



3205 N. University Drive, Coral Springs, FL 33065

## PANTHER POST

**NOVEMBER 2008**

Dear Parents and Students,

Second Quarter is now underway and before you know it, the first semester of the 2008-2009 school year will be completed! Please note your child will receive his/her report card on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. To assist those students in need of additional support before the FCAT testing in March, our Extended Day Learning Program is up and running. Although the deadline for registration has expired, there are still a few openings. Please call Ms. Trudy Foley at 954.340.4142 for further information.

This fall is especially significant for us all due to the Presidential Election being held on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Along with electing a new President, there are amendments and charters to be voted upon as well as several state and local offices that must be filled. Several of our social studies classes have focused their curricula on the importance of every eligible person exercising their civic responsibility of voting. I hope that you will take some time to discuss with your children those issues you find to be most critical.

Parents are reminded of their obligation to serve 20 service hours during the school year. If you have questions or would like to know areas of service, please call PTISO President, Louisa Barbuto at 954.340.4123. Please do not delay your volunteer service until the final months of school because the volunteer opportunities at that time of year are very limited. A big thank you is extended to those parents who have not only met the 20 hour requirement but already have far surpassed it. A note of gratitude is extended to our PTISO for producing the annual Fall Fashion Show to raise money for our students. So many of our parent volunteers work very hard to ensure its success and the money raised goes to several worthy projects and programs throughout the school. Without the PTISO CSCS would not be able to offer our students the many enhancements they have. If you have not yet joined PTISO, please consider doing so!

Once again as we get ready to celebrate another Thanksgiving, I am most thankful to be part of Coral Springs Charter and look forward to a great year!

Warmest regards,

*Billie Miller*

## **IMPORTANT DATES – NOVEMBER**

November 2	PTSO Fashion Show – 11:30 a.m., Heron Bay Marriott
November 3	Football Booster Club Meeting - 7:00, Cafeteria
November 4	No School-Election Day
November 6-7	Sr. Class Cap & Gown Sales, C&D Lunch
November 11	No School-Veterans' Day
November 12	Drama Booster Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Drama Room
November 13	Report Cards Issued
November 17	SAC Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria
November 18	Band Booster Club Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Band Room
November 25	PTSO Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria
November 27-28	Holiday – No School

## **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

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
Main phone line	954-340-4100	Student Activities Director	954-340-4120

## **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.

Manilla file folders- letter and legal size

Business Envelopes - #10

Address Labels – Avery 5160

Copy Paper (also colored copy paper)

Dry Erase Markers

Navy or White Table Covers (long or round)

Plastic Utensils, Paper Plates, Cups, Napkins

Bottled Water

Gatorade

Crackers or Breakfast Bars (for clinic)

Boxes of Tissues

Band-aids, feminine products, storage bags (to make first aid kits for classrooms)

Gift Cards to local restaurants/stores

## **BLOOD DRIVE**

CSC will be holding our annual holiday blood drive on 12/5 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!

## **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.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Parents, please remember to inform the front office of any contact information changes you may have i.e., phone numbers, address, etc. Please also be sure an alternative emergency phone number is listed.

## **A CHRISTMAS STORY ON STAGE!**

CSCS Drama Department will be performing A Christmas Story on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 at the CSCS Theatre. All shows begin at 6 pm. Tickets cost \$10.00 and will go on sale on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please contact Sherrie Bourg Carter at 954-980-0544 or CSCSdramaboosters@gmail.com to order tickets. Barbara Childress (in the front office) and Mr. Brown (Drama Department) will be selling tickets at the school. Tickets also will be sold at the door if the shows are not sold out in advance.

## **DRAMA BOOSTER CLUB NEWS**

The CSCS Drama Booster Club will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7:00 pm in Ms. Helliker's room. Everyone interested in the Drama Department, including those parents whose children are not in a drama class, are welcome to attend. Two volunteer hours will be given for attendance. Drama Boosters also have an email list that you can join to receive news and updates via email about Drama-related meetings, activities, and events. To join the email list, send an email to [CSCSdramaboosters@gmail.com](mailto:CSCSdramaboosters@gmail.com) with JOIN in the subject line.

