

3205 N. University Drive, Coral Springs, FL 33065

## **PANTHER POST**

**OCTOBER 2008**

Dear Parents and Students,

Fall is here and the 2008-2009 school year is well under way! Please look for your child's first quarter report card to come home with him/her on November 13<sup>th</sup>. If you need another copy or would like to schedule a meeting with your child's teachers, please contact the Guidance Department at 954-340-4134. Also, letters were recently mailed home to those students who have been determined will benefit from our Extended Day Program. If you did not receive a letter and would like your child to participate, please contact Ms. Washington at 954-340-4130.

The past few weeks have been extremely busy with homecoming activities taking place during the week of September 15<sup>th</sup>. The Student Government Association, under the sponsorship of Ms. Ash worked hard to provide a fun week for the students capped by a very successful dance on Saturday evening. Our football team put forth a valiant effort against Coral Springs High School but came up a little short. A big "thank you" to the cheerleaders and marching band for their participation and efforts to raise school spirit!

The rest of our fall sports and other extracurricular activities are also now in full swing. Come out and see a football game, volleyball match, swim meet, golf match or cross country meet. Show your support of our athletes and cheerleaders! They love seeing you there!

Finally, thank you to all who came to our first open house and PTSO meeting of the year. We had well over 400 parents and family members in attendance! It is through your support that Coral Springs Charter continues being a premier school.

Warmest regards,

*Billie Miller*

## **IMPORTANT DATES – OCTOBER**

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| October 2      | Home Football Game, 7:00 p.m., Sportsplex Stadium               |
| October 3      | Yearbook Movie Night - Cafeteria                                |
| October 4      | Freshman Car Wash, Coral Springs Drive & Royal Palm Blvd        |
| October 6      | Football Booster Club Meeting 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria              |
| October 7      | Chorus Booster Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Chorus Room             |
| October 8      | Drama Booster Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Drama Room               |
| October 9      | Day Off   |
| October 11     | Drum Line Car Wash, Coral Springs Drive & Royal Palm Blvd       |
| October 14     | PTSO Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria                              |
| October 15     | PSAT Testing  |
| October 16 -18 | Fall HS Play  |
| October 18     | Sophomore Class Car Wash, Coral Springs Drive & Royal Palm Blvd |
| October 20     | SAC Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria                               |
| October 21     | Band Booster Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Band Room                 |
| October 22     | Midterms – periods 1&2  |
| October 23     | Midterms – periods 3&4  |
| October 23     | Early Release Day   |
| October 24     | Teacher Planning Day – No School                                |
| October 25     | Junior Class Car Wash, Coral Springs Drive & Royal Palm Blvd    |

## **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)

## **PANTHER PATROL CRIME WATCH TEAM RECRUITING**

Students interested in joining the CSCS Panther Patrol Team are invited to meet with Mr. Liberatos and Ms. Alba. Earn valuable service hours while assisting us in keeping our school safe and secure. Weekly meetings will be held to share experiences and ideas to enhance the program.

## **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.

## **SURVEY RESULTS**

Thank you to all the parents who completed a survey during Open House. The results are as follows:

### **1. The hours of Open House (5:00-7:00 p.m.) were convenient:**

62% strongly agree    30% agree    8% disagree    0% strongly disagree

### **2. I found that there was ample time to meet teachers during the two-hour timeframe:**

54% strongly agree    42% agree    4% disagree    0% strongly disagree

### **3. I like the Open House format:**

58% strongly agree    28% agree    6% disagree    8% strongly disagree

## **GUIDANCE NEWS**

School counselors make a measurable impact in every student's life, assisting with academic, career and personal/social development. Professional school counselors are trained in both educating and counseling, allowing them to function as a facilitator between parents and the student in matters concerning the student's goals, abilities and any areas needing improvement. School counselors provide services not only to students in need, but to all students. The beginning of a school year is an excellent opportunity to initiate contact with your child's school counselor and doing so can ensure your child's positive school experience. Find out who the counselor is and what his or her experience and background are. By communicating with one another at the beginning, middle, and end of the school year, parents and counselors can have a definite impact a child's success.

