

May 6, 2025

# STALLION SENTINEL



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- End of Year/PM 3 Testing Begins- 5/6
- NJHS Induction Ceremony- 5/6
- Spring Band Concert- 5/7
- Gradventure 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip- 5/9
- Alice in Wonderland- Drama Musical- 5/22 & 23
- Memorial Day- School Closed- 5/26
- SAC/SAF Meeting- 5/28
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Night- 5/29
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Prom- 5/30

# PRINCIPAL SLESINSKI'S SNAPSHOT

As we step into the final stretch of the school year, May brings a special opportunity to pause and recognize the heart of our school—our incredible teachers.

This week marks Teacher Appreciation Week, and I invite all of you to join me in celebrating the dedicated professionals who make our school a place of growth, care, and inspiration. Every day, our staff go above and beyond—not just to teach, but to listen, guide, and uplift every student who walks through our doors. Their impact extends far beyond academics; they help shape confident, curious, and compassionate young people. As always, we are grateful for your partnership and support. Let's finish the year strong—together.

## **Celebrating Mr. Charles Dadas — National Librarian/Media Specialist Day!**

Last week, we celebrated National Librarian/Media Specialist Day!

Please join me in recognizing Mr. Charles "Chuck" Dadas, who does it all!

We appreciate your creativity, support, and commitment to our students and staff.

Once a Stallion, always a Stallion! ❤️📖

## **TYCTW Event - Thank You, Ms. Lopez-DeLalla!**

Another AMAZING INTERACTIVE TYCTW (Take Your Child to Work) event was led by Vanessa Lopez-DeLalla!

Thank you to all our teachers and support staff who participated in hosting our future Coral Springs Middle School Stallions and beyond.

We love our work family and extended family!

## **Celebrating Administrative Professionals Day!**

We also honored our hardworking, knowledgeable, and caring clerical team during Administrative Professionals Day!

Thank you for being the heart of Coral Springs Middle School. Your professionalism and positive spirit brighten every day. We appreciate you all! ❤️

## **Dual Language Program Success!**

Congratulations to our Dual Language students who competed at the Broward County Public Schools World Language Competition!

## **Awards:**

- Timothy Priester (6th Grade, Dual Language): 2nd Place in Declamation and 2nd Place in Impromptu Speaking
- Colin Williams (6th Grade, Dual Language): 2nd Place in Declamation
- Sophia Hernandez, Miranda Ushinahua, and Alyssa Pacheco (7th Grade, Dual Language): 3rd Place in Poster Category
- Brighdani Pierre (7th Grade, Spanish I): 4th Place in Creative Display Category, with her version of Dali's "Persistence of Memory"

Special shoutout to *Alyssa Pacheco*, whose poster was selected to represent Coral Springs Middle School at the District's World Languages Exposition! ¡Felicidades!

Thank you to *Liudmila Gutierrez Fundora*, our Dual Language Spanish teacher leader, for your dedication and leadership!

Warm regards,  
Jill Slesinski, Ed.S.

# CSMS CELEBRATIONS

## Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

We loved celebrating you at our Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast — our students are better because of your dedication! Special thank you to Mrs. Bradshaw and Ms. Coffie for putting on such a beautiful event.



## CSMS celebrates 3 students who each placed 2nd place in the county district Literary Fair:

ISAAH SHEIK, 8th- SHRINKLET (short story shrunk into a rhyming, catchy, narrative poem)

ISABELLA ZAMORA and AAYUSHI KAMDAR, 8th- EKPHRASTIC POETRY (poem based on American artist, Roy Lichtenstein's art)

ARIANNA DARREL, 7th - ODE POETRY (traditional praise poem titled "Ode to my Porcelain Potty").

Thank you for your motivation, Ms. Lambidis!