## **DRAMA CLUB NEEDS ...**

The CSCS Drama Department needs help with props and costumes for its upcoming shows. If you have any of the following items, please consider donating them to Drama:

Bunny costume (preferably pink)	Elf costumes	Flying monkey costume
Wicked witch costume	Aviator's cap	D. Crockett/D. Boone hat
Black Bart cowboy costume/outfit	Snow boots	Black masks (for bandits)
Boy's turtle neck shirt	Boys corduroy pants	Boy's suspenders
Sweaters (1940's look)	Boy's pajamas	Winter hats, scarves, & coats
Glasses (1940's look)	Dresses (1940's look)	Fancy dress (style of 1940's)
Apron	Girl's bathrobe	Boys' shirts/ties/sweaters
Man's pajamas	Man's bathrobe	Man's dress suit
Kid's snowsuit (medium size)	Footie pajamas	Black leather jacket
Boys' jackets (1940's look)	Jumpers (1940's look)	Mary Jane shoes (girls' sizes)
Boy's black hats	Boy's black pants	Music for Peter and the Wolf

Boy's black/white striped shirts      small dining table      four chairs for table  
Christmas music (1930's and 40's) radio excerpts (from 30's and 40's radio shows)  
French revolutionary-style clothing Powder wigs (French revolution look)

Contact Sherrie Bourg Carter at 954-980-0544 with any questions.

### **FRESHMAN CLASS CALENDAR**

Freshman Class Car Wash - Saturday, November 1, 2008 at 7-11 on Sample Rd / Coral Ridge Drive

Freshman Candy Sale - October 27 - Nov. 8th

Freshman Class fundraiser - Invite your family and friends to Have Dinner at "Wings Plus" on Sample Road - November 20, 2008 to support the freshman class.

### **NATIONAL HONOR AND JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY**

Attention all students with a 3.0 GPA or higher: National Honor and Junior Honor Society will be handing out applications in February 2009 for those students who qualify for membership into these organizations. Please make sure you continue to get your service hours to reach the required 30 hours prior to the application deadline date. For more information, please see Ms. Alba or Mr. Singer.

### **OFFICE DEPOT 5% BACK TO SCHOOLS**

Remember to shop for your school supplies at Office Depot and provide them with our school ID number. CSCS will receive credits equal to 5% of the qualifying purchases for use for free supplies. **CSCS ID# 70021362**. If you forget to bring the number, please mention the name of our school and they will credit us.

### **GUIDANCE NEWS**

#### **COUNSELORS CORNER FROM HOME & SCHOOL CONNECTION**

Making school a priority....With the holidays right around the corner, it can be hard to keep children focused on learning. What can you do to make school a top priority for your kids? Keep these simple ideas in mind; they're useful at any time of the year.

Make attendance job #1.....Let your kids know that unless they're sick, they must go to school. Try to schedule routine dentist and doctor appointments after school hours. If possible, take family vacations during school breaks.

Show you care.....Want your children to know you're interested in their learning? Talk about their school activities and projects. Attend as many school events as you can. For example, come to the Parent's Technology Night.

Keep it upbeat.....Try to set a positive example for your children, even when your own day has been difficult. Instead of saying. " I had a hard day at work. I'll never get my project

done, “ Try, “ Work was hard today, but I made some progress on my project..” If you show a positive attitude about your work, your youngsters may feel better about their own.

### **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.

### **GUIDANCE PARENT NIGHT**

Guidance will be holding the following Parent Nights throughout the months of January through April: FCAT Parent Night, Parent Curriculum Night, Guidance Night and AP Parent Night. AP Parent Night will be held on April 21 and the dates of the other nights will be forthcoming. These nights are designed to inform parents about graduation requirements, courses we offer, test taking strategies, and the advantages of taking AP classes. They are extremely informative and it highly recommended that parents attend in order to access vital information regarding their children’s education!

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

**Broward Advising for Continuing Education**

**Senior Email List:** The senior email list is the fastest was 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](mailto:csmolka@coralspringscharter.org).**

Parents please check out the BRACE web page at: <http://www.coralspringscharter.org/brace.htm> It is filled with information in regards to colleges, financial aid, scholarships and universities that will be visiting our school and the South Florida area!

PARENTS OF SENIORS: If you wish to set up a meeting regarding your child's plans for the next four years, please contact Mrs. Smolka at [csmolka@coralspringscharter.org](mailto:csmolka@coralspringscharter.org) or by phone at 954-340-4114.

### **\*\*The Junior Experience\*\***

On October 17th The Coral Springs Charter School took 40 juniors to the Junior Experience at the Broward County Convention Center. The students had a chance to meet with over 200 colleges and universities, financial aid representatives and scholarship counselors. This trip was once again a success!!!

### **SAT/ACT**

The next SAT will be held on December 6th, 2008. Please log onto [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) to register. The last day to register is November 5th, 2008. The next ACT will be held on December 13th, 2008. Please log onto to [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) to register. The last day to register is November 7th, 2008.

