

December 3, 2024

STALLION SENTINEL



UPCOMING EVENTS

- PTA Holiday House- 12/2-12/6
- FAST PM2 Math Testing- 12/5
- FAST PM2 ELA Testing (Grade 6)- 12/10
- Band Winter Concert- 12/10
- FAST PM2 ELA Testing (Grade 7/8)- 12/12
- Drama Club Showcase Night- 12/5
- SAC/SAF Meeting- 12/18
- PM2 Level Up Party- 12/20
- Winter Break, School Closed- 12/23-1/3

PRINCIPAL SLESINSKI'S SNAPSHOT

December is here, and we're finishing the year strong at Coral Springs Middle School! I'm excited to share some important updates, celebrate our students' achievements, and highlight the amazing work happening in our classrooms!

First, I want to emphasize the importance of the upcoming PM2 FAST testing. This is a critical opportunity for us to measure your child's progress and identify areas for growth.

We encourage all students to be prepared, well-rested, and ready to do their best on these assessments! To reward our students' hard work and celebrate their efforts and accomplishments, we are hosting our LEVEL UP PARTY on Friday, December 20!

We're also incredibly proud of our talented Stallion Band and Drama students. A huge congratulations to the Coral Springs Middle Band for their outstanding achievement—10 of our students were selected for All-County, the most in all of Broward County! Special recognition goes to Wilson Duong, who made All-State!

Additionally, we're thrilled to announce that our Coral Springs Drama program will represent our school at the All-Principal Meeting on December 11 at the Renaissance Hotel in Plantation. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the creativity and talent of our students.

On Saturday, November 16, six Robotics teams competed in the VEX competition at Pinecrest in Boca Raton. Congratulations to the team below finished in 2nd place! Three other CSMS teams finished in the TOP 10!

Inside our classrooms, there's no slowing down as we head into winter break! Teachers are actively engaging students through strategies like interactive notebooks, station rotations, gallery walks, and "Notice and Note" techniques to check for understanding and ensure every student is making progress. These dynamic approaches keep learning fun, engaging, and impactful for our Stallions.

With winter break approaching, we're making the most of these final three weeks of 2024. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to help our students succeed. Wishing you all a happy, healthy, and restful holiday season!

Jill Slesinski, Ed.S.

Proud Principal of Coral Springs Middle School

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is a progress monitoring system that is administered three times per year to track your student's progress in learning the Benchmarks of Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards throughout this school year. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will participate in the second administration (PM2) of the Grade 6 - 8 Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) assessments on the following days:

Thursday, December 5th – Mathematics (6th, 7th, and 8th grade)

Tuesday, December 10th- ELA Reading (6th)

Thursday, December 12th – ELA Reading (7th /8th)

Your student's results from PM2 are for informational purposes only, and you will be provided with information about how to access the results after testing is completed. FAST assessments are computer adaptive tests taken on a computer or tablet. The questions get easier or more difficult depending on how the student responds, and each student will see different questions from a common item bank. Each test attempt (PM1, PM2, and PM3) will present 35–40 items that will cover the entire test "blueprint," meaning students will encounter items representative of the standards within the subject or grade level. For more information on the test design, please visit <https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/best/>. If you or your student would like to interact with the online testing platform or review FAST ELA Reading and Mathematics sample items at home, sample test materials are available at <https://flfast.org/families.html>.

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

Electronic Devices—Students are not permitted to access any electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, and smartwatches, at any time during testing or during breaks (e.g., restroom). If your student is found with an electronic device or is found using Bluetooth/wireless headphones/earbuds during testing, his or her test may be invalidated.

Calculator Policy—For Grades 7–8 FAST Mathematics, approved handheld scientific calculators may be used. For Grade 6 FAST Mathematics, a handheld four-function calculator may be used.

Testing Rules Acknowledgment—All tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment that reads: "I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated." Prior to testing, test administrators read the rules to students, and students acknowledge that they understand the testing rules by clicking the box in the secure browser indicating they understand the testing rules.

Discussing Test Content after Testing—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they click the box to accept the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states that because the content of all statewide assessments is secure, students may not discuss or reveal details about the test content (including test items and passages) after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting to social media sites. Please make sure your student understands this policy prior to testing and remind them that "discussing" test content includes any kind of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, posting to social media, or sharing online. While students may not share information about secure test content after testing, this policy is not intended to prevent students from discussing their testing experiences with their parents/families.

Working Independently—Students are responsible for doing their own work during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated.

Testing Accommodations—If your student has an Individual Education Plan (IEP), a Section 504 Plan, or is an English Language Learner (ELL) or a recently exited ELL, please contact the school to discuss any testing accommodations that will be provided for your student.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact our Testing Coordinators, Mrs. Nicole Beaney, at nicole.beaney@browardschools.com. For more information about the FAST program, please visit the portal at FLFAST.org. Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during this test administration.

CSMS SPORTS

The future is bright in Coral Springs, the boys and girls basketball teams recently completed very successful seasons. The CSMS cheerleaders brought the fun and pep to all games with cheers, chants, and exciting half-time routines! The girls basketball team is continuing their run through the playoffs with their quarter finals game this Wednesday at Sunrise Middle School. Good luck, Stallions!

