



3205 N. University Drive, Coral Springs, FL 33065

## PANTHER POST

## DECEMBER 2008/JANUARY 2009

Dear Parents and Students,

The first half of the 2008- 2009 school year has been a very busy time for us all at CSCS. Besides working hard in the classrooms, the students continue to be actively involved in all aspects of school life. We have had drama productions, concerts, sporting events and involvement in special community projects such as feeding the homeless and sending gift cards to students in the Galveston Bay area of Texas who are still recovering from Hurricane Ike. I couldn't be more proud of our students who, so often, go above and beyond the expected.

As we end another calendar year, it is time to begin looking forward to enrollment for the 2008-2009 school year! We will begin the process by hosting two Open Houses scheduled for February 12<sup>th</sup> and March 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. These Open Houses are for prospective parents and students. Please tell your friends and neighbors about this opportunity to come and visit our school. Tours will also be offered every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon at 3:15 p.m. beginning February 17<sup>th</sup> through March 10<sup>th</sup>. Please call the Main Office at 954-340-4100 to schedule a tour.

The third quarter will begin on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 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 recommitment letter be returned or completed online by the deadline date of February 20, 2009.

Finally, as we close out 2008, I want to wish you all the best for the New Year. Although these are difficult times, there is much for which to be thankful, and I look forward to the days ahead.

*Happy Holidays!*

*Billie Miller*



**IMPORTANT DATES – DECEMBER/JANUARY**

- December 1      Football Booster Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria
- December 1      Interim Reports Issued
- December 2      Chorus Booster Club Meeting
- December 5      Blood Drive-Library Parking Lot
- December 5-6    Junior Thespians Districts
- December 6      Sophomore Class Car Wash
- December 9      Band Winter Concert
- December 10     Drama Booster Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Ms. Helliker’s Room
- December 11     Sophomore Class Chick-Fil-A Fundraiser, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- December 12     Middle School HRC Toys for Tots Dance, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- December 13     Senior Thespians Districts
- December 15     SAC Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- December 15-16 Chorus Concert, 7:00 p.m., Auditorium
- December 16     Band Booster Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- December 17     Coral Springs Holiday Parade, 7:00 p.m., Sample Road
- December 22     Winter Break Begins (students return Jan. 5, 2009)
- December 23     Chorus to Perform at Disney
- January 5        Classes Resume
- January 15       Sophomore Class Fundraiser, Jamba Juice
- January 28       FCAT Parent Night, 7:00 p.m., 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

**HOLIDAY BLOOD DRIVE 12/5 LIBRARY PARKING LOT**

CSC will be holding its annual holiday blood drive on December 5<sup>th</sup> in the library parking lot. All parents who donate will receive service hours. This is a great way to help save lives and earn easy service hours. Please contact J.J. Valent at [hvalent@coralspringscharter.org](mailto:hvalent@coralspringscharter.org) with any questions. Thanks for your support!



## **GUIDANCE CORNER**

### **FCAT WRITING FIELD TEST**

Coral Springs Charter School was randomly selected to participate in this year's FCAT Writing Field test. This field test is designed to gather data on writing prompts and multiple choice items that may be used in future writing assessments. Only our 10<sup>th</sup> Grade students will be taking this assessment on the morning of Wednesday, December 3rd. All other students have a regular school day.

### **FCAT PARENT NIGHT**

There will be an FCAT Parent Night on Wednesday, January 28, 2008 at 7pm to 8pm in the Auditorium. 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 online. 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.