### **ACE ACADEMY'S EXECUTIVE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

The ACE Academy remains a unique program offered only in this City by Coral Springs Charter School. The program provides seniors with an opportunity to experience business operations in many fields at the executive level. For the first time, the program runs for the entire school year. Students spend the first term in the classroom preparing for interviews with our Business Partners and learning about the workplace. Interns report to the place of business everyday from 1:00pm to 2:30pm for the next two terms, except on scheduled no internship days. During that time, Interns will identify and work on a Capstone Project that will benefit the business. They will also report to school every third Friday to collaborate on the Capstone Projects. In addition, Interns will attend the Speakers' Bureau and Personal Development Workshops. Capstone Project Presentations will be made in May 2009. We expect to have a very meaningful and productive year.

Please join us in congratulating our Executive Interns for successfully being accepted by one of our Business Partners: David Ardila – KB Electronics; Yvette Aronov – Bachelor and Assoc.; Michael Burrello- Advanced Cable; Arthur Cannon - The Marriott, Heron Bay; Persines Caputo – Center for the Arts; Cynthia DeFerrari – Coral Springs Medical Center; Maria Diaz – Northwest Medical Center; Nicole Essa – Wyndham Learning Center; Daniella Ford – Law Office of Scott Brook, PA; Megan Hager – Law Office of Rolnick and Netter; Maria Herrera – Premier Network Alliance; David Kuhlman – TPC Eagle Trace; Steven Lerner – City Manager's Office, City of Coral Springs; James Marraffini – Walgreen's University and Westview; Roberto Materdomini – Amera Corporation; Breanne Mitcham – City of Coral Springs Sportplex; Roianne Preston – Royal Palm Vet Hospital; Stephanie Radu – Police Department, City of Coral Springs; Jason Ruiz – Animated Family Films; Cara Stanco - tbd; Hannah Swerdloff – Our Town News; Demie Swinson – Northwest Medical Center; Alexa Tebben – Our Town News; Alexa Ulloa – Nordis Direct; Leticia Vargas – Coral Springs Medical Center and Diondra Voishich – VCA Animal Hospital, Wiles Road.

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE STRIVE PROGRAM**

**S**chools/students

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**E** xcellence for greatness

“A high-quality character education program in schools produces young people who are both humane and smart.” Sanford N. McDonnell

This year, Coral Springs Charter School is pleased to announce the implementation of a phased, comprehensive, systemic character education program throughout our school.

Research shows the need for more holistic education in shaping tomorrow’s citizens of good character; those who are able to make positive life choices, and adopt good habits and behaviors, knowing right from wrong.

STRIVE seeks to develop the:

Cognitive – Know what is right

Emotional – Value what is right

Behavioral – Do what is right

Our curriculum will be richly enhanced with age appropriate lessons on character throughout the year with an emphasis being placed on traits related to morals, performance and citizenship. The program will include school, home and community involvement in teaching, reinforcing and transferring a deeper understanding of ethical practices. We will emphasize character education as it relates to leadership development and student behavior thus reaping rewards such as improved attendance, positive choices, reduced discipline incidents, and increased community service.

The STRIVE program includes lesson planning, reading assignments, a character instructional focus calendar, school announcements, procedures, protocols and travel experiences aligned to grade level.

We have also added to our STRIVE program, a “Thought for the Week”, “Heroes of the Month” and an “Honor Code.”

“Within the character of the citizen, lies the welfare of the nation.” Cicero

## **PTSO NEWS**

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon

When: Sunday, November 2, 2008

Where: Heron Bay Marriott, Coral Springs

Time: 11:30 – 2:30

Cost: \$40 per ticket

We would like to thank the following businesses for their support as table sponsors:

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  
Emzol Inc. 954-673-1969  
Extra Innings, Indoor Baseball and Softball 954-968-3737  
HD Supply/US Concrete Pipe  
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

## **Cherrydale Fall Fundraiser**

If you have not picked up your Cherrydale Fall Fundraiser Package please do so before or after school.

