

### **Evidence of Progress Monitoring**

### School District of Indian River County #SDIRCStrongerTogether

**Date:** 10/20/2020

School/Department: Indian River Charter High School

Action Step # and Description:
(If more than one action step is evidenced here, please include all action

step #'s and a brief description of each.)

1.14 African American students at Indian River Charter High School have founded an African American Student Council, which meets weekly. The club sponsor is an English Teacher, Ms. Brooke Dove. The assistant director, Mr. Jeremy Mezzina also attends the weekly meetings.

### **Explanation of Evidence:**

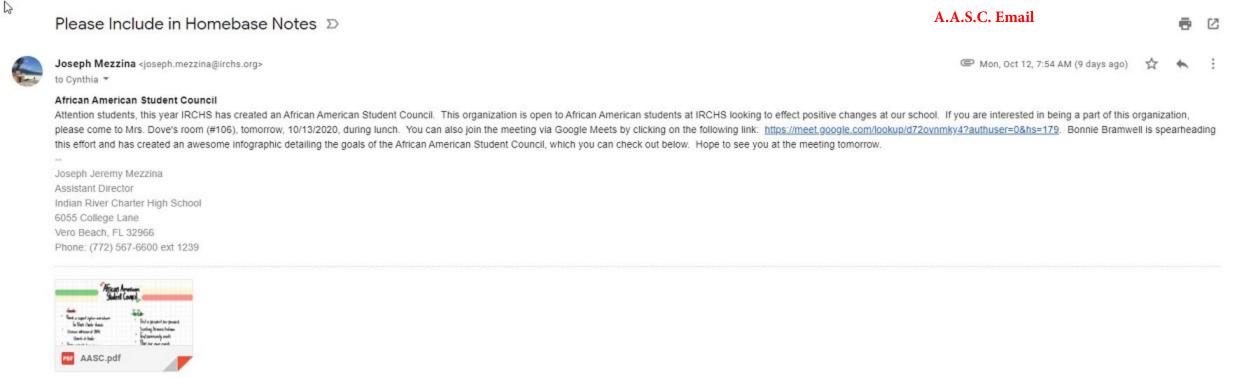
An email inviting students at IRCHS to become a part of the African American Student Council was sent out to all students (A.A.S.C. Email). This opportunity was also relayed through the school's weekly newsletter, Homebase Notes (H B 10 12 2020). A Google classroom was created so that students could participate virtually (A.A.S.C. Google Classroom). Posters were created by a student and placed throughout school to help with recruitment efforts (A.A.S.C. Poster). Students also designed meeting agendas for each meeting (A.A.S.C. Meeting Agenda).

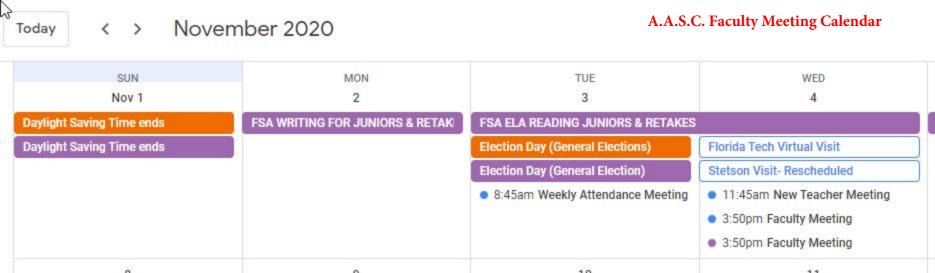
### Results of Action Taken:

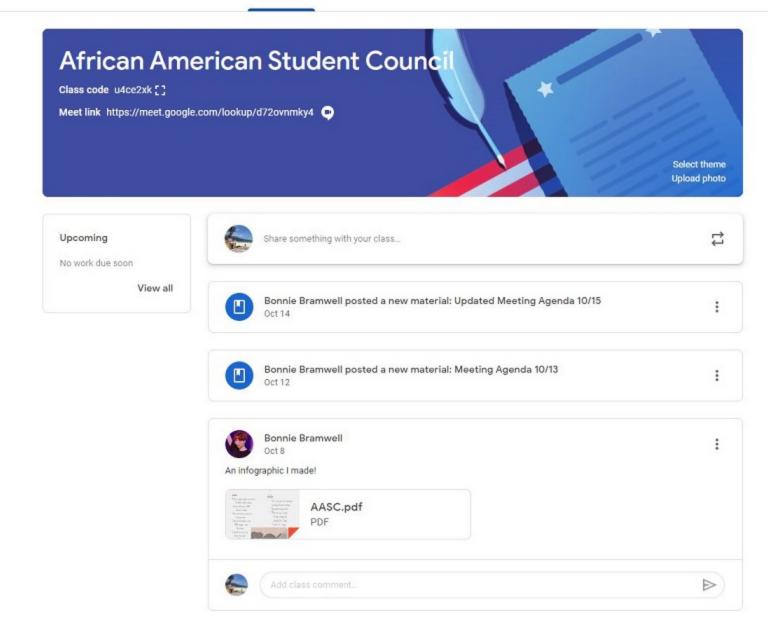
Students shared their feedback and expressed needs they had at the school. They expressed that there is a stigma in the community for attending a charter school, concerns over a lack of representation, and added pressures of heaving to help raise siblings at home they feel other students do not have to face. Students also expressed that felt pressure to excel so they represented black students well.

### **Reflection:**

IRCHS is modifying the Achievement Plan to include an upcoming full-faculty meeting where feedback from the African American Student Council is shared in an effort to make the faculty more responsive to the needs of African American students. That meeting has been tentatively scheduled for 11/04/2020, as seen in the uploaded snapshot of the school calendar (A.A.S.C. Faculty Meeting Calendar).









### African American Student Council

hursday, October 15,2020

- Introduce Ourselves
- Discuss any ideas to progress AASC
  - get more members
  - → get involved in the community
    → Spread awareness around school

Racism & hate have no place here.

### African American Student Council

Goals

Provide a support system and network for Black Charter students

Increase admission of BIPOC
Students at Charter

Share and reflect on experiences

of discrimination

Create an environment where

BIPOL Students à staff feel welcome

Get involved in community

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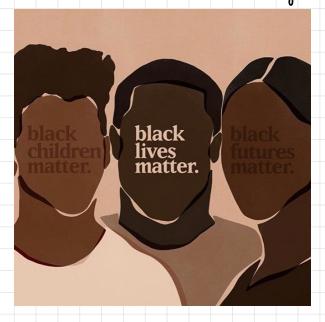
To Do

Elect a president, vice president, Sccretary, treasurer, historian

Find community events

Plan our own events
to raise money for

· Create a Logo



## COME JOIN

# AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENT COUNCIL



### Homebase Notes 10/12/2020

### **Virtual College Fair**

Juniors, seniors and their families are invited to connect with **New College of Florida** Admissions at the NACAC Virtual Fair on **Monday, October 12, 2020 from 1-9 pm (EST).** 

Students can choose from sessions from 1-9 pm. Free registration at <u>virtualcollegefairs.org</u>

### **Virtual Financial Aid Night**

We are coordinating with Ms. Edie Marcelle, Financial Aid/Career Services Advisor at IRSC, to offer a Virtual Financial Aid Night for parents of seniors. A variety of topics will be covered including Bright Futures, FAFSA, and scholarship opportunities, as well as Q&A time. This meeting will take place on <u>October 13th</u> <u>at 6pm</u>. This meeting will also be recorded and posted to our Senior Page on the IRCHS website.

Please use the following link to join us on October 13th: https://us.bbcollab.com/guest/4f8f67c80f7540d193b849f21e6e588c

### Oct 14th at 9:15 am we have two virtual college visits:

All students are welcome to attend

### **Florida State University**

Pre-register:

https://fsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcqcuqtqDgrEtPrjOk4rlKmwi4PQezPzUIP

<u>UNF College of Education & Human Services Info Session</u> Description: During the session, we'll be discussing our degree programs (Early Childhood, Teaching, Deaf Education, Special Education, ASL/English Interpreting, and Sport Management), resources, and what makes us unique! You'll also get to hear from current UNF students and ask them any questions.

Join Zoom Meeting

https://unf.zoom.us/j/93056448695?pwd=L1BFbDJtQS9jc2RMd0RzSFI4NHhRdz

### **Financial Assistance for Application Fees**

For those students who do not qualify for fee waivers, but need financial assistance to help pay for application fees for college, art school, trade, or technical school, funds are available through The Bob Johnson Fee Fund. Please see your senior seminar teacher for an application or more information.