Volleyball season is right around the corner with Coach Ramirez and Coach Gaston getting our teams ready for action! Home games will be right here at CSMS, so come check out the action!

DID YOU KNOW that you can follow our CSMS Athletics Department on Instagram? IG: [csms_stallion_athletics](#)

Visit our school website for game and practice schedule ----->
[Coral Springs Middle / Homepage \(browardschools.com\)](#)





2025 All-County *Honor Band*

Wilson D. - Bassoon (8)
Ethan A. - Clarinet (8)
Nicholas A. - Clarinet (8)
Sofia M. - Clarinet (7)
Jacob M. - Alto Saxophone (7)
Andrew W. - Trumpet (8)
Michael C. - Trumpet (7)
Danna M. - French Horn (8)
Jayden M. - French Horn (7)
Chase M. - Trombone (8)
Crystal M. - Euphonium (8)
Grayson L. - Tuba (8)
Dylan B. - Tuba (8)
Marc M. - Percussion (8)

Congratulations!

The CSMS Competition Troup 88547 competed in the District 13 Jr Thespian Individual Event Competition known as the "Thespys". The 35 Jr Thespian Competitors competed in 30 events including a full One Act play on November 2. Overall these talented kids walked away with over 80 medals ranging in Gold, Silver and Bronze!

Senai Keen and Alyssa Pacheco were named All Star Cast Members for the One Act "A Year with Frog and Toad."

Don't worry you will be able to see these talented students perform A year with Frog and Toad as well as our state selected events on Thursday, December 5th in the Cafe. Tickets will be \$5 and all proceeds will go towards transportation to our state festival.



2nd Place finishing Robotics team! Way to go!



The November Hall of Fame Recipients


See Something, Say Something
 Be a Broward Buddy, Report a Tip!

In an emergency, call 911 immediately. To submit a safety or security concern that is not an emergency, please use one of the tip reporting methods provided below. Please remember you can choose to remain anonymous.

Anonymous Tip Submission Box
 Submit a tip easily via our Anonymous Tip Submission Box (**no download required**). Provide as much detail as you can, including names of people involved, physical descriptions, school name, social media handles, etc.

[BrowardSchools.com/SecurityTips](https://www.browardschools.com/SecurityTips)



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 Call our District Security Operations Center (DSOC) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (including holidays). One of our friendly DSOC Specialists will take your tip over the phone and submit it immediately to our investigators. Please let the DSOC Specialist know if you wish to remain anonymous.
754-321-3500



Send Us an Email
 Submit a tip using the email address below. Although your email address is displayed using this tip reporting method, you can choose to remain anonymous by simply requesting it in your message.
SecurityTips@BrowardSchools.com



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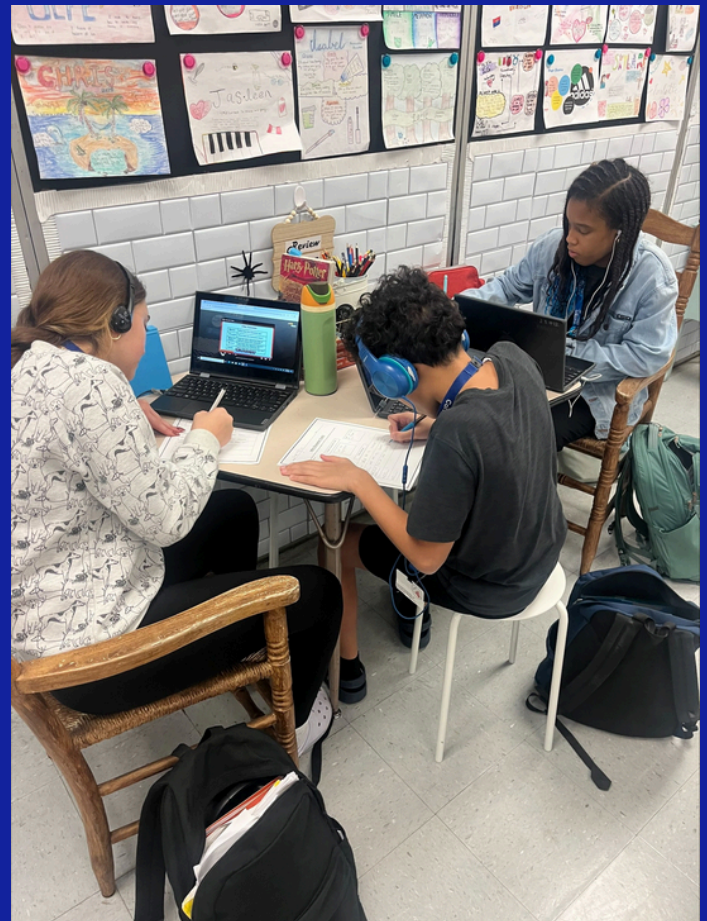




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Our awesome Stallions hard at work!



Important Update For K-12 Students

WIRELESS DEVICE POLICY

Disconnect To Reconnect



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

Devices Include:



- Cellphone
- Smart Watches
- Earbuds
- Headphones
- Tablets
- Laptops