

PHOENIX NEWS

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IMPORTANT DATES

12/19/17—12/22/17 — SEMESTER EXAMS

DEC 22: END OF QUARTER 2 / SEMESTER 1

DEC 25-JAN 5: WINTER BREAK

JAN 8: NON-STUDENT/STAFF WORK DAY

JAN 9: STUDENTS RETURN

JAN 12: GARNET DAY; 18-19 SY APPLICATIONS DUE BY 3 PM

JAN 15: MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY-NO SCHOOL

JAN 16: PAC MEETING 6 PM

JAN 19: GARNET DAY; PHOENIX NEWS

JAN 20: CHILDREN'S GASPARILLA PARADE

Semester 1 Exam Schedule and Reminders

Homeroom: 7:30-7:40

Exam 1: 7:45-9:45

Snack and Restroom Break: 9:45-9:55

Exam 2: 10:00-12:00

Lunch: 12:00-12:30 : Students may pick up their lunch at 12:00 PM and leave for dismissal, or they may stay for lunch until 12:30 PM

Tuesday, December 19: Exam 1: Block 1, Exam 2: Block 4

Wednesday, December 20: Exam 1: Block 6, Exam 2: Block 7

Thursday, December 21: Exam 1: Block 2, Exam 2: Block 3

Friday, December 22: Exam 1: Block 5, Exam 2: Block 8

Exam Week Notes & Reminders:

- No early exams.
- Students who need to make up exams should schedule those exams with their respective teachers.
- Before School: Snacks available in café for purchase
- A bagged lunch will be available with the option for students to stay in the cafeteria, or to take it with them and be dismissed. Students may leave after the second exam at 12:00 or after lunch at 12:30. Supervision will be provided at dismissal until 12:45.
- Please make sure there is communication regarding where and when students will be picked up.
- Exam week is a **regular uniform** week.
- No blankets/pillows/toys allowed.
- Dual Enrollment students who do not have BDCHS classes should have parents call the attendance line 813-971-5151 to report an excused absence.

Principal's Corner



'Tis the season for preparing for exams and the holidays. During the hustle and bustle of the holidays, it is important to remember to take care of ourselves both physically and mentally. Remembering that although there is much to do, let's focus on the reasons why this time of year is so special. Perspective on how wonderful our school community is, and how much we have to be grateful for can make this holiday season even more enjoyable. We wish our students well on their semester exams. It is an opportunity to demonstrate how much they have learned and allows our teachers to strategically plan for the second half of the year. On behalf of the BDCHS Staff and Board, happy holidays and may you have a healthy, peaceful, prosperous new year.

Student Spotlights

The Phoenix News is proud to feature a new segment called “Student Spotlights!” Each month, we will choose two students, a female and a male, and we will share the amazing work they’re doing. This month’s student celebrities are Shelby Persechino and Michael Hyacinth.

Miss Shelby Persechino:

Miss Persechino is a senior who is in Dr. Salazar’s internship course and is currently an intern to a nutritionist. As part of her program, Shelby started a blog that is updated every week, informing others about nutrition. For each blog, Shelby picks a nutrient following the letters of the alphabet. Once a nutrient is selected, she posts information about its specific nutrition, its healthy benefits, and healthy recipes using that nutrient. Shelby plans to pursue a career as a nutritionist, and she is earning some amazing experience from this internship opportunity. The Phoenix News team wants to congratulate Shelby on doing a great job on her internship as well as her blog and thank her for modeling behaviors of an exemplary Brooks DeBartolo student!



Mr. Michael Hyacinth:

Mr. Hyacinth is a senior who plays on the Brooks DeBartolo boys varsity basketball team, and he is doing some wonderful things on and off the court his year. Michael started playing for BDCBS his freshman year and has been committed to the team ever since. Michael plays as point guard and constantly works on improving himself by working out and practicing. He plans to finish his AA at HCC and then plans to transfer to Miami University to graduate with a degree in Sports Medicine so that he can pursue a career as a Physical Therapist. The Phoenix News team would also like to congratulate Michael on his athletic achievements and thank him for being a great Brooks DeBartolo student!