#### **6<sup>th</sup> grade**

Taylor Bale, Gabriela Berner, Brian Caldwell, Gabrielle Carballo, Alison Cavicchi, Samantha Coccia, Kylie Driscoll, Hannah Enea, Jesse Gonzalez, Priscilla Haase, Gregory Lee, Rodrigo Pena, Ophir Rotem, Nathalia Salinas, Kelsi Trites

#### **7<sup>th</sup> grade**

Jessica Carter, Anthony Castro, Jessica Chen, Ryan Chusid, Sarah Dozil, Brandon Fairchild, Matthew Fierman, Brandon Kutchera, Andrew Lantz, Alvaro Pena, Lauren Perlmutter, Timothy Ramjattan, Loraine Sanchez, Cailin

Shiver, Brooke Smith, Edwin Velasquez, Eddie Velazquez, Melanie Vera

### **8<sup>th</sup> grade**

Logan Abbott, Katherine Arcic, Brian Becker, Adrienne Cheung, Rebecca Feinberg, Bradley Kleinert, Gary Liu, Jacob Melton, Ashley Roehrig, Alvaro Salgado, Carina Tenaglia

### **9<sup>th</sup> grade**

Emily Abu-Nuwar, Jason Anon, Victoria Balda, Ryan Briody, Robert Coniglio, Vivian Cornejo, Justin D'Acunha, Gregory Feinberg, Sequilla Frazier, Brittany Hanson, Phillip Harrinarine, Hailey Hernandez, Trevor Kane, Julia Rosenberg, Niabelle Thelemaque, Lydia Wang

### **10<sup>th</sup> grade**

Hayley Friedman, Valerie Galeano, Akash Maharaj, Shannon Mathew, Bettina Mayer, Martin Munoz, Hillary Nofil, Meliisa Riggi, Ryan Roehrig, Samantha Sharkey, Jade Soto, Chantel Tavares, Michelle Wallace, Patryk Wiech

### **11<sup>th</sup> grade**

Karen Alfaro, Austin Bigos, Joseph Bishop, Nicole Briody, Matthew Chenoweth, Reginald Fabien, Paola Gaviria, Robert Hanna, Candace Harrinarine, Amanda Holden, Katherine Kealty, Jaimee MacDougall, Shareen Rosier, Carolyn Stephens, Nicole Tran

### **12<sup>th</sup> grade**

David Ardila, Moselle Campbell, Stephanie Castillo, Jamie Cohn, Angelene Dacosta, Cameron Donisi, Andrew Duarte, Angelea Esposito, Dennis Hocker, Steven Lerner, James Marraffini, Breanne Mitcham, Rosemarie Parasole

## **B.R.A.C.E NEWS**

### **Bright Futures**

The state of Florida will be opening up their Bright Futures web page sometime this month. Mrs. Smolka will let the seniors know as soon as they could apply!!! 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](https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/UA/SAWSTUA_uaform.asp)

### **Parents Of Seniors**

2009 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](mailto:jpepe@coralspringscharter.org) or Mrs. Smolka [csmolka@coralspringscharter.org](mailto:csmolka@coralspringscharter.org) or by phone at 954-340-4134.

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### **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!!!!!!**



### **HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL**

Three of our best students attended the ADL Grosfeld Family National Youth Leadership Mission in Washington D.C., November 16 to 19. This once in a life-time experience was made possible by the Anti-Defamation League, Florida Region. We are forever grateful to them. Just ask Shane Bryan, Rebecca Childress, and Neyssa Martin about their enriching experiences.



## **DECA**

DECA is an international association of high school and college students studying marketing, management and entrepreneurship in business, finance, hospitality and marketing sales and service. Coral Springs Charter School's DECA Chapter has 66 members and is one of the larger chapters in Broward County. We are pleased to announce the Induction of new officers and members on December 11 at 7pm in the School's Auditorium. Officers: Jamie Cohn - President; Yvette Aronov -VP, Finance; Steven Lerner - VP, Administration; Marilyn Malara - VP, Student Affairs; Melissa O'Neill - VP Public Relations and Mrs. Hoo is the DECA Advisor.

## **PTSO NEWS**

Our 3rd Annual 'Fall into Fashion Show' was a HUGE success! With your help, we raised \$11,000 for the Fine Arts Wing and Technology!

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, Claudia Alvarez, Louisa Barbuto, Michele Billisi, Michele Bruhn, Barbara Cipriano, Doris Clarke, Caress DeLosa, Lauri Dworkin-Bellan, Lisa Ember, Trudy Foley, Lynn Gilfillan, Michele Lindstrom, Susan Lorber, Sandra O'Connor, Gail Pettitt, Marcia Plummer, Lisa Santiago, Laura Wallace and Cyndi Wildroutd, who all went above and beyond what was expected.

