

PHOENIX NEWS

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Offsite Evacuation

In the event that we would need to evacuate campus, we would now travel south down Central Avenue to Most Holy Redeemer Church, as opposed to heading north to Miles Elementary. The Classroom **Management Plans posted in each teacher's classroom will be updated** to reflect this change. Please contact Mr. Malo with an questions regarding this change or any other offsite evacuation procedures.



IMPORTANT DATES

- 1/22: 1:40PM Dismissal
- 1/22: Athletic Booster Meeting at 6:00PM
- 1/23: Fall Sports Banquet at 6:30PM
- 1/26: NHS Game Night at 6:00PM
- 2/1: Lottery at 4:00PM
- 2/3: Spring Dance
- 2/5: 1:40PM Dismissal
- 2/6: Conference Night from 4:30PM—6:30PM
- 2/9: No School
- 2/12: Athletic Booster Meeting at 6:00PM
- 2/14: Honor Roll Celebration at 7:00AM
- 2/16: Black History Month Cultural Celebration at 6:00PM

Principal's Corner



As we remember the life, words, and actions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, the importance of these words within our mission **statement resound** : “Within a caring, respectful multicultural environment, the school is committed to instilling in each student a desire, to learn, to take appropriate risks, and to overcome challenges. The school community is committed to developing students who are life-long learners and responsible citizens who will **succeed in the 21st century.**” Following our Student Code of Conduct helps students build tolerance and respect for others. We expect students to be kind. Being on-time and focused on learning helps our students become life **-long learners and responsible citizens. Let's have a great start and finish** for the second semester!

I am happy to announce and celebrate that Brooks DeBartolo Collegiate High School has the highest four year graduation rate of ALL high schools in the state of Florida (1st out of 448). BDCHS was also in the top 10% for English Language Arts Achievement for the percentage of students scoring satisfactory or higher among all high schools in the state. I received a congratulatory note from Governor Scott this week. Thank you to our teachers and students for their hard work! Go Phoenix!

Student Spotlights By Maddie Smith and Jake Smith

Claire Brittain is a senior here at Brooks DeBartolo who is involved in SGA, NHS, CLIC, Dual Enrollment, and Brooks Bunch Business Bootcamp. She is also in an executive internship position with Modeste Photography. She has currently been accepted into UCF, UNF, and FAU. Claire aspires to be a Fine Arts Photographer and dreams of attending UF or FAU in the Fall. She is also heavily involved in art and currently has her work displayed in the HCC Ybor Art Gallery. Around school, students describe Claire as one of the funniest and most enjoyable people to be around, and she often attracts others due to her positive and **fun personality. One of Claire's favorite movies is *Cars*, and she loves this quote from the film, as she can relate to it on a personal level: "Okay, here we go. Focus. Speed. I am speed. One winner, forty-two losers. I eat losers for breakfast. Breakfast? Maybe I should have had breakfast? Brekkie could be go for me. No, no, no, focus. Speed. Faster than fast, quicker than quick. I am Lightning."** We wish Claire the best of luck with the rest of her education, and we believe she will exceed her goals in the art and photography world.



As a senior here at Brooks DeBartolo, Sarah Kilpatrick will be graduating in May with her Associates of Arts degree, as well as being in the top 10 of her class. She is heavily involved with several programs here. As President of Student Ambassadors, Sarah leads tour groups of prospective students and coordinated the student volunteers and schedule for the BDCHS Teach-In. This year, Brooks DeBartolo students are working on starting the National English Honor Society, of which Sarah is poised to be the Vice President of. She participates in NHS, Mu Alpha Theta, CLIC, the Advanced Treble Choir, and is a project leader of the teacher appreciation committee in SGA. Outside of school, Sarah volunteers with **her church's youth group at homeless shelters and in the children's ministries.** When asked about her future in college and eventual career, Sarah said, "***I plan on attending FSU to major in Biology and minor in Psychology. After that, my career goal is to enter the medical field and become an allergist.***" With many achievements and awards throughout her high school career, including being named the Phoenix of the Year as a freshman and being nominated for the Jefferson Scholars Foundation award in her senior year, we look forward to watching Sarah blossom into a successful young woman.