C-H-E-E-R

The 2017-2018 Cheer team is off to a great start this season. On Thursday, November 30, our boys' varsity team took on IMG and went into overtime, winning 99-96. The cheerleaders wowed the fans on the sidelines throughout the game and during their halftime performance. Their beaming smiles, encouraging chants, impressive flips, and high flying stunts got the crowd excited and motivated the boys to keep pushing themselves. **We can't wait to see what this talented group of girls has in store for the rest of the season. Keep it up, Phoenix Cheer!**



Soccer Spirit

The boys' soccer season began in November. They have played in three games so far, the most recent being an away game against Admiral Farragut Academy. Unfortunately, the team was unable to win the game. David Lezcano, a sophomore here at Brooks DeBartolo, played the position of keeper for the first time in the season. With an incredible 20 saves, David seems to have a great season ahead of him. Additionally, Jeremy Johnson scored the first goal for the boys this season. The team plans to keep working hard, and the fans plan to keep cheering them on!



Ready, Set, Art!

Last month, Mrs. Mitchell took a group of her AP Art students on a two-day trip to Orlando to introduce them to new forms of art. They experienced the Morse Museum, toured Full Sail University, explored the Crayola Museum, and even went to a Murder Mystery Dinner! Early Friday morning, they drove to Sarasota and toured the Ringling College of Art and Design, as well as the Ringling Museum. The students had an amazing time on this awesome trip, and the art department hopes to expand their resources and expose more students to all fields of art.



Microsoft Office

Are you planning to purchase a new computer this holiday season? Do you need word processing software on a device you already have? Would you like to get Microsoft Office for free?

- As students in the Hillsborough County school system, BDCHS students are eligible for the Microsoft Student Advantage program. This program allows students free access to the Microsoft Office Pro Plus applications on up to 5 PCs or Macs, and up to 5 tablets including iPads. Please visit <http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/doc/1211/ms-studentadvantage> for further details and downloading instructions.



Meet Ms. Pirone



As many of you may already know, Brooks DeBartolo now has an Athletic Trainer!! Her name is **Jamie Pirone** and she comes to us through a new and very special partnership with the Shriners Hospital for Children located on the northwest corner of the USF campus. We are one of two high schools that will be receiving these donated athletic trainer services! Jamie had the opportunity to participate in our November 17th Teach In which assisted her in getting to know our school and students. We want to help you to get to know her, so we are including her bio below.

Jamie is a native of Tampa, born and raised! She is very connected and close with her family and enjoys spending time with them. She is also a huge animal lover and volunteers with

Animal Coalition of Tampa retrieving feral cats with spay and neutering. Her extracurricular activities involve anything active outdoors.

She attended the University of Tampa for her undergraduate degree. As she was receiving her degree in Education, she found she had a huge interest in sports medicine. Her passion is not just sports, but in getting people to return to what they love. Jamie feels that for many children it can be a way of life and when injuries occur, they may not know how to be themselves or exist in their lives without their activity. She also feels for some children, that sports helps them to feel more like themselves by being involved with their sports and peers. She's always loved medicine and working with children and thought it would be amazing not only be a provider of health, but to inspire and work with them as they are healing.

Jamie works for the Shriners Hospitals for Children serving as an Athletic Trainer. Working with Shriners has allowed her to form partnerships and to get out into the community that she's grown up in. She says it's wonderful to educate families and communities about the Shriners Hospitals for Children, what services they offer, as well as how an Athletic Trainer can be beneficial for the community. She finds it very exciting and is thankful to be able to extend a partnership with Brooks DeBartolo Collegiate School.

Jamie says, "I look forward to meeting the students, faculty, and families, working with them and striving to allow the students to be active, healthy, and successful."

Please help us in giving Jamie a HUGE

WELCOME !

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 Athletic Booster Club wishes all families and staff of BDCHS a safe and happy holiday! Please join us for our next meeting on January 22nd, 2018 at 6 pm in the cafeteria as we discuss plans for our athletic banquet. Interested in becoming a member? Please email phoenixbooster1@gmail.com.

