



PHOENIX NEWS

Soaring to New Heights

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Brooks DeBartolo Gets a New Ride

Betty the bus is here! Derrick Brooks Charities generously donated a luxurious, air conditioned new bus to BDCHS, and our very own Lauryn Moose, section editor for the yearbook, had the opportunity to interview Mr. Brooks himself. Brooks explained that, "Derrick Brooks Charities wanted to provide our school with the best." He went on to say, "We want to provide a safe environment for the students in regards to transporting them to extracurricular activities such as sports and dual enrollment." It took four months longer than expected to get the bus on campus. Mr. Brooks said it was worth the wait, and we could not agree more.



IMPORTANT DATES

9/25/17—PROGRESS REPORTS

9/26/17—FSA ELA WRITING RETAKES

9/26/17—CONFERENCE NIGHT

10/2/17—EARLY RELEASE DAY

10/3/17 & 10/4/17 —FSA ELA READING RETAKES

10/3/17—PAC MEETING

10/6/17—BINGO NIGHT

10/11/17—PSAT

10/13/17—END OF FIRST GRADING PERIOD

10/16/17—SENIOR PHOTO DEADLINE

10/17/17—PICTURE RETAKES

Principal's Corner



Now that we are getting back into a routine post-Hurricane Irma, I would like to express how proud I am of our BDCHS community. Students and staff have started a collection drive to assist those in need in the wake of Hurricane Irma, Hurricane Harvey, and now the devastation from Hurricane Maria and earthquakes in Mexico. Most of us were fortunate and did not suffer the type of devastation that other areas in Florida experienced, so we looked for ways we could help others in need and hope for the best for those experiencing such tragedy in all parts of the world. These acts of caring for others is real Phoenix PRIDE, and it makes me proud.

With only three weeks remaining in Quarter 1, we have many important events and activities and encourage students to finish this quarter strong by staying focused academically. Our Advisory lesson this week focused on Digital Citizenship and the importance of being responsible users of social media and technology. We are also preparing for students in grades 9-11 to take the PSAT on October 11th and for a senior college preparation and community service day on October 11th.

If you have not attended a Phoenix Action Crew (PAC) meeting, you are invited and encouraged to attend the next meeting on Tuesday, October 3rd. You won't want to miss all of the valuable information the counselors will present about high school and preparation for post-secondary institutions. We hope to see you there!

Certified Production Technician: A Promising New Program

Mr. Fernandez has established a Certified Production Technician (CPT) program at BDCHS. Our team sat down with Mr. Fernandez and found out what the program includes, as well as the effects it has on students and college applications. This course involves learning about industrial and personal safety, the manufacturing process and production, facility and equipment maintenance and awareness, and MSCC/manufacturing quality practices and measurement. The program influences college acceptance in the sense that it allows fifteen credit hours towards an Associates of Science degree in Engineering Technologies. In most community colleges and universities, **this AS degree can lead to a Bachelor's of Science degree and a future Master's degree.**

Coupled with the college credit benefits, CPT certification may impact one's eligibility for a scholarship offered by Hillsborough Community College. HCC offers an incentive program throughout the year, available to high school students, that subsidizes 100% of the course and exam cost. This program is also a major stepping stone to jobs in the engineering field. Students at the age of twenty-two have been able to earn around \$50,000 a year. This program assures competent potential employees.

Twenty-three BDCHS students are currently enrolled in the program; they meet during Block 5. The program includes intense study regiments and is not for everybody. A student taking this course needs to be hard-working, have a desire to excel in math and science, and interested or invested in a job in the industry and engineering field.

This program includes hands-on-learning activities such as tours of manufacturing facilities as well as working with an array of equipment, including industrial calipers, gauges, and micrometers from HCC.

Interested in more information? Contact Mr. Fernandez in Room 119 to start an adventure in CPT!

Ready to Run



BDCHS's Cross Country team is proud to introduce Coach Emilia Meo, who is halfway into her first season as head coach. It took the team a little time to adjust to new procedures and routines, but they are now stronger and quicker than ever! Coach Meo has established a unique sense of family unity amongst her team. Every runner is supportive and caring of one another, and they will do anything to motivate each other. Coach Meo said that she has had so much fun watching relationships grow and the team become stronger in many ways this season. Each runner has individual goal times that

they are hoping to hit before the end of the season. They are optimistic and are doing everything they can in practice to reach their goals. **The team's plan for districts is to take one step at a time and focus on each meet as it comes.** Cross Country is making weekly improvements that way. Next year, Coach Meo is looking forward to starting the season off strong. They will have multiple upperclassmen who Coach Meo anticipates will be wonderful leaders for the team. We wish them a speedy and successful season!

