IN THE SPOTLIGHT WITH DEAN
Carly Feldman is an eighth grader and has been at Pine Crest Boca since Kindergarten. She started playing tennis at age 4 and entered her first tournament at age 7. Carly trains two and a half hours each day after school and plays two tournaments a month. When she’s not playing tennis, Carly likes to hang out with her friends. She loves sushi, and her favorite movie is *She’s the Man*. Carly’s favorite professional player is Maria Sharapova. Carly plans to attend Pine Crest Fort Lauderdale next year and is looking forward to playing high school tennis for the Panthers.

Congratulations Carly on all of your success!

PINE CREST TENNIS TALK
READ ALL ABOUT IT
We hope that you enjoy the first issue of Pine Crest Tennis Talk. Our monthly newsletter is your source for all tennis related activities. We will announce upcoming events, highlight student athletes, give tips from our Pros and feature monthly sportsmanship award winners for grades 1st—5th.

Pine Crest Tennis Talk will be posted on Blackboard the first Friday of each month.

GRIPS LAUNCH
We are thrilled to launch the Grips and Junior Grips Programs in October. Based on the belts used in martial arts, each program’s 11 stages range from beginner’s white grip to expert black grip. Both programs are designed to give students the confidence and skills they need to advance to the next level. We have heard from so many parents that you want a measured and objective way to track your child’s progress through tennis, and we are excited to offer you this nationally recognized program. Students will start by learning the basics of stroke production and progress to mastering all elements of the game.

BOCA WINS PANTHER CUP CHALLENGE
This past Spring, Pine Crest Tennis held the first annual Panther Cup Challenge which pitted the Fort Lauderdale Campus against the Boca Campus in a friendly competition. Over 70 players in grades Pre-K—6th competed for the honor of declaring their campus the winner. It was a hard fought battle, but the win eventually went to the Boca Campus by a score of 35-30. Jamba Juice cooled things off with smoothies, and a court-side lunch and great music were enjoyed by all. See you in the Spring for the 2013 Panther Cup! Go Panthers!

TENNIS FAMILY FUN DAY
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH • 5:00-7:00
Join the Pine Crest Tennis Pros for a fantastic afternoon of tennis, food and fun with your Panther friends! All ages and abilities welcome.

Come kick-off the new school year with great games, prizes and live ball tennis. A delicious dinner will follow. $30 per person. Come join the fun!

GET YOUR PINE CREST TENNIS T-SHIRT
Under Armour t-shirts are available for $30 in sizes Youth Medium to Youth XL. These shirts can be worn on school spirit days. Get yours today by clicking on the tennis t-shirt link above or by emailing kasey.hamaway@pinecrest.edu
Pre-K & Kindergarten Panthers will try on 10 and Under Tennis for Size

Developed by the United States Tennis Association (USTA), 10 and Under Tennis is a revolutionary change in the way kids learn and play tennis as well as compete by tailoring equipment and courts to a child's size and age. Next week, our youngest Panthers will have a complimentary lesson where they will work on their hand-eye coordination, balance, agility and footwork. We will run, jump, twist and play. We offer tennis lessons to Pre-K and Kindergarten students Monday through Friday from 2:45—3:20 and also during PE. Call (561) 852-2844 to register.

Test your knowledge of the US Open

What is the seating capacity at Arthur Ashe Stadium? How many surfaces has the US Open been played on? Which player has the fastest recorded serve at the US Open and how fast was it? Who are the youngest Ladies and Men's singles champions in the Open era? Which three men's players have each won the US Open five times?

Submit your answers to dean.kadera@pinecrest.edu.

A winner will be drawn from all correct answers submitted and featured in Tennis Talk!

Sportsmanship Award Winners

The Sportsmanship Award will be presented monthly to one student from each grade (1st-5th) who exhibits fairness, respect, outstanding effort and graciousness in winning or losing. Winners will be announced in the next month's issue of Tennis Talk.

US Davis Cup Captain Jim Courier said, “Sportsmanship for me is when a guy walks off the court and you really can't tell whether he won or lost, when he carries himself with pride either way.”

Need a New Racquet?

There are five things to consider when purchasing a new racquet:

1. Weight—Frames can weigh from 9.5-12.5 ounces or more.
2. Head size—Racquets come in all different head sizes. Larger head sizes yield more power.
3. Weight distribution—Frames with lighter heads are more maneuverable while head heavy frames are more powerful.
4. String pattern—an open string pattern generally yields more spin.
5. Length—the typical adult frame is 27” and Junior frames are typically 21”-26”.

Congratulations to the following Panthers who have a Florida USTA ranking...

Jamie Corsillo  David Lins
Carly Feldman  Charlotte Owensby
Wiktor Figiel  Maggie Owensby
Daniel Gale  Amanda Rabin
Zach Garonzik  Arielle Shendell

WAY TO GO PANTHERS!

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