

3205 N. University Drive, Coral Springs, FL 33065

## PANTHER POST

**MARCH 2009**

Dear Parents and Students,

Can it be possible that it is already March and we are almost three fourths of the way through the school year? It is indeed amazing how quickly this year has gone by. FCAT is around the quarter with the first assessment being given on March 10<sup>th</sup>. The testing will run through to March 19<sup>th</sup>. It is extremely important that your child attends school on these dates. Please be reminded there will be no NRT (norm referenced test) given this year. Parents, please be sure your child gets a good night's rest and eats a nutritious breakfast each day before testing.

The enrollment period has begun and will continue until March 15. We held our first Open House for prospective parents and students on February 12<sup>th</sup> with several hundred folks in attendance. There will be another Open House on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Please tell your friends and neighbors to come see what Coral Springs Charter School has to offer. We again expect to receive over 1,000 applications for the 2009 – 2010 school year. If you are currently enrolled at CSCS, you should have already made your recommitment.

As we begin the budget process for a new school year, we will be faced with many budget challenges. For those of you who regularly attend our PTSO and SAC meetings you have often heard me urge you to contact our state legislators to let them know your views on the importance of funding public education. I would like to thank Mrs. Laura Toebe who recently wrote a petition asking our representatives to continue to support public education. Thank you to all of you who took time to read and sign this petition on behalf of our students. Our children are indeed our future and deserve the best learning opportunities available!

On another note, recently we are seeing an increased number of student absences in the high school. It is extremely important on a block schedule to maintain good attendance. It is easy to fall quickly behind in a class, causing students to perform poorly on quizzes and tests. Seniors, please remember, although you may only need a few more credits to graduate, you are still enrolled as a full time student at our school. If you sign out early and are missing classes and assignments, your GPA will suffer. Colleges **will** look at your final report card for high school and your admission status could change. Your senior year is as important as any other in high school.

Enjoy your spring!

*Regards,  
Billie Miller*

## **IMPORTANT DATES – MARCH**

March 2-6	HRC Humane Society Collection
March 5	Drama Booster Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
March 6	Jr. Class Fundraiser, Buffalos
March 9	Chorus Booster Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
March 10	PTSO Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria
March 10-16	FCAT Testing
March 12	Open House for Prospective Students and Parents, 5-7 p.m.
March 16	SAC Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria
March 24	Sophomore Class Fundraiser, Chili's
March 26	Jr. Class Fundraiser, Jamba Juice

## **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

## **EARLY RELEASE**

Parents, please make every effort to schedule doctor/dentist appointments for after school hours. Releasing students early causes disruptions in the learning process.

## **EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST**

Parents, please be sure you are added to the SIS email distribution list. To do this, login to SIS, click on the Options Menu on the top of the page, then click on Contact List-Subscription/Information. Be sure to enter your email address and then click on Yes. This will add your name to the Mass Email List from SIS to ensure you receive school-wide emails.

## **MIDDLE SHOOOL SCIENCE FAIR**

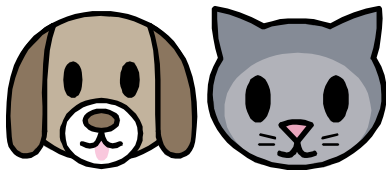
Broward County Science Fair – Each year the middle school advanced and gifted students are expected to complete a science fair project, requiring several months of scientific work. From each class the top projects chosen by their teacher participate in the CSCS Science Fair and other teachers volunteer to judge the projects. The top ten projects judged as the best are sent to the Broward County Science Fair to compete with students from all middle schools in Broward County. Six students from CSCS out of the top ten agreed to participate in the Broward County Science Fair on February 13; Taylor Bale, Gustav van Rooyen, Gabrielle Lawlor, Mindy Clarke, Adrienne Cheung, and Nicole Wadsworth. Out of the six, three students won Third place in their categories. Congratulations to Gustav van Rooyen who won Third place in Environmental Sciences, Taylor Bale who won Third place in Engineering, and Adrienne Cheung who won Third place in Botany. We are very proud!

## **CSCS WINS GRANT MONEY**

Coral Springs Charter was awarded an \$800.00 field trip grant from Target. Due to this grant, Mrs. Gunning will be able to take her eighth grade students to The Holocaust Memorial in Miami to support the reading of Anne Frank's Diary. The trip will be completely free of charge to students. In addition, she will use the money to buy resources that will also support her unit on the events leading up to, during and after the Holocaust. Without this knowledge, students will not fully understand or appreciate Anne Frank's role in the Holocaust. Thanks to Target for supplying the funds that will continue making Coral Springs Charter a premier educational community!