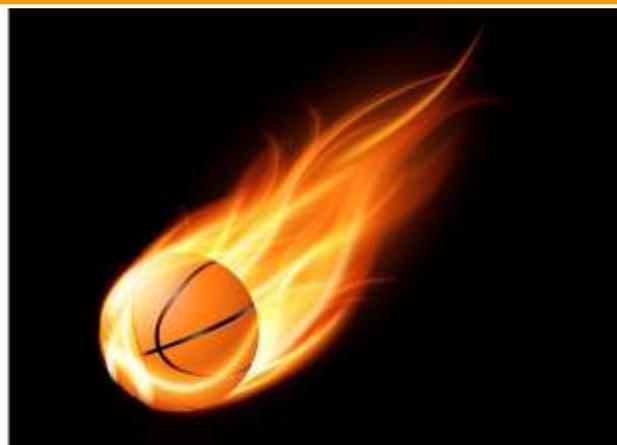
Soccer Spirit By Hamza Ahmed

With their season approaching its end, the BDCHS soccer team is striving to finish strong. Despite the loss to Bishop McLaughlin, senior Jake Smith said, **“I will continue to train harder and be the best player I can possibly be. It’s my senior year, and if I don’t give my all now, then all my hard work will go to waste.”** The team has not achieved the stats for which they were hoping this season, but, through team spirit and effort, they are hoping to win at least Game One of their district tournament. Junior Jackson Sharpless said, **“Even though there aren’t many people on the team in my grade, I am still going to play on the team this year and next year. I love the sport and the team because they are an inspiration to me and have helped me become the person I am today.”** Sportsmanship and camaraderie have kept the soccer team strong, despite their hardships. They have all pledged to do their best no matter what obstacles come their way.



Balling By Marine Gerlein

On Friday, December 15th BDCHS’s boys’ JV, Varsity, and girls’ Varsity team went against Seffner Christian Academy. The night was filled with excited cheering from the stands, delicious food, and great halftime cheers by the cheerleading team. The first game to start off the night was the BDCHS JV boys and the Seffner JV boys. It was a tough game, and BDCHS’s boys unfortunately lost, ending the game with Phoenix having a score of 52 and Seffner leaving with a score of 66. The Varsity girls then started their game while the Phoenix crowd cheered them on. The girls were able to win the game with an amazing score of 51 and leaving Seffner to have a score of 33. The last game of the evening was the Varsity boys against Seffner. Varsity gave an amazing effort and left with a score of 55 while Seffner had 66.



Congratulations to Coach Hedley, Coach Wilbur, and the varsity girls for their amazing win. **Come support BDCHS’s basketball teams by coming out to the games and showing some Phoenix Pride by cheering on our teams!**

Meet Mr. Fimbel By Ana Stagg

As most of our Phoenix family knows, after finding the perfect fit, we've had a great transition in regards to our newest addition to the mathematics department, Brian Fimbel. Mr. Fimbel was born and raised here in Tampa, Florida. He first attended Hillsborough Community College where he majored in education. Mr. Fimbel then transferred to the University of Tampa and earned his **degree in mathematics education. He is currently working toward his Master's Degree at University of Tampa in instruction and curriculum.** Last year, we had the honor of having Mr. Fimbel as an intern for twelve weeks, and now he is our very own Geometry and Algebra 1 teacher. Mr. Fimbel has been married for twelve years and has two children, ages eight and eleven. Before coming to Brooks DeBartolo, Mr. Fimbel worked at the University of Tampa, where he supervised a program that supported underrepresented first generation college **students, encouraging them to continue their education. Mr. Fimbel's favorite thing about BDCHS so far has been our students. He has been particularly impressed by their work ethic. Mr. Fimbel has said he is, "truly blessed to be here."** Although we have not had much time with him yet, we are proud to call him a Phoenix!