Cyndi Wildroutd did a great job being the Master of Ceremony. Michelle Lindstrom thanks for putting together and donating the programs. A big thank you goes out to Lisa Santiago, Marcia Plummer and Dr. Nirit Swerdloff for dealing with all the models (aka divas) and getting them out on stage. We would also like to thank 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

Asphalt Milling Services Inc. 954-581-8418  
Baseball City 954-429-2719  
Bruce H. Mattson, P.A.  
Carl's Sunoco 954-755-8799  
Charlie Vacs 954-360-7328  
Coral Springs Charter Athletics  
Coral Springs Charter Band Boosters  
Coral Springs Charter Chorus Boosters  
Coral Springs Drama Boosters  
Coral Springs SGA  
Dr. Rosa Sanchez, DDS 954-941-7048  
Dr. Sherrie Bourg-Carter/Dr. Michael P. Brannon 954-766-8826  
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Extra Innings, Indoor Baseball and Softball 954-968-3737  
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Home Remodeling Specialists  
Institute for Behavioral Sciences and the Law 750 SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Suite 204, Ft.  
Lauderdale  
Lindstrom Air Conditioning 954-420-5300  
MetLife – Michael S. Jacobson, CSA, CFS, CLTC 954-331-5116  
New York Life Insurance Co. 954-958-4200  
Priority Medical Centers 954-346-5750  
Studio 4 Martial Arts 954-326-0991  
Swago Custom Apparel/Dickies 954-563-8250  
W. Jackson & Sons Construction 954-973-3060

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 13, 2009 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.

### **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

The school store just received black or navy blue zipper down fleece jackets for \$35.00



### **NURSES' NOTES**

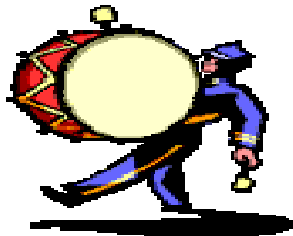
The hearing screenings went off without a hitch. Kudos to those who helped out so much and you know who you are. We are in the midst of completing the vision screenings. If your 6<sup>th</sup> grader did not pass the vision screening you will be getting a call from me to inform you of the results and to contact an eye care professional. If you are unable to afford an eye

exam, please let me know so I can tell you about some programs that might be able to help.

In January we will be doing scoliosis screening and BMI. Scoliosis is to check for curvature of the spine and BMI is a screening to help us identify children at risk both over weight and under weight for their age and build.

If you need volunteer hours, I will need people to help. Please contact me via email @ [EWilloughby@coralspringscharter.org](mailto:EWilloughby@coralspringscharter.org) and include your name, child's name and contact information.

Thanks and I wish you all a joyful and healthy holiday season,



### **DECEMBER BAND NEWS**

The band has a very busy month ahead. Thank you to all of the parents and students who continue to work hard to make our concerts, fundraisers, and other events so successful. We are currently working on raising money to buy low brass instruments and to pay for our spring trip to Atlanta, GA. Please mark your calendar for the following great events:

December 9: Winter concert @7pm in the theater -- \$5/adult, free for child with ID

December 12: Jazz band performs at Barnes & Noble, 5pm-6pm. This is a fundraiser – please get a flyer from Ms. Dinino and shop at Barnes & Noble from 12/12-12/14, and a portion of your purchase will go back to band. You will also be able to purchase gifts for the teachers through teacher wish lists.

December 13-14: Wal\*Mart gift-wrapping

December 17: Marching band performs in the Coral Springs Holiday Parade on Sample Rd.

December 20-21: Wal\*Mart gift-wrapping



### **Library News**

Wondering what to give for the holidays? Don't forget to include books!

