

3205 N. University Drive, Coral Springs, FL 33065

PANTHER POST

APRIL 2009

Dear Parents and Students,

With the start of fourth quarter we are not only at one of the busiest times of year, but we also begin our planning for the next school year. With the many uncertainties of the present economy and how school budgets will be affected, we at CSCS must begin looking for ways to reduce some of our expenditures without compromising any of our academic programs. I feel optimistic that with the oversight of the City of Coral Springs and Charter Schools USA, we will produce a sound budget that will continue to provide a quality education for all of our students.

Spring is a busy time at Coral Springs Charter School with a variety of extra curricular activities and sporting events on the calendar. Be sure to check the web site for updated information. At this time guidance counselors are meeting with students to determine individual class schedules. Be sure to discuss and weigh all the options available before making course selections.

Students will soon be notified of the school wide summer reading program. Middle school students will be reading Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life by Wendy Mass and high school students will be reading A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini. The purpose of the summer reading program is to instill in our students the joy and love of reading. Teachers will provide follow up lessons and activities related to the books during the first month of the new school year. The books are on sale at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore on University across from the school or students may check the book out of the local library.

The school calendar for the 2009-2010 school year has now been finalized by the Broward County School Board. The first day of school will be on Monday, August 24, 2009.

Finally, a huge thank you to Jill Pepe, our guidance staff and our entire faculty for all of their hard work to ensure the success of our FCAT testing. The students are also to be commended for giving 100% effort in doing their very best on the tests.

Have a wonderful spring!

Billie Miller

IMPORTANT DATES – APRIL

April 1	Middle School Production, Witches, 6:00 p.m.
April 2	AP Parents Night, 7pm
April 2	MS Chorus Districts
April 4	Football Fundraiser, Walmart (Turtle Run)
April 4	Football Car Wash, University & Shadowwood
April 6-10	Spring Break, Students return April 13 th
April 14	PTSO Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Auditorium
April 16	Report Cards Issued
April 16	Freshman Class Fundraiser, Sweet Tomatoes
April 16-18	Key Club Convention, Orlando
April 17	Senior Grad Nite
April 17-18	Relay For Life, Coral Springs High School, 5:00 p.m.
April 18	Sophomore Class Car Wash
April 19	Drama Car Wash
April 20	SAC Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
April 20-22	Chorus & Drama States
April 21	Band Booster Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
April 23	Early Release
April 23	Sophomore Class Fundraiser, Jamba Juice
April 24	DECA Fashion Show, 7pm
April 25	Junior Class Car Wash
April 28	Sophomore Class Parent Ring Order Night, 5:00 p.m.
April 29	Charter's Got Talent, 7:00 p.m., Auditorium
April 29	Blood Drive, Library Parking Lot
April 29-30	Herff Jones Ring Orders, Sophomore Class (C/D Lunches)

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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

BLOOD DRIVE

Our annual spring blood drive will be held on April 29th in the library parking lot. All students who donate blood will receive service hours. Parents also receive service hours for donating. Please see or email Mr. Valent at hvalent@coralspringscharter.org with any questions. Thanks for your continued support.

Middle School Yearbooks are still available for \$45. Please see either Mrs. Murray (257) or Mrs. Pullo (260) for more information.

DONATIONS WANTED

We are in need of the following items. Please note that for every \$10 spent, 1 hour of volunteer time will be given. All donations should be dropped off in the main office with the receipt.

Manilla file folders- letter and legal size

Business Envelopes - #10

Address Labels – Avery 5160

White Board Markers, White Board Erasers and White Board Cleaner

General Office Supplies (Paper clips, staples, tape, pens, whiteout)

Plastic Utensils, Paper Plates, Cups, Napkins

Bottled Water

LUNCH MONEY

Please note that the cafeteria will no longer be accepting checks for lunch payments after April 30th. All payments after that date must be cash only.

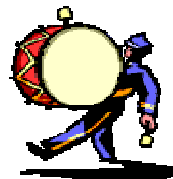
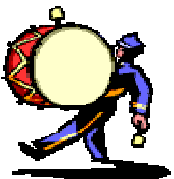


BAND NEWS

Please congratulate the following students for receiving Excellent ratings at High School District Solo and Ensemble festival for band: Mary Simpson, Billy Beamesderfer, and Megan Hager for their trio; and Kyle Mendes, Eric Bastante, and Joshua Cossette for their solos. The following students received the highest rating of Superior at Solo and Ensemble: Billy Beamesderfer, Mary Simpson, Victoria Velazquez, and Danny Evans. Billy, Mary, and Danny played grade 5 or 6 solos, and they will advance to State solo and ensemble in Naples on April 6.