Bump, Set, Spike! The Lady Phoenix are off to a Great Start!

This week we sat down with BDCHS volleyball coach Cookie Mitchell. She has been coaching volleyball for over fifteen years, and has coached for Alonzo, King, Admiral Farragut and Williams IB Middle School, and the Tampa Bay Raptors volleyball club. So far this season, her varsity team is running a 4-5 record, while the JV team, Coached by Marcus Byrd, is undefeated. Coach Mitchell and the team are focused on getting past the first round of districts this season, which would be record breaking here at BDCHS. Mitchell is also working on assisting the seniors in getting college volleyball scholarship offers. Mitchell and her coaching team are so proud of these girls, and would like to congratulate them on how amazing they played against the nationally ranked Berkeley Prep, who has only lost two sets this season. One of those sets was to our very own Phoenix squad. The team has several girls who remain in the top state rankings of the 5A division in multiple categories. The team is working very hard, and we cannot wait to see everything that they will accomplish this season. Keep it up, Lady Phoenix!



Hurricane Victim Supply Drive

BDCHS Social Science teacher, Jessica Shattuck, along with some inspiring students, has taken the initiative to start a supply drive for Hurricane victims **in Ft. Myers and Puerto Rico. She said, “We don’t have to feel helpless. It is times like these where we can remember that we’re all the same deep down, and if this were us, we would hope and pray others would be willing to help.”**

Her goals:

- #1 Help BDCHS students/families with needed supplies
- #2 Take a truck load of supplies down to Ft. Myers next weekend
- #3 Have resources ready for BDCHS family in Puerto Rico if needed.

What is needed:

- #1 Volunteers to help organize
- #2 Supplies donated (see list below)
- #3 Spreading the word!

Supply List:

Water

Non-Perishable Food Items

Baby Items

Sanitary and Hygiene Items (soap, tampons, tooth brush, etc.)

Gently used clothes and books

Gift cards (Publix is the only store open in Leigh Acres and is running off a generator)

Mrs. Shattuck also said that she can provide addresses to the shelters if anyone would prefer to have supplies delivered via AMAZON. Please contact her for more information: jshattuck@bdchs.org.

BDCHS CLIC Leaders Host Freshmen Orientation Day

The first year of high school can be daunting, and having an upper classman to help navigate the difficult “waters” is helpful. So student leaders at BDCHS have done just that. BDCHS is a CLIC school, which means we have juniors and seniors who have been selected to mentor the freshmen students through their first year of high school. Our CLIC leaders not only facilitate the small group discussions with freshmen students during advisory, but they also initiate the community service and global service projects among their peers that are in the works for the 2017-18 school year.

The school year kicked off with freshman orientation day on August 8th, where freshman students were welcomed by the CLIC leaders in a large assembly in the gym, followed by small group participation in classrooms. Leaders then took the freshmen on a tour of the school, and ended with another large group presentation in the gym. Junior and senior leaders share ideas with the incoming freshmen class on everything from what clubs and organizations to join to where to sit during lunch. CLIC leaders also shared thoughts on scheduling, and how to navigate crowded hallways during passing times.

About CLIC™

CLIC -- Cultivating Leaders and Intentional Culture (in High Schools).

The program is designed to empower student leaders to activate the students in their school to promote positive attitudes, personal development, and service to others. It is also intended to inspire students to improve themselves, their school climate, their communities, and the global society by collaboration with their peers.

CLIC is online at www.clicschools.com ; www.facebook.com/clicschools



Announcement:



Preorder lunches, add money to your child's lunch account, and track purchases at www.myschoolaccount.com

BDCHS Athletic Booster Club Information & Members

Our fall sports are well underway. We hope students, faculty, and families will come out and cheer on our athletes. They do appreciate having spectators, and our membership options make entry more affordable! The next meeting of the Athletic Booster Club will be Monday, October 9 at 6pm in the BDCHS Cafeteria. Please consider attending and also becoming a member.