### Math Club:

Math Club is starting again! We are having an informational meeting Tuesday, October 13th for anyone interested during lunch. We are looking for students that want to compete in math competitions. You must be in geometry or higher-level math to compete. If interested, contact Gisella Escobedo or Luke Larabie.

### **Attention Sophomores**

Please check your email for your assigned testing room for the PSAT on Wednesday, October 14th at 7:30 a.m. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BRING YOUR CHROMEBOOKS.

Your homebase teacher has a list of students who are taking the test and their assigned testing room. A list will also be posted on the front door of the office.

Sophomores who are **NOT** testing must attend all of their classes. Attendance will be taken. You are **not** excused from classes.

### **Juniors**

There is still time for you to sign up for the PSAT. See Mrs. Hemmerlein in Room 120.

### **Photographer of the Month**

A big, spooky congrats to our October photographer of the month - Kevin "K2" Grysko for his photograph entitled *It*.

You can view Kevin's photograph in the front office!

### Round Island Beach Clean Up -- 10/17/20

Please do not continue to sign up if you have not done so already. If you cannot attend, please remove your name from the list before Saturday. When you arrive, please check in with a Key Club officer. A survey will be sent for T-Shirt sizes for being part of the international coastal clean up. Join our events Remind by texting @f469a3 to 81010 for announcements. Just in case, please be prepared to finish early due to the large number of volunteers that have signed up, but we've been told that there is a large area to be cleaned. Hours will be given based on the time worked. Also, please download the app "Clean Swell". There is a picture of the icon in your email.

### **Blood Drive -- Save the Date!**

The first of 3 Blood Drive events of the year will be held on Friday December 4th. This is open to all faculty and students that meet the weight requirement and are 16 or older. This year is slightly different because due to the current pandemic, all students will be required to have a release form signed by a parent or guardian in order to donate regardless of your age. 10 volunteer hours will still be provided to anyone who donates once per school year.



### **Trick or Treat for UNICEF**

Starting on October 19th, collection containers for spare change and bills will be placed in all the homebases and links for digital donations will be emailed to every student to increase the amount of money that you collect. All money collected will be donated to UNICEF to help prevent neonatal maternal tetanus (look it up, it's pretty terrible) and helps save the lives of newborn babies. More info will be released in next week's homebase notes. There will be prizes for the top contributing homebases! The contest will end on October 30th.

### **Key Club Members**

Please continue to sign up for and request membership to our group on Innerview. Turn in all dues receipts to the assignment in Google Classroom

### **Chick Fil A Sandwiches**

Due to many requests, Chick Fil A sandwiches will be sold under the dome on Thursday October 29th and Friday October 30th. We are requesting that if you are interested in making an order, that you place a preorder in Room 612 on either October 22nd/23rd or October 26th/27th. Only a small number of extra sandwiches will be placed above the number of preorders.

Thank you! Sandwiches are \$5 or chips, drinks and a sandwich for \$7. Chips and drinks may be purchased separately as well. (Mrs. Kelly also still has some chips, flavored water, sprite chocolate and candy that may be purchased any time that she is in her room and it's not class time)

### **African American Student Council**

Attention students, this year IRCHS has created an African American Student Council. This organization is open to African American students at IRCHS looking to effect positive changes at our school. If you are interested in being a part of this organization, please come to Mrs. Dove's room (#106), tomorrow, 10/13/2020, during lunch. You can also join the meeting via Google Meets by clicking on the following

link: <a href="https://meet.google.com/lookup/d72ovnmky4?authuser=0&hs=179">https://meet.google.com/lookup/d72ovnmky4?authuser=0&hs=179</a>.

Bonnie Bramwell is spearheading this effort. If you have any questions please email Mr. Mezzina or Ms. Dove. Informational posters are located on the student message board and around campus for you to learn more about the club. Hope to see you at the meeting tomorrow.

### **Second Nine Weeks:**

Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> is the beginning of the second nine weeks. The number of students in each of your classrooms will increase. Therefore, we ask that you all follow CDC guidelines to the best of your ability. Masks should completely cover the nose and the mouth and should fit snugly against the sides of your face. Utilize the hand sanitizer dispensers located in each of your classrooms. Utilize the handwashing stations located throughout the campus. Please practice social distancing when in public places throughout the campus. Working together, we keep each other safe.

### First Nine Weeks Report Cards:

First nine-week report cards will be mailed home starting Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Have a wonderful week!