## **PSAT**

Coral Springs Charter School will be administering the PSAT to all 10th graders on Wednesday October 15, 2008. 9th or 11th graders who would like to take the PSAT can sign up with the Guidance Department September 29 through Oct 10th. Guidance will not be able to accept registrations after Oct. 10th. \*\*There is no fee for 10th graders taking the PSAT. The PSAT fee for any 9th or 11th grader is \$13.00 (cash or checks made payable to Coral Springs Charter School). 11<sup>th</sup> grade student who participate in the PSAT may

qualify for the National Merit Scholarship. Students are permitted to use a scientific, graphing or four-function calculator on the Math section of the PSAT. Please encourage your child to bring a calculator to school on **October 15, 2008**. While participating in the PSAT, your child will have a chance to register to receive college information. Your child must check "yes" on the Student Search Service in order to have college information sent. For more information on the PSAT log onto <http://www.collegeboard.com> and click on PSAT. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the 10<sup>th</sup> grade guidance counselor, Mrs. Christine Hill at [chill@coralspringscharter.org](mailto:chill@coralspringscharter.org) or 954-340-4132 or the testing coordinator, Jill Pepe at [jpepe@coralspringscharter.org](mailto:jpepe@coralspringscharter.org) or 954-340-4113.

### **STUDENT SERVICE HOURS**

Student Community Service Forms are located in the Guidance Office. An Approval Form prior to starting the volunteer work must accompany any community service done outside of the school. It is important for the students of Coral Springs Charter School to be involved in community service activities that are truly benefiting the community.

### **FCAT RETAKES**

The FCAT Reading Retake will be held on Monday, October 6 and the FCAT Math Retake will be held on Tuesday, October 7 for all 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who have not passed the Reading and/or Math FCAT. If students are absent, the make up days will be October 8th and 10th. Students are encouraged to eat a good breakfast the morning of the exam and to get a good night's rest.

### **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. I have met with all the seniors and have received everyone's email addresses. 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.**

**SENIORS!!!** The next SAT will be held on November 1st, 2008. Please log onto [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) to register. The next ACT will be held on December 13th, 2008. Please log onto to [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) to register.

Please keep in mind the first university admissions deadlines are around the corner. To find out more about a universities admissions deadline, please log onto the individual schools web page.

## NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR

The Ft. Lauderdale National College Fair will be held Thursday October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the Broward County Convention Center in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. This fair will provide valuable resources for students and parents attempting to navigate the college-admission process. Sponsored by the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), this event is free to the public, from 5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. For more information about the Ft. Lauderdale National College Fair go to [www.nacacnet.org](http://www.nacacnet.org). To print an electronic bar code card that will allow you to swipe your student information for colleges at the fair, pre-register at: <http://www.trcrent.com/nacac/NACACReg.asp?EID=11>

### College Visits to CSCS:

| Date  | Time      | College/University                   |
|-------|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| 9/17  | 8:00 a.m. | University of Miami (UM)             |
| 9/24  | 8:00 a.m. | University of South Florida (USF)    |
| 10/3  | 9:15 a.m  | University of Central Florida (UCF)  |
| 10/10 | 2:00 p.m. | Broward Community College (BCC)      |
| 11/5  | 8:00 p.m  | Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) |

### Colleges and Universities Visiting the South Florida Area

| Date  | Time      | College/University                 | Location / Details            |
|-------|-----------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 9/18  | 7:00 p.m. | MIT                                | Spanish River HS, Boca Raton  |
| 10/2  | 7:30 p.m. | University of Pennsylvania         | Ft. Lauderdale Marriott North |
| 10/19 | TBA       | NYU                                | Ft. Lauderdale                |
| 10/20 | 7:00 p.m. | Washington University in St. Louis | Ft. Lauderdale Marriott North |

\*Please see **Mrs. Smolka or Ms.Monti** in Guidance to sign up!!

## **ATHLETIC TRYOUT SCHEDULE**

Middle School & High School Winter Dates

|                   |                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Girls' Soccer     | October 13 <sup>th</sup> |
| Boys' Soccer      | October 20 <sup>th</sup> |
| Girls' Basketball | October 27 <sup>th</sup> |
| Wrestling         | October 27 <sup>th</sup> |
| Boys' Basketball  | November 3 <sup>rd</sup> |