The Athletic Booster Club thanks and congratulates our newly elected Board members and volunteers:

President: Matt Bradarich

VP of Membership: Wendy Neal

Treasurer: Mike Neal

School Liaison: Coach Maggie Hedley

Vice President: Steven Jenkins

Secretary: Chuck Eade

Board Liaison: Suzin Carr

We appreciate the following members who have renewed or joined us for the first time:

Phoenix Membership

Paul Congelosi

Jennifer DiCecco

Clark Hull

Chuck and Anita Eade

Family Membership

Theon Salley

Kristina Porricolo

Lee & Karen Corscadden

Michael Cook

Blaine Family

Jenkins Family

Fire Membership

Sheila Shipman

Dee Sellers

Gold Membership

Jim and Suzin Carr

Garnet Membership

Mike & Wendy Neal

Bolter and Carr Investigations

For more information, email phoenixbooster1@gmail.com. GO PHOENIX!!

Congratulations are in Order!

Our college acceptances to date include:

Alex Barnes – Florida Southern College, Florida Gulf Coast University
Sarah Kilpatrick – Palm Beach Atlantic University (\$6,500 scholarship)
Thomas Shea – University of North Florida, Florida Gulf Coast University
Jake R. Smith – University of North Florida

Congratulations to these hardworking and deserving seniors! Please submit a copy of every college and scholarship acceptance to Mr. G. so we can congratulate and celebrate you!

Did You Know?

Did you know that students can use their Student ID numbers to check out books/media at all of the local libraries in Hillsborough County? The program is called HAAL Pass and is a new partnership program between Hillsborough County Schools and the Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative.

All Hillsborough County Public Schools students are automatically enrolled in the HAAL Pass program including charter schools. For more information about this new innovative program, please visit:
<http://www.hcplc.org/hcplc/account/>



Monday Early Release Dates:

10/2, 11/6, 12/4, 1/22, 2/5, 3/5, 4/2, and 4/16

BDCHS Development



“PHOENIX FUND RISING”

The BDCHS 2nd Annual Donation Drive

Tuesday, September 5- **Friday, October 20 (NEW END DATE)**

Our BDCHS schoolwide goal is **\$40,000!** The goal for each BDCHS family is **\$200!**

DID YOU KNOW.....

this is our **MOST IMPORTANT** fund raiser, monies raised help grow our annual fund and provide support to our students and teachers (e.g. instructional tools and resources, equipment for classrooms, athletics, the performing arts, technology needs and upgrades, and club/extracurricular needs).

HAVE YOU REGISTERED AND CREATED YOUR FAMILY ONLINE DONATION PAGE?

It's so easy to do and makes donating quicker and more convenient! For information on how to register, refer to your Phoenix Fund Rising packet mailed to your home at the beginning of September **OR** visit our website at www.bdchs.org **OR** go to the following link <https://bdchs.donorpages.com/PhoenixFundRising2017/>.

Share your family's donation page link (assigned after you register) via social media, email, and texting with family, friends, coworkers, employers, neighbors, etc.

No donation is too small – whether it's \$5, \$10, \$50, \$100, or more – it all adds up and assists in providing for our students' high school education and experiences.

(In addition to online donations, students and families can collect cash and check donations made out to BDCHS using a donation log included in your packet and online.)

“Believe in our future, connect with our future, and invest in our future.”

COMING SOON



PDQ Gift Card Fundraiser

Monday, November 6 – Monday, December 4, 2017

Straight from the Phoenix Action Crew



RESCHEDULED
NEW DATE ANNOUNCED

Due to hurricane Irma, **THE FIRST PAC EDUCATIONAL MEETING** of the 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR has been rescheduled. The new date is:

Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2017
6:00 - 7:15 pm

BDCHS Cafeteria

Speakers – BDCHS Guidance Counselors,
Eric Gommermann and Ashley Matthews

Topic – How You Can Help Prepare Your Child for HS Success & College

Our guidance counselors gave a very similar presentation last spring; it was so well received that we decided to kick off this school year with the same topic, but with additional information.

We want to provide you with the knowledge and resources to assist you in working with your child during their high school years and beyond.

Whether you are the parent of a freshman or a senior, we invite you to join us the evening of October 3rd!

We look forward to seeing you there!



**Do you want to volunteer and get involved in the school?
Have you been receiving SignUpGenius notifications?**



SignUpGenius is the best resource for BDCHS families in becoming more engaged in the school. If you answered "NO" to receiving SignUpGenius notifications, then you probably are not registered. To register, simply send an email to proudphoenixparent@gmail.com with your request. Once your email is registered, you will begin receiving communications about volunteer opportunities and special requests for items needed for classrooms, events, testing, and so much more.