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

President: Matt Bradarich

Vice President: Steven Jenkins

VP of Membership: Wendy Neal

Secretary: Chuck Eade

Treasurer: Mike Neal

Board Liaison: Suzin Carr

School Liaison: Coach Maggie Hedley

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

Tanya Bird

Susan and Michael O'Keefe

Melissa Britton

Family Membership

Theon Salley

Kristina Porricolo

Lee & Karen Corscadden

Michael Cook

Javier Moreno

Victoria Skrimshire

Blaine Family

Jenkins Family

Owen/Phares Family

Rick Polidoro

Fire Membership

Sheila Shipman

Dee Sellers

Diana Quiles

Angela Shortt

Gold Membership

Jim and Suzin Carr

Dexter and Tina Jackson

Garnet Membership

Mike and Wendy Neal

Bolter and Carr Investigations

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

College Acceptances

Chandler Carr – Ohio State University, Notre Dame College

Kyra Dahan – FAU

Jacqueline Mendez - USF

Amanda Yelvington – **Texas Woman's University, University of Kentucky, Florida Southern College** with a \$72,000 scholarship

PDQ Gift Cards



WOOHOOO WE DID IT
**THANK YOU
EVERYONE!**



We exceeded our
PDQ gift card fundraising goals:
total cards sold – 10,940
total \$ raised for BDCHS - \$32,850

A HUGE thank you goes out to all of the BDCHS community;
we couldn't have achieved such great success
without each and every one of you!

Prize winners will be announced during the week of December 18;
as well as individual teams, clubs, and subject areas will find out
how much money they raised through this campaign.

WE ARE PHOENIX!!!!

School Boards Members Recognized for Leadership Development Distinctions



Last week, the Florida School Boards Association honored Florida Public School Board Members for earning leadership development distinctions through training designed for individual school board members, school boards, and governance teams.

Six newly elected School Board members were honored with FSBA's Emerging Leader, by earning 48 leadership development training hours within their first year of school board service. Trainings included New School Board Member Academy, Advocacy Training, and attending forums for Personnel and Bargaining, School Finance, Boardsmanship, and Policy Governance.

Twelve members were named Certified Board Members (CBM) after completing over 96 hours of training in the content areas of Advocacy, Leadership, and Knowledge.

Eleven governance teams (School Board and Superintendent) were honored for completing the FSBA Master Board program. This training program is designed to strengthen the team's ability to work effectively, efficiently, and collectively while maintaining a focus on student achievement and factors contributing to the success of schools.

"All professionals are expected to complete training and development to maintain knowledge and skills for their roles. Our leadership development programs provide that for school board members," commented FSBA Executive Director Andrea Messina following the awards luncheon. "Participation is voluntary, so completion of programs and recognition through earning a distinction is evidence of a board member's commitment to his or her students and community. This foundation is particularly important for our Emerging Leaders as they embark on their posts as public servants."

This year, FSBA honored the first charter school board member for earning the CBM distinction, Dr. Cynthia Vasquez. Dr. Vasquez is the current treasurer of the Board of Directors at Brooks DeBartolo Charter School in Hillsborough County and was joined by her Board as she received her award.

FSBA's leadership development offerings are modeled to ensure each board member obtains well-rounded and thorough understanding of his or her policy-making and oversight responsibilities. Training is structured around the five components of the FSBA Governance model: *Vision, Relationships, Community Leadership, Policy, and Accountability*.

Apply Now for 2018—2019 Siblings

Hello BDCHS families!

Even though we are in our 2017-2018 school year, it's time to start thinking about the 2018-2019 school year. Why? Because the deadline to apply to Brooks DeBartolo Collegiate High School for the next school year is fast approaching. The application and Lotterease registration for the 2018-19 school year is currently available online and is due January 12, 2018, by 3 pm. **The lottery will take place Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 4 pm in the gym.**

As siblings of current BDCHS, sibling seats are given preference. However, an application and Lotterease registration must still be completed.

A student application can be found at www.bdchs.org under the enrollment page or in the school's front office. Applications must be completed and submitted by the application deadline. It is important that we have your application by January 12, 2018, so that we know how many seats to reserve for siblings and how many seats will be available for all other applicants.

Click on the *Lotterease* logo during the application period to register for the lottery. Applications should be emailed to Admissions@bdchs.org. You may also mail applications to BDCHS or hand deliver them to the front office during regular school hours.

If your currently enrolled child will be returning to BDCHS next year, there is no need to reapply.

Thank you and please visit the enrollment page FAQ to answer a variety of questions or email Admissions@bdchs.org if you have any questions.

-BDCHS Admissions

BDCHS Employment Opportunity

Brooks DeBartolo Collegiate High School, a SACS Accredited "A" Rated Public Charter School of choice is currently accepting employment applications for the following position(s): **Bus Driver (Part-time Temporary)**

POSITION SUMMARY: The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required to perform this job successfully:

Age Requirement: 21

Education: Completion of the tenth school grade. Degree or formal training in related field preferred.