Congrats also to Mary Simpson for earning a Superior rating on her student conducting at high school concert band MPAs.

Please congratulate the following students for receiving Excellent ratings at Middle School District Solo and Ensemble assessment for band: Andrew Lantz and Maryse Keeber. The following students received the highest rating of Superior: Michelle Krzyk and Caio Denucci. Congrats to all who participated.



We can always use help with events. Please contact Lisa Santiago if you would like to help – jls220527@aol.com or (954) 609-6822.

Upcoming band events:

4/11: Car Wash, 10am-2pm at the Mobil on University and Shadowwood near Chick Fil-A

4/15: Talent show auditions

4/29: "Charter's Got Talent" competition, 7:00pm, CSCS Theater -- \$5 in advance, \$10 at the door

5/7: Spring Band Concert, 7:00pm, CSCS Theater, \$5, free for students w/ID

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT FOR ENGLISH HONORS/AP STUDENTS



Due to the length and level of the school-wide summer read for high school, A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini, the Language Arts Department will be utilizing the book for our summer honors assignment. The teachers will converse on the assignments after reading the novel and post it on our school website for the summer. There will be a different assignment for 9-10th grade honors and 11-12th grade honors/AP. We anticipate posting the assignments by mid-May. **All honors/AP students will be required to hand-in the assignment the first day of their English class; the students will also be assessed on the novel.** Since this is the school-wide reading, there will be no acceptance of excuses for not reading the novel or doing the assignment. This assignment is replacing the previous additional honors summer reading.

DECA NEWS

As DECA continues to thrive, several activities are scheduled for the remainder of the school year. Five students (Steven Lerner, Marilyn Malara, Jaime Cohn, Melissa O'Neill & Shawna Rodriguez) will be traveling to Anaheim, California to compete in the International Career Development Conference (ICDC) from April 28-May 3, 2009. In order to help fund this trip, DECA has scheduled various fundraising activities for the Spring. The following are some activities in which you can participate to help support DECA and earn your service hours:

1. April 24th at 7:00pm is the annual DECA Fashion Show. Tickets will be sold for \$5.00 each. See Mrs. Sierra Bowman in room 134 or via email at dbowman@coralspringscharter.org for more information. Students who are NOT in DECA can participate for service hours and all parents can volunteer or donate supplies and/or raffle drawing prizes for service hours.
2. DECA will host a Book Fair fundraiser at Barnes & Noble the weekend of May 8th, 2009 at the B & N in the Walk in Coral Springs. Please bring your flyer to submit at the cash register so that DECA can receive a portion of the proceeds.

3. Otis Spunkmeyer cookies are baked and sold for \$1.00 every Tuesday and Thursday after school.
4. Be sure to check out the DECA website located on the CSCS website for further announcements and updates.

CORAL SPRINGS CHARTER TABS HIGGINS AS HEAD FOOTBALL COACH



Coral Springs Charter has reached into the past to head into the future, naming Mike Higgins head football coach of the Panthers. Higgins was the Panthers head coach from 2001-2004. He stepped away from the game for a few years, but not the school, as he has been the school's high school dean since 2001.

“When Mike left, we promoted Otis Mounds, and that went real well. At the time, Mike thought he would be moving to the Ft. Myers area and wanted to be fair to the school by giving us time to get someone in place”, explained CSC athletic director Jerry Albert. “As it turns out, he stayed in Broward and started to get the ‘itch’ to coach again over the last few years. When he indicated he would like to apply for the job last week, Mrs. Miller (principal at CSC) and I were elated.”

Robb Wilgoren, the Panthers coach in 2008, is relocating back to Fort Pierce.

Higgins was the head coach when the Panthers had Darius Butler (University of Connecticut) at QB/DB. As a senior, Butler threw for over 1400 yards, and rushed for over 1000, scoring 25 touchdowns along the way. Butler is projected to be a late 1st round draft pick in this year's draft.

“I think we have the potential to be a very competitive team right away”, stated Higgins. “With the offense we'll run and the linemen we have coming back, we should be a force on both sides of the ball.”