## **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

**Our next PTSO meeting is Tuesday, November 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.**

## Literary Fair and other writing contests



The **Broward District Literary Fair** handbooks have arrived. Copies have been distributed to English, Reading and Language Arts teachers. Students who wish to work outside of class are welcome to ask Mrs. Martin for descriptions of the various categories. All High School and Middle School entries are due to Mrs. Martin by March 1<sup>st</sup>. She will work with any student who would like to participate and needs assistance. For more information, please contact Mrs. Dorothy Martin at (954) 341-3900, ext. 271 or [dmartin@coralspringscharter.org](mailto:dmartin@coralspringscharter.org). Students are encouraged to begin their work now to be ready for the deadline. Here are some other competitions that students may be interested in:

### **LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE 2008-2009 COMPETITION**

The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, in partnership with Target Stores and in cooperation with affiliate state centers for the book, invites readers in grades 4 through 12 to enter Letters About Literature, a national reading-writing contest. Students are encouraged to select a piece from any genre that invoked strong feelings: fiction or nonfiction, contemporary or classic, book, story, poem, essay. Readers then write a personal letter to the author, living or dead, explaining how that author's work changed the student's way of thinking about the world or themselves. There are three competition levels: Level I for children in grades 4 through 6; Level II for grades 7 and 8, and Level III, grades 9 - 12. Winners, announced in the spring of each year, receive cash awards at the national and state levels. Deadline December 6, 2008. For more information, please go to the LAL website: <http://www.loc.gov/loc/cfbook/letters/> Please let Mrs. Martin know if your child is entering, and if any assistance is needed.

Here are some other contests that may be of interest. Please go to the following links for more information, and let Mrs. Martin know if you plan to enter:

(Ending soon!) Sun Sentinel Essay and Photo Contest (High School) - **Deadline for entries is Monday, November 10, 2008. Cash prizes.**  
[www.sun-sentinel2.com/education/nie/Ford Brochure.pdf](http://www.sun-sentinel2.com/education/nie/Ford%20Brochure.pdf)

The Consulate General of Brazil's 3rd Annual Essay Contest for Middle and High School Students- Deadline is January 30<sup>th</sup>.  
[www.broward.k12.fl.us/diversity](http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/diversity). (Click on "contests.")

River of Words (High School and Middle) - Each year, in affiliation with The Library of Congress Center for the Book, River of Words conducts a free international poetry and art contest. Deadline is February 15<sup>th</sup>.  
[www.riverofwords.org/about/contact.html](http://www.riverofwords.org/about/contact.html)

## What's Happening at the Library?



CSCS students from Ms. Delman's classes visited the library to cast their votes electronically in a mock election. It was sponsored by Kids Voting Broward, Inc. through the School Board. As they made their way to the library, the classes had to navigate around the long lines of adults waiting for early voting. The lines were enormous, and it was quite a sight for them to see: democracy in action!



Middle and High School students and parents are reminded to check out the displays in the Youth Services area of the library. Suggested booklists for the **Sunshine State Young Reader Award Program** (6-8) and the **Florida Teens Read Program** (9-12) are available for you to take with you. Librarians will be happy to put a book on hold that may not currently be on the shelf. Most of the titles are available in paperback at the bookstore and are all terrific reads!

### **This month's activities at the library:**

**Nov. 5 - Short Story Book Discussion.** Stop by our teen activity room, read a short story and then discuss it with other teens. Refreshments provided. Ages 12-18, 4 to 5:30pm.

**8 - Self Defense for Teens.** Rick Seid, founder of Fighting Chance, teaches reality-based basic self defense and awareness training. Teens should wear sneakers and comfortable clothes. Please call the YS desk at 954-341-3900 x. 274 to pre-register. Registration is required. This free program is sponsored by The Stephanie Rubin Memorial Fund. Ages 12-18, 1 to 3pm.

**12 - Teen Movie Night with soda and popcorn.** Ages 12-18, 4 to 6pm.

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

**19 - Turkey Cookies.** Make your own Thanksgiving turkey using candy and cookies. Please call the YS desk at 954-341-3900 x 274 to pre-register. Registration is required. Ages 12-18. 4-5 p.m.

### Coral Springs Charter School - November 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	
						1 8:00AM BD V SVM @ Dade @ St. Andrew, Boca 1:00PM B JV WB @ Pine Crest 3:00PM B V WB @ Cardinal Gibbons	
2	3 TBA BD V XC @ District Week 3:30PM B MS SOC @ MSA A Game vs Forest Glen 4:30PM G MS SOC @ MSA A Game vs Forest Glen 5:00PM B V WB Cypress Bay 7:00PM G V SOC @ Coral Springs High	4	5 4:00PM G V SOC Archbishop McCarthy 5:00PM B JV WB Coral Springs High	6 3:30PM G MS SOC MSA A Game v. Westglades @ Westglades 4:30PM B MS SOC MSA A Game v. Westglades @ Westglades 7:00PM B V FB Douglas	7	4:00PM B JV WB Tanavella	8 TBA B V WB @ CABA Tournament in Miami
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