## ESOL Competition Congratulations!

Fort Lauderdale High School

Our students walked away with:

- 2nd Place in Spelling
- Placements in Writing and Art categories

Congratulations to our competitors:

- Mauricio Flores
- Jorge Cruz
- Manuela de la Torre
- Fahmida Sultana

Thank you, Mrs. Reina, for your leadership and support!





# Speech and Debate Team Achievements

The Coral Springs Middle School Speech and Debate Team has had an amazing season!

First, on Saturday, April 26, the team competed at Everglades High School for the BCPS Championship Tournament:

- 22 students from Coral Springs Middle School competed against more than 300 competitors from 19 middle schools across the county.
- Nine CSMS students placed among the top five in their events!
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🏆 Winners:

- Rahee Patel — 1st Place, Extemporaneous Speaking
- Dmitry Grinberg — 3rd Place, Extemporaneous Speaking
- Jhanvi Subramanian — 1st Place, Original Oratory
- Issah Sheik and Atharva Anand — 2nd Place, Public Forum Debate
- Isla El Chantiry — 2nd Place, Poetry Interpretation
- Daya Nair and Jiya Panicker — 2nd Place, Duo Interpretation
- Matthew Santos — 5th Place, Congressional Debate

Additionally, the team competed at the State Tournament at John I. Leonard High School in Lake Worth, FL, where only 22 middle schools from across the state qualified.

🌟 Congratulations to:

- Daya Nair and Jiya Panicker — 5th Place, Duo Interpretation at States!
- Miguel Castro — 5th Place, Informative Speaking at States!
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We are incredibly proud of our students' hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship!

Special thanks and congratulations Coach Geraci!!



# Testing Season Begins!

## Testing Schedule:

-  ELA FAST PM3
  - 6th Grade – Tuesday, May 6
  - 7th & 8th Grade – Thursday, May 8
-  Math FAST (All Grades) – Tuesday, May 13
-  Statewide Science Assessment (SSA) – Thursday, May 15
  - 7th Grade GEARS 2
  - 8th Grade Physical Science & Biology EOC
-  Algebra & Geometry EOC – Tuesday, May 20
  - GEM 7
  - 8th Grade Algebra & Geometry
-  Civics EOC (7th Grade) – Thursday, May 22

**As you know, all assessments are ADAPTIVE. Therefore, please refer to these strategies and best practices and please assist us with discussing with your child:**

## Answer ALL Questions First!



FAST is adaptive: your answers affect difficulty.



Doing well leads to harder questions and higher scores.



Struggling lowers difficulty and limits your score.



Make your first attempt your BEST attempt!

Students: You are ready. Your teachers have prepared you well, and more importantly, you've prepared yourselves by showing up every day, asking questions, solving problems, and pushing through challenges. Your effort matters. And it will pay off.

Parents/Guardians: Thank you for your ongoing support. A good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast, and encouraging words go a long way. Remind your children that doing their best is what truly counts.

Let's approach testing with confidence, care, and pride. We believe in every single one of our students—and we're excited to see them shine.

## Test Day Strategies



Read questions carefully and show your work.



Manage time—don't get stuck on one item.



Use the Process of Elimination to narrow choices.



Check your answer and use all tools available.



# Important Update For K-12 Students

## WIRELESS DEVICE POLICY

### Disconnect To Reconnect

POWER  
OFF



AIRPLANE  
MODE



**WIRELESS DEVICE USE NOT ALLOWED DURING SCHOOL DAY**

#### Effective in the 2024/25 School Year



All wireless devices must be powered off or in airplane mode during the school day, from bell to bell, including passing periods and lunch unless authorized for instructional purposes.



Wireless devices include cellphones, laptops, smartwatches, tablets, headphones, airpods, and other two-way communication equipment.



Students violating policy are subject to disciplinary action.

For more information and FAQs, visit  
[browardschools.com/wirelessdevices](https://browardschools.com/wirelessdevices)

#### Devices Include:



- Cellphone
- Smart Watches
- Earbuds

- Headphones
- Tablets
- Laptops