## **HRC COLLECTION**

The Human Relations Council is sponsoring a collection for the Humane Society from March 2nd to the 6th. They are in desperate need of the following items:



Used Towels  
Animal Treats  
Animal Toys  
Hand Sanitizer  
Paper Towels

Please turn items in to room 224 or the front office. Parents, if you would like volunteer hours, save your receipts! Thank you for your continued support!

## **DECA NEWS**

DECA States Competition in Orlando: 17 members of DECA qualified for States competition at the annual Florida DECA Conference in Orlando March 5 to 8. Good luck to our representatives as their top performance will take us to the National competition in Anaheim, California April 29 to May 2.

## **ACE ACADEMY**

Juniors are invited to apply for the ACE Executive Internship in 2009-2010 by March 3rd. The Executive Internship is a life changing experience as students experience business at the executive level and learn new skills needed for career success. The ACE Executive Internship Program is supported by our Business Partners in the City of Coral Springs. For more information call Mrs. Hoo at 954-868-2030 or email at [dhoo@coralspringscharter.org](mailto:dhoo@coralspringscharter.org)

## **WORLD LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT**

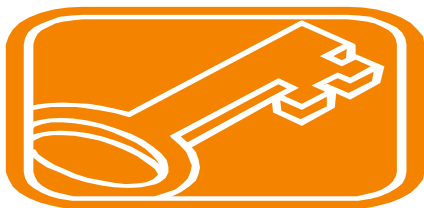
Congratulations to the following high school students who participated in the World Language Broward County Competition held at Plantation High School on February 7, 2009:

### **Spanish Language Participants:**

Candace Harrinarine, Walter Correa, Daniela Mena, Summer Payne, Bertholin Destinvil, Jessica Anderson, Dominic Frevola, Michael Rachelson, Vivian Cornejo, Lashtowitz Frazier, Emily Abu-Nuwar,

### **French Language Participants:**

Ashley Smith-Davies, Jackie Carrea, Jasmine Shaw, Tiffany Wigeri Van Edema, Joey Tuzzio, Juan Munoz



## **KEY CLUB**

Congratulations to the newly elected Key Club officers.

Co-Presidents: Al Payne and Dahlia Hassanein

Co-Vice Presidents: Candace Hannarine and Nicole Tran

Secretary: Megan Lindstrom Treasurer: Shawn Thomas

Co-historians: Briana Fernandez and Pearl Meyerson

Parliamentarian: Danielle Kripitzer

The members will also participate in a street cleanup on March 21, and will be at Our Town helping the Kiwanis Club serve “Nachos your way”.

## **8<sup>th</sup> GRADE TRANSITION CEREMONY**

With FCAT’s and Spring Break soon approaching, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade transition will be right around the corner and that means it’s time to turn in your baby photo’s and pictures for the slide show.

The Baby Photo requirements are simple:

1. Photo must be no larger than 4x6. You may scan if you do not want to turn in original.
2. Name ***MUST BE*** written on back.
3. Photo must be placed in an envelope with your name and period 1 written on the front. Write neat!
4. Turn in photos to either Mrs. Barbuto (school office) or Mrs. Murray (257)
5. **DEADLINE: Friday, March 20. NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

If you have any other photos from years past (Field trips, party, dance’s, etc.), you may also hand them in to Mrs. Murray (257). **MAKE SURE YOUR NAME IS ON THEM** or they will not be returned.

## **GUIDANCE CORNER**

By now, 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and high school student should have received their curriculum guides for the 2009-2010 school year. There is a perforated page with the course selection sheet that will need to be filled out for the Guidance Counselor. Guidance will be meeting with students individually beginning March 23 to help with course selections. Students are asked to have their course selection sheets with them at all times so they are ready for the counselor. There are instructions in the Curriculum Guide for entering the course requests into Virtual Counselor.

## **FCAT**

### FCAT Schedule

Tuesday, March 10 – FCAT Reading Grades 6-10, Reading Retake

Wednesday, March 11 – FCAT Math Grades 6-10, Math Retake

Thursday, March 12 – FCAT Science Grade 11, Make Up Day grades 6-10

Friday, March 13 – Make Up Day Grades 6-11

Monday, March 16 – FCAT Science Grade 8, Make Up Day Grades 6-7 and 9-11

Tuesday, March 17 – Make Up Day, Grades 6-11

Wednesday, March 18 – Make Up Day, Grade 6-11

Thursday, March 19 – Make Up Day, Grades 6-11

## **STUDENT PROGRESSION PLAN (MIDDLE SCHOOL) – BROWARD COUNTY**

Students must score at level 2 on FCAT-SSS for both reading and math. Alternative Assessments are administered after FCAT results have been received by the school.

