**PINE CREST TENNIS TALK**

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**VARSITY BOYS TEAM INVITED TO NATIONAL TOURNAMENT**

The Varsity Boys Team will head to Louisville, Kentucky for the 2012 DecoTurf High School Tennis Team Championships on March 30-31. This National Invitational tournament will feature some of the top schools in the country. The Pine Crest team will be led by 2010 State Champion Blaine Willenborg, Co-Captains Carlos de Bracamonte and Alex Jaffe as well as 2011 State Champion Roy Lederman. Congratulations and Go Panthers!

**Come cheer on our Seniors in their final home match on Tuesday, March 27th at 3:45 p.m. when they take on Gulliver.**

**PINE CREST TENNIS NOT JUST FOR KIDS**

The Pine Crest Pre-Primary and Lower School Mother’s Club recently hosted a free clinic with the Pine Crest Tennis Pros. It was a wonderful morning of drills, games and friendship as these enthusiastic moms took a break from their mother’s club duties and enjoyed the tennis fun their children have everyday here at Pine Crest. Many thanks to Debbie Banks-Snyder who coordinated the event and encouraged everyone to attend. Go Panthers!

Spread the word! Pine Crest Tennis offers adult tennis clinics every Thursday and Friday mornings. Join us every Thursday morning from 9:00-10:00 and every Friday morning from 8:00-9:00 for a fantastic tennis workout full of tips, point play and conditioning. The classes are taught by Pine Crest Tennis Pro Christine Walter and are $22 per class.

We are thrilled to announce that Pine Crest Tennis Camp is not just for kids! We will be hosting tennis summer camp for adults this year! It’s your turn to hit the tennis courts with the Pine Crest Tennis Pros for an amazing on-court experience. All abilities welcome. More information coming soon.

**WORD SCRAMBLE**

Unscramble the following tennis words...

(Hint—some may actually be two words.)

habcaknd
yloevl
dlomnwbie
cdeeu
greerrdorfe
ponitsp
trcaequ
besduol

**GOOD LUCK!**

**10 AND UNDER TENNIS TOURNAMENT FOR 1ST-3RD GRADERS COMING IN MAY**

Pine Crest Tennis will host a tournament for our 1st-3rd graders in May. There will be lots of guidance and instruction as our players have a great time, practice their tennis skills and learn the early stages of competition. Under new USTA guidelines, all players under the age of 10 who compete in USTA tournaments will play on a smaller court with modified racquets and scoring.

Look for more information coming soon!

**“AROUND THE RACQUET” CHALLENGE AND PIZZA PARTY FOR 4TH-8TH GRADERS**

Sign up for the 4th-8th grade “Around the Racquet” Challenge to enhance your match play skills and implement all of the strategies you’ve been working on in practice. Includes a post-match pizza party!

**THURSDAY, MARCH 22ND**

**3:40—5:30 p.m.**

$30 per person includes match play and pizza.
VARSITY TENNIS UPDATE

The Pine Crest Tennis Varsity teams are off to a great start. The boys advanced to 3-0 with wins over North Broward Prep, Coral Springs Charter and American Heritage Delray. The girls are 2-1 with wins over North Broward Prep and Coral Springs Charter. Their only loss of the season was a very hard fought match against American Heritage Delray. The next home match is Tuesday, March 6th at 3:30 against Ransom Everglades.

3RD AND 4TH GRADE ROUND ROBIN

Congratulations to our 3rd grade Round Robin Winner Langdon Jones and our Runner Up Justin Cassius. In 4th grade, Bobby Genovese defeated Ryan Zimmerman in a tough match that was decided by just two points. Great job! GO PANTHERS!

COURTSIDE WITH KASEY

We are proud to have the Riley children as students at Pine Crest Tennis. Barrett, Reagan, Preston, Mackenna and Pierson all play tennis and love the fun they have with friends. They take their racquets on vacation and play as a family. Mom and Dad even play too! Will Brogan and Jameson follow in the family footsteps? Only time will tell! Thanks for your support Riley Family!

Congratulations to Pre-Kindergartner Chad Spalding and his family as well as Ben Pierce who correctly answered that Steffi Graf is the only professional tennis player to win the Golden Slam. (The Golden Slam is winning the Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon and the US Open along with Olympic Gold in the same year). Congratulations Chad and Ben!

MARCH TRIVIA....

How much does a tennis ball weigh?

Send your answer to kasey.hamaway@pinecrest.edu

ASK THE EXPERTS!

How do I register for a USTA tournament?

Go to www.usta.com and become a member. Look for local tournaments in our area. Here are two rookie tournaments coming up:

April 14—Spring Rookie Classic in Miami, FL

April 21—Grand Palms Rookie Championship in Pembroke Pines, FL

Advance your game by getting on the court, learning from the best and connecting with your friends.