PINE CREST TENNIS FAMILY FUN DAY IS JANUARY 28TH

We are thrilled to announce Pine Crest Tennis Family Fun Day is coming January 28th! Fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, siblings and friends are invited to hit the courts with the Pine Crest Tennis Pros for a morning of games, drills, and fun, all set to heart pumping music! The day will feature two hours of tennis followed by a courtside lunch and raffle. The day will also showcase several of Pine Crest School’s finest student athletes. 2011 State Champion Roy Lederman, 2010 State Champion Blaine Willenborg and Senior Co-Captains Carlos de Bracamonte and Alex Jaffe will be on hand to inspire and encourage our younger tennis players. Can you win a point against the 2010 or 2011 State Champion? Find out!

Join us on January 28th from 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Click here to register or call Kasey Hamaway at (954) 492-4159.

All ages and abilities welcome. Stay and play or drop off.

MATCH MANIA UPDATE

Our Fall Match Mania results are in and the event was a huge success! 110 students in grades second through seventh competed over five dates in singles, doubles and mixed doubles. Congratulations to our Doubles Round Robin Champions Logan Stern and Chris Kotite, our Compass Draw Winner Barrett Riley, our Singles Winner Raj Kumar and Singles Finalists Justin Cassius and Gigi Genovese. Our Team vs. Team Winners are Barrett Riley, Bobby Genovese, Logan Stern, Antony Novak, Emily Morgan, Brence Platner, Rhea Kumar, and Daniel Sazonova. The second place team consisted of Chris Kotite, Ryan Zimmerman, Conor Zimmerman, Ben Pierce, Maxim Gluhovskoi, Julian Giraldo and Dominic Carrera. The experts agree that match play is a key component to on-court success. Congratulations to all of our participants. Look for more Match Mania in the Spring!

10 AND UNDER TENNIS COMING IN JANUARY

Developed by the United States Tennis Association, 10 and Under Tennis is a revolutionary change in the way kids learn and play tennis, as well as compete. Tennis is following the formula that the majority of youth sports have used for years—tailoring equipment and courts to a child’s size and age. 10 and Under Tennis is designed to bring beginning players into the game by utilizing specialized equipment, shorter court dimensions and modified scoring, all tailored to age and size. It is our goal to instill in children a lifelong passion and appreciation for tennis and to offer our families the best and most current programs. All Pine Crest Tennis Pros attended a 10 and Under Tennis training session on December 10th at the Pine Crest Boca Campus and have been certified by the USTA to teach this exciting new program. All children in Pre-K and Kindergarten will be introduced to 10 and Under Tennis in January during their regular school day. Look for pictures in next month’s newsletter!
Many of our Pine Crest Tennis student-athletes compete year round. Congratulations to the following players for recent tournament victories and match wins over top ranked players: Unseeded Ines de Bracamonte (Girls 18s) lost in the finals of the Jaimes Tennis Local Holiday Championships. En route to the finals, Ines soundly defeated the #2 seed 6-4, 6-1. Carlos de Bracamonte (Boys 18s) lost in the round of 16 to the #5 seed at the Whispering Pines December Designated Tournament in Port St. Lucie. Stephanie Taylor (Girls 14s) lost to the #3 seed in a tight match at the Holiday December Designated then went on to win four matches in the consolation making it all the way to the semi-finals. Demi Snyder (Girls 12s) won the consolation of the Barbosa Tennis Local Holiday Championships.

It’s not too early to start thinking about summer camp. Pine Crest Tennis offers an amazing tennis camp for ages 4 and up beginning on June 4th. Join us for games, drills, and tons of tennis fun! Pick the days or weeks that work best for you. More info coming soon!

COURTSIDE WITH KASEY

I recently sat down with first grader Whit Hudson who talked about his commitment to tennis. Whit started playing tennis in Pre-K and currently takes a 7:00 a.m. private lesson with Pine Crest Tennis Pro Farhan Malik each Tuesday morning.

KASEY: “What is your favorite thing about tennis?”
WHIT: “I love hitting volleys because I like sprinting to the net.”
KASEY: “Why do you like playing tennis in the morning before school?”
WHIT: “I’ll play tennis anytime! Farhan is funny and shows me cool, advanced stuff.”

“Whit is bright, focused and listens well. He is open to any and all information that will enable him to become the best person/tennis player he can be.”, says Farhan.

ASK THE EXPERTS

Second grader Caroline Kotite wants to know:
Are you allowed to reach over the net to hit the ball?
If the spin or wind brings the ball back over the net to the side of the player who hit the shot, the opponent may then reach over the net and play the ball. This is the only situation when a player may reach over the net to play a ball. The player may not touch the net or the opponent's court with anything he wears or carries.
Thanks Caroline!

Pine Crest Varsity Tennis Starts January 16th.

Come out and support our Panther student-athletes!

Pine Crest Tennis pep shirts are here! Click here to order yours. Pine Crest Tennis t-shirts have been approved as Friday pep shirts except for assembly days when students are asked to wear this year’s green pep shirt.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, March 3, 2012
Join us for Kids Day at the Delray Beach International Tennis Championships.
More information coming soon.

TEENI TENNIS TRIVIA

What year did Wimbledon make the change from white tennis balls to yellow?

Please send your answer to Kasey Hamaway at kasey.hamaway@pinecrest.edu
The winner will be drawn from all correct answers submitted and will receive a Pine Crest Tennis t-shirt!

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