## **PLEASE NOTE A NEW IMPORTANT FCAT POLICY!!**

Due to recent concerns based on security violations involving camera phones, policy has been revised to state that the possession of electronic devices **will** result in test invalidation. The previous policy stated that violation **may** result in test invalidation. However, If a student is found with an electronic device that reproduces, transmits, calculates, or records (e.g., a cell phone, camera, or pager) within his or her arm's reach during testing, invalidation must take place. Our suggestion is to have your child leave their electronic devices at home to avoid any unwanted invalidations.

## **\*\*SENIOR AND JUNIOR EVENT\*\***

On Wednesday, March 11, the City of Coral Springs will be hosting a highly interactive seminar for our Juniors and Seniors! This seminar will focus on topics such as career and interview preparation, ethical decision making, and preparing for life after high school. This seminar is going to be a fun and beneficial experience and we highly recommend that our Juniors and Seniors attend!! Please contact Jill Pepe at 954-340-4113 or [jpepe@coralspringscharter.org](mailto:jpepe@coralspringscharter.org) for more information.

## **PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL**

The following students received Straight As for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Congratulations!



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

Claudia Alvarez  
Taylor Jane Bale  
Gabriella Berner  
Brian Scott Caldwell  
Alison Lindsay Cavicchi  
Kylie Marie Driscoll  
Hannah Enea  
Erin Caroline Hernandez  
Gregory Dylan Lee  
Rodrigo Pena  
Nathalia Salinas  
Angela M. Sanchez

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

Jessica Carter  
Ryan Eric Chusid  
Sarah Antoinette Dozil  
Brandon D. Fairchild  
Calvin Iu  
Kathryn Kollar  
Brandon M. Kutchera  
Lauren Mossucco  
Yennifer Noriega  
Alvaro Pena  
Lauren Nicole Perlmutter  
Timothy S. Ramjattan  
Loraine Sanchez  
Cailin Lucille Shiver  
Edwin Velasquez  
Eddie Velazquez  
Melanie Mirella Vera

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

Lindsay Abbott  
Logan Abbott  
Brian Taylor Becker  
Adrienne Cheung

Rebecca P. Feinberg  
Newil Guzman  
Bradley Kleinert  
Gary H. Liu  
Jacob Daniel Melton  
Austin Pillado  
Michelle Taepakdee

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

Blake Gregor Rumuly  
Vivian Cornejo  
Justin D'Acunha  
Sarah Linda Fine  
Brittany Ann Hanson  
Phillip Harrinarine  
Louis Paul Meyerson  
Niabelle Thelemaque  
Ryan Michael Briody  
Julia Rosenberg  
Samantha E. Orkin  
Lydia Wang  
Jason Anon  
Victoria Nico Balda  
Hailey Hernandez  
Gregory Feinberg

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

Lea Marie Delosa  
Patryk Kazimi Wiech  
Taylor Lynne Brown  
Ashley Sienkiewich  
Holli-Ann Elliott  
Hayley Friedman  
Bettina Mayer  
Hillary Renee Nofil  
Molly Claire Ellis  
Victoria Velazquez  
Briana Fernandez  
Valerie A. Galeano  
Callie Mitcham

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

Joseph Rushfield  
Austin I. Bigos  
Maria Ramirez

Natalie Sadik  
Joseph Bishop  
Gina Marie Doyle  
Amanda C. Holden  
Jennifer Lagiglia  
Shareen-Alis Rosier  
Nicole Tran  
Anthony Katsikis

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

David Ardila  
Hannah Swerdloff  
Jamie Cohn  
Jacqueline Malvin  
James Marraffini  
Rosemarie Parasole  
Andrew Duarte  
Breanne Mitcham  
Dennis Scott Hocker  
Jessica Anderson  
Cameron Donisi  
Angelea Esposito  
Jessica Guiliano  
Heather Hibert  
Sandy Sanchez

### **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](http://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.

