christopher
Faiella, Courtney
Feller, Samantha
Guzman, Ignacio
Hoyek, Christopher
Iezza, Jacob
Jablonski, Ashley
Joseph, Shannon
Kessler, Valerie
Kosonen, Emilia

Litenski, Melissa
Lupo, Brenda
Lyew-Daniels, Samantha
Maurice, Gabrielle
Miller, Alan
Miranda, Nickolas
Mora, Andrea
Moskal, Carli
Naughton, Kimberly
Nebrasky, Zachary
Pustizzi, Nicole
Shionis, Samantha
Shiver, Lachlan
Sienkiewich, Courtney
Smith, Danielle
Spoerr, Donald
Thelemaque, Nathalie
Wiech, Kathy

8th Grade

Alexander, Jillian
Berner, Gabriela
Berner, Samantha
Brinez, Stephanie
Cabrera, Chloe
Caldwell, Brian
Cavicchi, Alison
Diamond, Jessica
Driscoll, Kylie
Giraldo, Valeria
Goldstein, Shani
Haase, Priscilla
Hernandez, Erin

Kealty, Kelly
Lee, Gregory
Maluda, Cathleen
Oih, Gregory
Rotem, Ophir
Taepakdee, Ashley
Tenaglia, Gabriel
Thompson, Tianna
Tiso, Hannah
VanRooyen, Gustav
Wechsler, Rachel
Weis, Rachel
Yang, Jessica

9th Grade

Apa, Valentina
Chusid, Ryan
Dozil, Sarah
Krzyk, Michelle

Molinari, Graciella
Perlmutter, Lauren
Ramjattan, Timothy
Shiver, Cailin

Smith, Brooke

Velazquez, Edwin

10th Grade

Clarke, Melinda
Diamond, Jenna
Freiberger, Marissa
Gaspard, Cassandre
Grabelsky, Lauren
Hollander, Connor

Keeber, Maryse
Lozano, Daniela
Munoz, Gabriela
Russello, Anthony
Thompson, Sydney

11th Grade

Anon, Jason
Balda, Victoria
Briody, Ryan
Cochrane, Shannon
Fine, Sarah
Hernandez, Hailey

Ibarrola, Vincent
Rosenberg, Julia
Rumuly, Blake
Sasikmuar, Amrutha
Shaw, Jasmine
Spoerr, Audrey

12th Grade

Aguirre, Pablo
Anderson, Joseph
Ballard, Ryan
Brown, Taylor
Clarke, Taylor
Ellis, Molly
Fisher, Tucker
Galeano, Valerie
Gerber, Keith
Hoffman, Alixia

Hollander, Taylor
Jacobson, Seth
Lopez, Chad
Mayer, Bettina
Montano, Elizabeth
Munoz, Martin
Orden, Jillian
Sharkey, Samantha
Toebe, Taylor
Wiech, Patryk

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

SENIOR PARENTS

2011 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 jpepe@coralspringscharter.org or Mrs. Smolka csmolka@coralspringscharter.org or by phone at 954-340-4134.

SENIOR EMAIL LIST

The senior email list is the fastest way for Mrs. Smolka to disseminate information to the senior class. Parents please check with your child to make sure they have been receiving the emails so they are able to receive pertinent senior information. **Parents if you would like to be added to the list, please email me at csmolka@coralspringscharter.org.**

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SAT/ACT

The next SAT will be held on January 22nd, 2011. Please log onto www.collegeboard.com to register. The last day to register is December 23rd, 2010. The next ACT will be held on February 11th, 2011. Please log onto to www.act.org to register. The last day to register is January 7th, 2011.

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

Seth Jacobson Brings Home the Gold for CS Charter

Coral Springs Charter Senior diver Seth Jacobson capped off his amazing season in the pool by bringing home the State Championship in the 1-meter Diving competition in Orlando on Thursday. Jacobson had won the District and Regional championships the previous two weeks and went into the State Championship meet seeded fourth as competition began. It was the tightest competition on the day as Jacobson pulled out the championship by 1.5 points. He relied on his three favorite dives, the Back Somersault 2 ½ Twist, the Back 1 ½, 1 ½, Somersault, and the deciding and last of the 11 dives – the Front Somersault Triple Twist to come away with the Gold. He has been diving since freshman year, but only began working with a diving coach in January of 2010. The State Championship is the first for Coral Springs Charter in the school's 12 years of existence.



PTSO NEWS

Our 5th Annual 'Breakfast at Tiffany's Fashion Show' was a HUGE success! With your help, we raised \$12,000 for the Technology Department.

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, Anthony De George, Lisa Ember, Trudy Foley, Michele Lindstrom, Susan Lorber, Susan Monti, Sandra O'Connor, Lisa Russello, Janeanne Stefanowitz, Michelle Waldman, 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, Banana Republic 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
City of Coral Springs Aquatic Center – 954-345-2121
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
Covenant Mortgage Corporation - 954-608-2322
Future Focus Financial/Michael Jacobson – 954-885-5131
JEMEJO Merchant Processing – 954-752-2024
Kraeer Funeral Home – 954-753-8960
Lindstrom Air Conditioning - 954-420-5300

Nancy Wolf-Smith State Farm – 954-431-6777
OT&R – 954-978-1717
Phil Smith Chevrolet – 954-733-6000
Swago Custom Apparel/Dickies 954-563-8250
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 11, 2011 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 & 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 13, 2010.

***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 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

SAT PREP CLASSES

Coral Springs Charter is pleased to offer SAT Prep classes after school beginning in January. These classes will focus on reading and mathematics skills necessary to do well on the SAT. SAT Prep classes will begin on Tuesday, January 11th and will conclude prior to the March SAT class. Classes will run twice a week – Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:45 until 3:45 pm.

The cost of the SAT Prep classes is \$60.00. Students that show a gain from the pre-test to the actual SAT will receive reimbursement for the SAT Prep class fee. If you need more information call Mrs. Trudy Foley at 954-340-4100 or e-mail her at tfoley@coralspringscharter.org.



HOLIDAY DONATIONS

Coral Springs Charter School would like to thank the following businesses/families for their generous donations towards our Holiday Party:

Benihana
Pasquales
Pepperoni Grill
Dyan's Country Kitchen
Payzins
Two Dinos Pizza
Scruby's

Anthony's Coal Fire Pizza
TooJay's
Wings Plus
El Paso Restaurant
The Hirsch Family
The Peck Family
The Enea Family

TUTORING OUR WAY TO AN A+ SCHOOL

Jacqueline Bukata, NHS VP Publicity

While there are many factors that contribute to our school's continual superior performance in the FCAT exam, the National Honor Society tutoring program deserves its share of the credit. Each Tuesday and Thursday NHS members work closely with Ms. Sonders and Mr. Leibowitz of the Math department to help prepare middle school students for the FCATs. As we learned last week it seems to be working. The older High School NHS members tutor middle schoolers who find math more challenging. Members have been trained either by the teachers or by other experienced members to work closely with middle schoolers on the math skills necessary to do well on the test. One needs only to see the enthusiasm on the middle schooler's faces when their tutors arrive to know how successful the program is. The National Honor Society's tutoring program is under the guidance of Taylor Clarke, Vice President of Tutoring. In addition to their tutoring responsibilities, the NHS has participated in the Harvest Drive which collects non-perishable food items to be donated to those less fortunate in our very own community. Also holiday cards were made and sent out to our Veterans. Our efforts were successful in both service events.