GUIDANCE CORNER

COURSE SELECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

Guidance will be meeting individually to review and finalize the course selections with students this month. Please make sure to have the course requests inputted into Virtual Counselor. Directions for Virtual Counselor are on the course selection sheet or page 40 of the Curriculum Guide. The username to be used is the number on the students' report card and their password is their date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy – important to include the slashes).

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PARENT NIGHT

On Tuesday, April 2 at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium, we will be holding an Advanced Placement Parent Night. This meeting will provide information to High School parents about the benefits of taking AP classes, as well as the expectations and school policies pertaining to these AP classes. AP teachers will also be present to provide information about their individual classes. This will be a very informative and beneficial meeting so please plan to attend! 2 service hours will be awarded.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT TEST

Recent legislation, Senate Bill 1908, authorized the Florida Department of Education to develop assessment measurements to determine the college-readiness of current juniors who scored at Levels 2 or 3 on FCAT Reading and/or Levels 2, 3, or 4 on FCAT Mathematics. The Florida Board of Education has requested the Community Colleges and the School Districts to work together to assess all eligible students and, if necessary, provide remediation at the high school during the senior year. If the remediation is taken at the community college, the student would have to pay tuition for non-credit courses.

The evaluation will be conducted using the College Placement Test (CPT). If a student tests below college readiness, targeted courses will be provided in the high school to increase the number of high school students who are college-ready when they graduate from high school. The high school shall use the results of the CPT to advise students of identified deficiencies and to extend access to appropriate remedial instruction prior to high school graduation.

Testing will be conducted at Coral Springs Charter School on **Thursday, April 16**. Students can sign up with Ms. Pepe in Guidance. The testing is optional. Enrollment in the newly developed high school college-readiness courses is not mandatory, but is recommended for students who do not meet “college-ready” scores on the state approved assessments. If you have questions or concerns please contact Jill Pepe at 954-340-4113 or jpepe@coralspringscarter.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

Coral Springs Charter School will no longer be accepting community service hours unless they are included in the list of Broward County’s Approved Service Hours. The following website gives a detailed description of acceptable community service hours: www.browardschools.com/schools/service_learning.htm.

Some examples of non-acceptable service hours include attending club meetings, participation in campus or competitive activities such as athletics, plays, etc. Volunteering for a for profit summer camp will not count.

Some examples of acceptable service hours are time spent collecting donations in which all proceeds go to a non-profit charity, volunteering for a non-profit organization, helping a club in which the student is NOT a member.

Please visit the website above for more examples. When volunteer work is done outside of the school, an approval form must be filled out. All service hours will be verified and if we are unable to verify the hours, we will not count them until we can. All service hour forms can be picked up in Guidance and we can guide our students as to the acceptability of their hours.

Parents please check out the BRACE web page at:

<http://www.coralspringscharter.org/brace.html>

It is filled with information in regards to college, financial aid and scholarships

Seniors!!! Your community service hours are due to Mrs. Smolka by May 5th, 2009. Please remember that you must have 80 in order to graduate from The Coral Springs Charter School.

Bright Futures Update

We are proud to announce that **8** CSCS students are eligible for the **Florida Bright Futures Academic Scholars Award, which cover 100% tuition at a state university.** In addition to The Florida Academic Scholars Award, CSCS has **65** students eligible for the **Florida's Bright Futures Medallion Scholarship (75% tuition).**

*Senior FACT results should arrive sometime in early May. We will contact those individual students as soon as we receive their scores.

Attention Class of 2010 and 2011:

There are two SAT testing dates left this year, May 2nd and June 6th. Please log onto www.collegeboard.com to register. I encourage all juniors to take the SAT or ACT before the year-ends!! Keep in mind; October 2009 is the first deadline to apply to college!!

There is only one testing date left this year for the ACT, June 13th. Please log onto www.act.org to register. I encourage all juniors to take the SAT or ACT before the year-ends!! Keep in mind; October 2009 is the first deadline to apply to college!!

CSCS CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

The week of May 15th CSCS is planning a week long celebration commemorating 10 years of "Premier Educational Excellence". Planned activities include a trivia contest, displays of CSCS history, and yearbooks from all ten years. The week will end with a celebratory event on Friday afternoon featuring our band, chorus and drama departments. Please look for further information in the weeks to come.