## **ESE NEWS**

2008-2009 ESE Parent Education Workshops February 2009 - June 2009  
2008-2009 "Weekend With the Experts" Saturday Series

To register, contact Kimberly DiLuzio/FDLRS Program Specialist-Parent Services at 754-321-2211 or [kimberly.diluzio@browardschools.com](mailto:kimberly.diluzio@browardschools.com).

ESE Parent Workshop information is available on the ESE website  
<http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/studentsupport/ease/html/WORKSHOP.htm>

## **PTSO NEWS**

**All Parent Volunteer Forms must be turned in to Mrs. Barbuto no later than May 15, 2009**

Please keep in mind you signed a Parent Contract that you will do 20 volunteer hours if you have one child in CSCS per year and 30 hours if you have two or more children.

If you have any questions please contact Louisa Barbuto at [lbarbuto@coralspringscharter.org](mailto:lbarbuto@coralspringscharter.org)

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

- 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
- Purchase at least 2 uniform items during presale (May 12, 13 & 14) – 3 hours or work the presale from 4:45 – 7:45 p.m.
- A one time donation for 20 hours is \$125.00 and for 30 hours it is \$200.00
- 1 Cell Phone = 1 hour
- 3 Used Ink Cartridges = 1 hour

**Donated items needed: For every \$10 you spend you will receive 1 hour.**

- Soda, water, gatorade
- Crackers, peanut butter
- 1 subject notebooks, loose-leaf packets, folders w/3 ring binder
- mechanical pencils, pens, composition books
- \$5.00 gift cards from Blockbuster
- Gift certificates for Teacher/Staff Appreciation week

Please bring all items with your receipt to the front office to receive your volunteer hours.

Relay For Life will be held on April 17 & 18 at Coral Springs High School. If anyone interested in participating they will receive volunteer hours for walking around the track. Forever how 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. If anyone is interested in lending us his or her tents we will give you 5 parent volunteer hours for the loan of your tent. Contact Michele Moore with any questions at [mmoore@coralspringscharter.org](mailto:mmoore@coralspringscharter.org)

Next PTSO meeting March 10, 2009 at 7:00 in the cafeteria

## **DRAMA NEWS**

February was busy and exciting for the CSCS Drama Department. The Junior Thespians found tremendous success competing at the State Thespian Competition, which was held at American Heritage under the guidance of Mr. Brown. The High School play, *The Scarlett Pimpernel*, directed by Ms. Helliker, was performed at CSCS Theater 2/26-28 and was included in the county CAPY competition. Thank you to all of the staff, student and parent volunteers who made this event possible!

March is a busy month in the Drama Department as well and support from the CSCS community would be greatly appreciated!

3/11 Drama Booster Club Meeting 7pm  
3/13 MS and HS Drama Showcase 7pm  
3/20 Cup of Joe - Open Mic Night  
3/31-4/1 Witches - Middle School Production

We need volunteers, donations and audience members! Everyone is welcome to help and participate! TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW FOR WITCHES!

Please contact us at: [cs.drama.boosters@gmail.com](mailto:cs.drama.boosters@gmail.com)

Christy Lee, High School Drama Boosters President - 954-658-4060

Linda Star-Siegel, Middle School Drama Boosters President - 954-240-4696



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

### **Ongoing Programs:**

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

**Tuesdays and Thursdays - Free Homework Help Center** (school days only), grades 6-8,  
4 to 5:30pm.

### **Special Programs:**

**March 4<sup>th</sup> - Short Story Book Discussion**. Read a short story and discuss it with others, refreshments. Ages 12-18, 4 to 5:30pm.

**9<sup>th</sup> - Game Night for teens with disabilities.** Video games and board games. For students in grades 6-12, 5:30 pm to 7:30pm.

**11<sup>th</sup> – CD Crafts.** Create crafts using CDs and CD cases. Several designs available, or come up with your own! Ages 12-18. 4 to 5 pm.

**12<sup>th</sup> - LAN Party.** Come after hours and play online or video games. Buy tickets for \$10, snacks can be purchased at the event. Ages 12 to adult. 6 to 9 pm.

**17th - Anime Club.** Join our fanboys and fangirls to discuss and watch anime and manga, ages 12-18. 5:30 to 6:30pm.

### **Free Help for Takers of the ACT and SAT Exams:**

**14th – Free ACT Practice Exam, Part 1.** Take a full-length practice ACT with the Kaplan staff. Call the YS Desk to pre-register. Registration Required. You must attend Part 2 on March 18 from 6:00-7:30 pm to attend Part 1. Ages 14-18. 1:00 to 4:30 pm.