Experience: None

Certificates/Licenses/Registrations: Possession of a valid State of Florida Class B Commercial Bus Driver's license with P and S endorsements. Meet district Safe Driver Plan requirements.

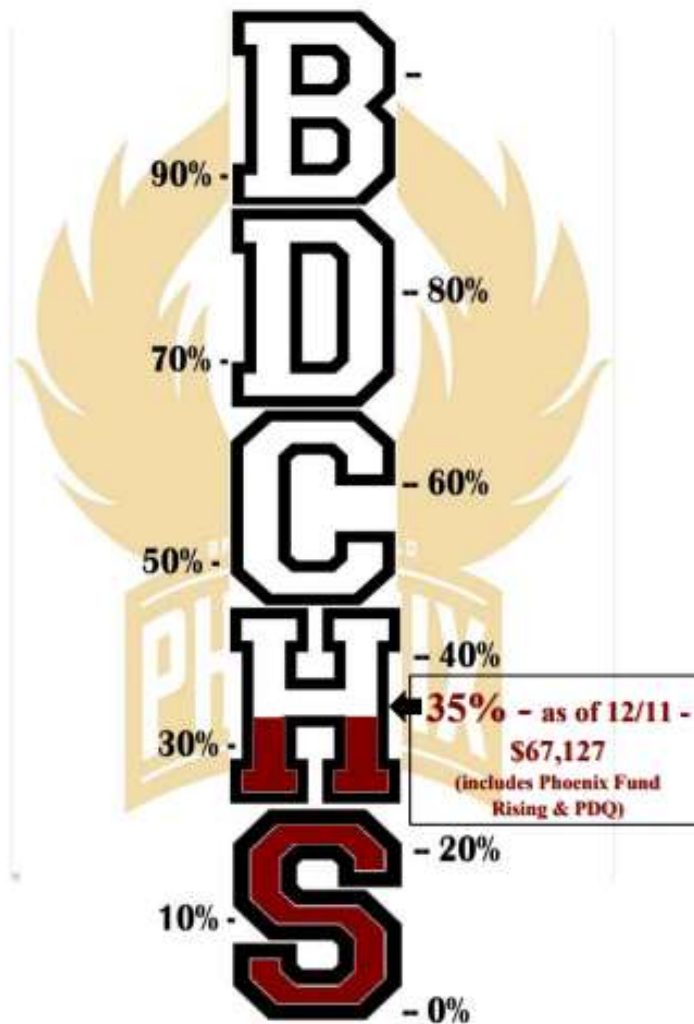
Language Skills: Read and comprehend simple instructions, short correspondence, and memos. Write simple correspondence.

Work Hours: Monday and Wednesday 8:30am to 1:00pm Athletics: As needed

Eligible applicants please submit electronic letter of interest and resume including two professional references to idorta@bdchs.org or ivelisse.dorta@sdhc.k12.fl.us. Applicants should add in the subject line: **Bus Driver**

BDCHS Development

**BDCHS PHOENIX FUND
2017 - 2018
Annual Goal - \$190,000**



Phoenix Action Crew (PAC) Update



Please Join Us!

PAC Educational Meeting

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

6:00 - 7:15pm

BDCHS Cafeteria

Topic: Helping Teens Cope with Anxiety

Speaker: Julie Reich, Ph.D.

Dr. Reich is a licensed clinical psychologist in the state of Florida. She earned her Bachelor's degrees in psychology and interdisciplinary natural sciences (biology) from the University of South Florida (USF), and obtained her Doctoral degree in clinical psychology in 2003 from USF, as well. After completing a clinical child/pediatric psychology internship at the University of Florida Health Sciences Center (focusing on children with comorbid psychological and medical issues), Dr. Reich went on to complete a postdoctoral internship within the Division of Child Development at the College of Medicine at USF, where she worked in subsequent years. She currently has a private practice in Temple Terrace wherein she offers comprehensive individual/family therapy, assessment and evaluation, and school observation/consultation/liaison services to help persons capitalize on their strengths while supporting and improving their weaknesses. When not happily helping others optimize personal functioning, Dr. Reich enjoys spending time with her husband and FIVE young sons!