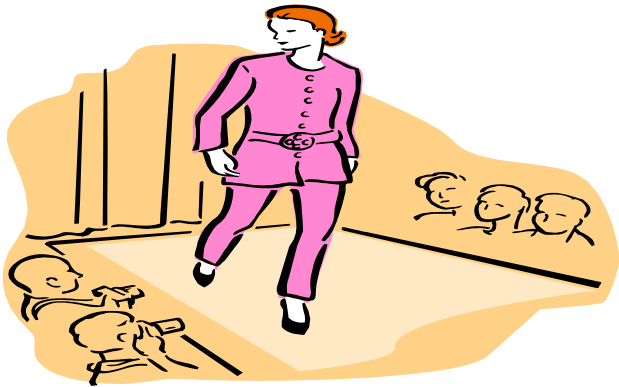
All students interested in trying out MUST have a completed physical and consent form.

\*\*To obtain these forms and further details on tryouts, please check out our website at [www.coralsspringscharter.org](http://www.coralsspringscharter.org) and click on Athletics.

## **PTSO NEWS**

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW AND GOING FAST! DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO HELP SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL AND HAVE A GREAT TIME DOING IT!!

3rd 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**

Please come and support the Coral Springs Charter School's Fine Arts Wing and Technology Department. Every child will benefit from this. Join us for a delicious luncheon highlighted by a display of fun fashions modeled by our students, teachers and administration. Clothing sponsors for the event are Dillards and Aeropostale. We will also have a Chinese Auction, Raffles and A thank you gift for supporting your school.

**We are in need of items for the auction as well as sponsors for each table. This is a great way to get volunteer hours.** For your donated items you will receive 1 hour for every \$10 value. Tickets are available at the school store. You will also receive 3 hours for

purchasing ticket/tickets to attend. Please contact Louisa Barbuto at 9564-340-4123 or [lbarbuto@coralspringscharter.org](mailto:lbarbuto@coralspringscharter.org) for more information.

Here is a list of items we need, please bring them to the next PTSO meeting or to the school store before or after school.

Baskets (all sizes), large cellophane paper rolls, BBQ items such as apron/mitt, cutting board, knife set, bbq grill, gourmet toppings supermarket gift certificate, beach items such as cooler, beach umbrella, beach towel, cd player/radio, picnic basket, beach chair, sun care, boogie board, snorkel, games/toys, sports mania such as sporting event tickets, gift certificates to sporting shops, sports bag, various sporting items, gift certificates to any shop or restaurant.

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  
Carl's Sunoco 954-755-8799  
Charlie Vacs 954-360-7328  
CSC Band Boosters  
CSC Chorus Boosters  
CSC Drama Boosters  
CSC Panthers Athletics  
Emzol Inc. 954-673-1969  
Fast Track Paving 954-587-2142  
Student Government Association (SGA)  
Swago Custom Apparel/Dickies 954-563-8250  
US Concrete & HD  
Tornado Tile Maintenance Inc. 954-975-4011

### **Volunteer Hours:**

Purchase a ticket/tickets for the Fashion Show receive 3 hours

Sponsorship for the Fashion Show receive 10 hours

Donated items for the Fashion Show receive 1 hour for every \$10.00 spent

Join PTSO receive 2 volunteer hours

Attend PTSO meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month) receive 2 volunteer hours

Attend SAC meetings (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month) receive 2 volunteer hours

Bring items to the front office and they will sign off your hours.

### **Parent Volunteer Form:**

You may pick up a 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.

## **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, October 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

Election time is upon us, and, in that spirit, students have the opportunity to consider this year's nominees for Florida's favorite book. These titles are recommended for recreational reading and are not assigned. Please encourage your child to read at least three titles from his or her list, and be ready to vote in the spring!

Think for yourself. – Read for your self!



Sunshine State Young Reader's Award Nominees  
2008-2009 Grades 6-8

Broach, Elise. *Shakespeare's Secret.*

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.*

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

Meehl, Brian. *Out of Patience.*

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.



“License to Read” 2008-2009 Florida Teens Read Award Nominees  
Grades 9-12

Asher, Jay. Thirteen Reasons Why (mature)

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 McBride? (mature)

Hoffman, Alice. Incantation

Hosseini, Khaled. A Thousand Splendid Suns (mature themes)

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?

Please call the library's Youth Services Dept. (954) 341-3900, ext. 274, for further information about the following programs:

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

Tuesdays and Thursdays (school days only), Homework Help Center. Students in grades 6-8 can get free help with their homework. 4 to 5:30 pm.