**18th – Free ACT Practice Exam, Part 2.** Review your full-length practice ACT with the Kaplan staff and discuss test taking strategies for the ACT. Call the YS Desk to pre-register. Registration Required. You must have attended Part 1 on March 14 to attend Part 2. Ages 14-18. 6:00-7:30 pm.

**24th – Free SAT Practice Exam, Part 1 of 3: College Admissions and SAT Information.** College Admissions Workshop with Alberto Howe of Affordable College Solutions. Get necessary information to prepare for the SAT and find out about its impact on college admissions. Call the YS Desk to pre-register beginning

**March 9.** Registration Required. You must attend Part 1 to attend Part 2, the free SAT practice exam, on March 28. Ages 14-18. 6:00-7:30 pm.

**28th – Free SAT Practice Exam, Part 2 of 3: SAT Practice Exam.** Take a full-length practice SAT with Alberto Howe of Affordable College Solutions. Call the YS Desk to pre-register beginning March 9. Registration Required. You must have attended Part 1 on March 24 to attend Part 2. Ages 14-18. 11:30-3:30 pm.

**31th – Free SAT Practice Exam, Part 3 of 3: Exam Results & Follow-Up Session.** Review your full-length practice SAT with Alberto Howe of Affordable College Solutions to pinpoint your specific strengths and weaknesses, and discuss test taking strategies for the SAT. Call the YS Desk to pre-register beginning March 9. Registration Required. You must have attended Parts 1 and 2 to attend Part 3. Ages 14-18. 6:00-7:30 pm.



## The Library Goes Green!

The Museum of Discovery and Science, in cooperation with Broward County Waste and Recycling Services, presents a free exhibit that demonstrates the fantastic ways household waste is transformed into useful electricity. The “Wonderful World of Waste and Energy” promotes green living and shows how to help the environment by reducing and recycling trash.

In addition to interactive displays, the exhibit will also screen a 13-minute video, *All About Garbage*, as well as recycling commercials, on a continuous loop. The exhibit will be at our library, the Northwest Regional, from March 1<sup>st</sup> to March 30<sup>th</sup> during library hours.



## Literary Fair News

**High School** entries for the Broward County Literary Fair will be **due** to Mrs. Martin by **March 2nd**. The deadline for **Middle School** entries has been extended to **April 1<sup>st</sup>**. Interested students can see Mrs. Martin at the library or ask their language arts teacher for categories and guidelines. For more information, please call (954) 341-3900 or email at [dmartin@coralspringscharter.org](mailto:dmartin@coralspringscharter.org). Meanwhile, here are some more opportunities for our young writers:

- 1) Role Models Today Writing Contest: “One of the most important issues facing the nation in the news today.” \$100 and publication online. Due Mar. 16<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) Holocaust: The Meaning of Never Again Writing and Visual Arts Contest. Limit 1,000 words. 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$250 bond. Overall: Trip to ceremony in Washington. Due Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>
- 3) Acts of Kindness Can Make a Difference From the Holocaust Education Center. Students are asked to share an experience and express how it changed someone’s life. Due May 15th

Please let Mrs. Martin know if your child will be entering any of these contests. Feel free to ask her for any assistance. Entries should get to her a little before the deadline so she can help if needed.



## **CHORUS NOTES**

### Upcoming Events:

Chorus Booster Meeting - Monday, March 9th @ 7:00 PM. Please join us in the Chorus room. Service hours will be given. Please note this is a different date than originally scheduled.

Trash to Treasure - Saturday, March 14th @ Mullins Park. We need volunteers and your 'trash' for this event; please contact Ms. Webb if you will be available to help for pricing Friday evening and/or sales on Saturday. All 'trash' can be sent in with your child or brought to the Chorus room.

Concert and Women's Chorus Districts - Fri and Sat, March 20th and 21st @ Everglades HS.

Middle School Districts - Thursday, April 2nd @ Everglades HS.

Spring Concert - Tue and Wed, May 5th and 6th @ CSC Fine Arts Theater

Remember that Box Tops for Education is an ongoing fundraiser. Visit: <http://www.boxtops4education.com>, sign up, check out the online shopping opportunities and a portion of your purchase will help support the CSCS Chorus. You can receive services hours for purchasing any of these items: Blank CDs, Dry Erase Board Markers, Bottled Water, Boxes of Tissues and/or Paper Towels. As always, you can also service hours for attending our monthly booster meetings. This is a great way to find out what's happening in Chorus and to share you ideas.