ACE ACADEMY - EXECUTIVE INTERNS

The ACE Academy is pleased to announce the 2009-2010 ACE Interns. Please join us in congratulating them. For more information about the program, please email Mrs. Hoo at dhoo@coralspringscharter.org

Brandon Carty
Dahlia Hassanein
Robert Hanna
Holly Fisher
Ashley Schemtob
Corey Alonso
Daniel Barb
Megan Lindstrom
Marilyn Jade Malara
Eric Bastante
Trey Jeremy Coke
Amanda Bitton
Candace Harrinarine

Fiorella Anzola
Jaime Ng
Michael Moskowitz
Patrick Dejoie
Pearl Meyerson
Shawn Thomas
Isabela Guizan
Shay Maraj
Michelle Arce
Tania Onisseril
Monica Pisasik
Sidney St.Cyr

PTSO NEWS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR-IMPORTANT DATES

*** Relay For Life will be held on April 17 &18 - Coral Springs High School. Anyone interested in participating will receive volunteer hours for walking around the track. However long you stay, that is how many volunteer hours you will receive. Also, if you bring other adults with you they can earn volunteer hours for you. Just bring your form and we will sign it when you sign out for the evening. Just think exercise and volunteer hours such a deal. Anyone who lends us his or her tent will receive 5 parent volunteer hours. Contact Michele Moore with any questions at mmoore@coralspringscharter.org

*** **Teacher Appreciation Week May 4 – May 8** - If anyone needs hours or would just like to show their appreciation to our wonderful teachers, we are in need of store bought desserts, soda, water, cups and dessert plates. Also, if you would like to donate gift certificates to raffle off for the teachers all week, that would be great. Remember for every \$10.00 you spend you will receive 1 parent volunteer hour.

*** **Uniform Presale May 12, 13 and 14 from 5:00 – 7:30** - You will receive 3 parent volunteer hours per child if you purchase at least 2 uniform items. If you have completed your hours for this year, you may carry these hours over until next year. These hours will be the only hours you may carry over. If you would like to get parent volunteer hours you can also work the presale from 4:45 – 7:45.

*****PTSO Board Elections May 12** – Board Elections will be held at the PTSO meeting for the school year 2009-2010 school year. If any one is interested please come to the meeting.

*****PTSO Meeting – May 12 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria**

***** Parent Volunteer Forms due May 15**

Volunteer Hours: Volunteer hours will be given for the following:

- Attend PTSO meeting (every 2nd Tuesday of each month) - 2 hours
- Attend SAC meeting (every 3rd Monday of each month) - 2 hours
- Join PTSO \$10 - 2 hours
- Donate blood at the spring blood drive, April 29th – 2 hours
- Donations for every \$10 you spend you will receive 1 parent volunteer hour. We are in need of the following items: soda cans, water bottles, paper plates and napkins

***If you don't have the time to come in you are more than welcome to make a one time monetary donation. For 20 hours it is \$125.00 and for 30 hours it is \$200.00. The plan for all monetary donations is going towards technology this year. With all the budget cuts this is a great way to help our students.

PARENT VOLUNTEER FORMS

You may pick up a Parent Volunteer Form 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. I strongly recommend you not wait until the last minute to get your volunteer hours. We will not be able to accommodate everyone. Remember you have twelve months to get these hours. **All forms must be signed and completed by May 15, 2009.**



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

April 1, 2009



ESOL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

**ATTENTION:
ESOL
PARENTS &
COMMUNITY
MEMBERS**

Meeting

Wednesday, April 1, 2009
6:30-8:30 pm

Topic: Mr. Jim Notter,
Superintendent of Schools will
speak and answer your questions.

Information about CELLA Testing

Reunión

Miércoles, 1 de abril del 2009
6:30-8:30 pm

Tema: Sr. Jim Notter, Superintendente de
Escuelas nos hablará y contestará sus preguntas.

Información sobre el examen CELLA

Reunyon

Miékrede, 1 avri, 2009
6:30-8:30 pm

Sifè: Mr. Jim Notter, Superintendent of
Schools pral pale epi ap reponn keksyon-ou.

Enfòmasyon sou CELLA

Reunião

Quarta-feira, 1 de abril de 2009
6:30-8:30 pm

Tópico: Sr. James Notter,
Superintendente das Escolas, irá
falar e responder às suas perguntas.

**Informação a respeito do exame
CELLA**

Place: K.C. Wright Administration Building (Directions on back)

Lugar: Board Room 1st Floor (Instrucciones al dorso)

Ki Kote: 600 S.E. 3rd Avenue (Instruções no verso)

Onâe: Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 (Direksyon nan lòt bò-a)
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