Oct. 8 – Teen Movie Night with soda and popcorn. Ages 12-18. 4-6 pm.

Special Programs

(Take note of FREE exam prep for ACT and SAT!)

Oct. 11 – 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

October 14 from 6:00-7:30 pm to attend Part 1. Ages 14-18. 1:00-4:30 pm.

Oct. 14 – 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 October 11 to attend Part 2. Ages 14-18. 6 to 7:30 pm.

Oct. 15 – Writing Workshop. Learn all about being an author and get some tips on writing short stories with Debbie Reed Fischer, author of *Swimming with the Sharks*. Ages 14-18. 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 21 - Anime Club. Join our fanboys and fangirls to discuss and watch anime and manga. Ages 12-18. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 22 – Free SAT Practice Exam, Part 1 of 3. College Admissions Workshop with Alberto Howe of Affordable College Solutions. Get basic information to prepare for the SAT and find out about its impact on college admissions. Call the YS Desk to pre-register beginning October 13. Registration Required. You must attend Part 1 to attend Part 2, the free SAT practice exam, on October 25. This program provided by the Stephanie Rubin Memorial Fund. Ages 14-18. 6:00-7:30 pm.

Oct. 25 – Free SAT Practice Exam, Part 2 of 3. Take a full-length practice SAT with Alberto Howe of Affordable College Solutions. Call the YS Desk to pre-register beginning October 13. Registration Required. You must have attended Part 1 on October 22 to attend Part 2. This program provided by the Stephanie Rubin Memorial Fund. Ages 14-18. 11:30-3:30 pm.

Oct. 28 – Free SAT Practice Exam, Part 3 of 3. 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 October 13. Registration Required. You must have attended Parts 1 and 2 to attend Part 3. This program provided by the Stephanie Rubin Memorial Fund. Ages 14-18. 6:00-7:30 pm.

Oct. 29 – Twilight Party. Dress up and come to the library for a party based on the Twilight series by Stephanie Meyer. Make a mask, enter the trivia contest to win a book store gift certificate, and hang out with other fans of Bella, Joseph, and Edward and his family. Ages 14-18. 6-7:30 pm.

Oct. 30 - LAN Party. Come after hours and play online or video games, ages 12 to adult. 6 to 9 pm. Buy tickets for \$10 at the circulation desk starting October 27, meal tickets can be purchased for \$5 at the event.



# Read 'N Ride



*Celebrate Your Love of Reading*

**Program Dates: Aug. 20 - Nov. 20**

Be part of this fall program and receive:

One FREE ride for every eight (8) books read Maximum three tickets. (24 books)

Obtain a log at any Broward County Library, bring to Fair. Tickets awarded at Fair Guest Relations Booth.

Enter into the Grand Prize Drawing for VIP Broward County Fair Family Packs.  
One Family Pack winner per library.

*All Broward County students, teachers & librarians receive FREE Walk Around in the Fair with a public library card or Proper ID and a canned food donation on these dates:*

*Thursday, November 20, 5-7 pm  
Sunday, November 23, Noon - 2 pm*



Literary Fair News

Young authors and poets should begin working now to enter the Broward County Literary Fair. Entries will be due at the beginning of March. It sounds a bit early, but it is amazing how that due date creeps up on you! Starting now will give students a chance to form their thoughts, and do a careful job. The 2008-2009 handbooks are being printed and should be out soon. In the meantime, students are welcome to check with Mrs. Martin at the library for a copy of last year's guidelines to get started with.

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

1) Broward County Fair Writing Competitions, (All due Oct. 17.) –

Creative Writing: Either a Short Story of 500 words or 3 Poems, each in a different form, such as cinquain, concrete, rhyming, epic, tanka, haiku, etc.

Essay, "My Inspiration." Maximum 150 words.

Essay, "Citizenship Essay." Maximum 300 words.

For all of the above, an official fair entry tag is needed (No copies)! Please contact Mrs. Martin for a tag. Cash prize for high-placing work.

2) Patriot's Pen (National Assn. of Secondary School Principals and VFW) – Middle School. Essay: "Why America's Veterans Should be Honored." 300 – 400 words. Due Nov. 1. Large cash grand prize.

- 3) 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.

Please let Mrs. Martin know if your child will be entering any of these contests, and feel free to ask her for any assistance.