The Sunshine State and Florida Teens Read books are flying off the library shelves, and some have long waiting lists. So, we suggest you consider taking *these* lists with you when you go to the bookstore:

Grades 6-8

Broach, Elise. Shakespeare's Secret.  
(mature)

Bruchac, Joseph. Whisper in the Dark.

Cummings, Priscilla. Red Kayak.

Duble, Kathleen Benner. The Sacrifice.

Kent, Rose. Kimchi & Calamari.

Lisle, Janet Taylor. Black Duck.

Lord, Cynthia. Rules.  
McBride? (mature)

Mass, Wendy. Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life.

Meehl, Brian. Out of Patience.  
Splendid Suns (mature themes)

Pearson, Ridley. The Kingdom Keepers.

Rorby, Ginny. Hurt Go Happy.

Smith, Roland. Peak.

Spinelli, Jerry. Eggs.

Winerip, Michael. Adam Canfield of the Slash.

Yancey, Rick. The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp.

Grades 9-12

Asher, Jay. Thirteen Reasons Why

Cabot, Meg. Avalon High

Caletti, Deb. The Nature of Jade

Clare, Cassandra. City of Bones

Crutcher, Chris. Deadline

Ferguson, Alane. The Christopher Killer

Giles, Gales. What Happened to Cass

Hoffman, Alice. Incantation

Hosseini, Khaled. A Thousand

Klass, David. Firestorm

Marr, Melissa. Wicked Lovely

Myers, Walter Dean. Street Love

Pfeffer, Susan Beth. Life As We Knew It

Strasser, Todd. Boot Camp

### **What's Happening at the Library?**

Regular Teen After School Programming (Please note that these programs will take a winter break as well!):

Monday – Video Games, Teen Room, 2:45 – 4:00

Tuesday & Thursday – Board Games, 2:45 – 4:00

And don't forget Homework Help for Middle School: Tuesday & Thursday, 4:00 to 5:30.

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, Short Story Discussion, 4 – 5:30 (Short story provided!)

Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> the “Hooked on Fishing” program begins again. 4:00-5:00. Pre-registration required. Please call (954) 341-3900 for more information.



### Literary Fair News

Hopefully our young poets and authors are working on their entries for the Broward County Literary Fair. It is important to keep in mind that the honors and awards a student receives may be important when applying to college. Entries will be due in the beginning of March. The 2008-2009 handbooks are here and have been distributed to the Reading and Language Arts departments. Students can see Mrs. Martin at the library for their own list of categories and guidelines.

Deadlines for the following separate literary competitions are coming up soon. Please ask Mrs. Martin or your child’s Language Arts/English teacher for more information:

- 1) City of Coral Springs Annual Visual Arts and Literary Competition. The theme is “Many People – One Dream.” Original essays, short stories and poems will be accepted. Due December 12<sup>th</sup>. Winners will be honored at a celebration at the Coral Springs Center for the Arts.
- 2) Brazil National Day 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Essay Contest – “How Have Brazilians Added to the Quality of Life in Broward County?” Minimum, 2 pages; Maximum, 5 pages. Must demonstrate that research has been done. Must include bibliography. Due January 30<sup>th</sup>. Cash prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
- 3) River of Words “Watersheds” writing contest. The contest is designed to help students explore the natural and cultural history of the place where they live, and express what they discover. Prizes and trip to Washington for the grand prize winner.

Please let Mrs. Martin know if your child will be entering any of these contests, and feel free to ask her for any assistance. Please get entries to her a little before the deadlines so she can help if needed.

**Coral Springs Charter School  
High School Student Government**



**DONATIONS NEEDED!!!**

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CSCS SGA is looking for donations of:

- Gift Cards (of any value)
  - Publix, Walmart etc.
- Movie Passes
- Bottled Water/Capris Sun
- Boxes of Granola Bars

For the CSCS STRIVE Conference on  
December 19th, 2008

- Business Sponsorship

Please turn in all donations to the school store or the office  
(addressed to Louisa Barbuto) by:  
**December 15th, 2008**

You will receive one volunteer hour for every \$10 spent!  
(Please attach your receipt to your Parent Volunteer Form)