Lacrosse Superstars

BDCHS sophomores Joshua Hendricks and Ryan Lepper had the opportunity to play on the Pasco Lions **lacrosse team for the highly recognized 2017 DICK'S Sporting Goods Tournament of Champions (TOC)** that took place in Wesley Chapel on December 29th - 31st. The lacrosse tournament is considered the national championship of lacrosse. Teams from the U.S. and Canada earn bids from more than fifty qualifying tournaments across North America to compete for the national championship in their respective divisions/age categories. More than one hundred teams from North America were expected this year. The TOC is held the last three days of every year in Wesley Chapel, with an economic impact of four million dollars to the Tampa Bay area. This is an extremely high profile, national lacrosse championship event that has been held at Wesley Chapel Sports Complex since 2008. The TOC consistently features the **continent's top high school and youth players. Past participants have gone on to compete in collegiate programs, and many are now stars in the National Lacrosse League (indoor) and Major League Lacrosse (outdoor). This is Josh's third year making the highly competitive Pasco Lions All-Star team, composed of high school players from the Tampa Bay and Sarasota areas. His brother, Aaron, a BDCHS senior who played in the TOC the past two years, is playing varsity basketball for BDCHS this year and thus did not participate in last year's TOC. However, he was there to support and represent BDCHS with pride.**

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to both Josh and Ryan, two BDCHS lacrosse superstars!

Cold and Flu



How to prepare for Cold and Flu Season

It's inevitable. We'll wake up this winter with a sore throat, knowing we'll soon be going through a box of tissues an hour and unable to taste a thing.

Influenza is contagious from a few days before symptoms start to when your fever breaks, and you never know who is sick around you — they may not even know yet. Flu is spread through droplets in sneezes and coughs, which means anyone within a three-foot radius is at risk for contracting it, but flu can also live on hard surfaces for 24 hours.

Cold and flu season spares few between now and spring.



FIRST, PRACTICE HEALTHY HABITS.

1. Start with a flu shot, which can reduce your risk of the flu....
2. Keep strong with a routine that keeps your body in peak performance, like regular exercise, a balanced diet, healthy sleep and limiting your stress levels....
3. Keep it clean and wash both your hands and surfaces regularly.

The best most can hope for is getting a brief cold instead of a more serious infection like the flu, an underappreciated danger that kills thousands each year. Now is the time to prepare. Take steps to reduce you and your family's risk of sickness and assemble a flu and cold "survival kit" for when viruses come knocking.



HERE'S WHAT YOU SHOULD KEEP IN YOUR KIT.

Fluids: Water, sports drinks, ginger ale (for nausea), herbal teas, pedialyte and juices for children are all good choices. When sick, *hydrate, hydrate, and hydrate.*

Honey: Honey may help reduce coughing, but don't feed it to children under 1 years of age. It tastes wonderful when added to tea.

Medications: Fever-reducers · Saline drops · Cold and sinus medications · Cough drops.

Additional Supplies: Thermometer · Box Tissue · Cold Presses

Finally, being sick is both miserable and boring. Soothing items like a favorite blanket and comfy pillows, will always come in handy.



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! Please join us for our next meeting on January 22nd 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

Otis Perry

Henry Simmons

Gail Thomas

Fire Membership

Sheila Shipman

Dee Sellers

Diana Quiles

Angela Shortt

Aria Brown

Veronica Johnson

Sarah Gallow-Young

Raequel Tomsich

Family Membership

Theon Salley

Kristina Porricolo

Lee & Karen Corscadden

Michael Cook

Javier Moreno

Victoria Skrimshire

Blaine Family

Jenkins Family

Owen/Phares Family

Rick Polidoro

Bruce & Shannon McKinney

Tom & Micki Shille

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

Hamza Ahmed – FGCU

Alyssa Chapman – Howard University

Anjella Griffin – Flagler College

Kayla Hopkins-Pinto – USF; FGCU; Lynn University (\$64,000 scholarship)

Molly Montgomery – Becker College (\$80,000 scholarship); Quinnipiac University (\$80,000 scholarship)

John Pama – Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (\$64,000 scholarship), Florida Institute of Technology (\$74,920 scholarship), USF (\$12,000 scholarship)

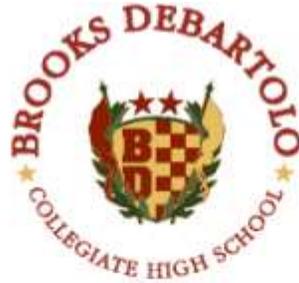
Olivia Sanderford – FGCU; UCF

Jackson Schultz – Saint Leo University

Marielle Smith – Savannah College of Art and Design (\$42,000 scholarship); Rollins College (\$120,000 scholarship)

Amanda Yelvington – Rutgers University

Employment Opportunity



EMPLOYMENT

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 jdorta@bdchs.org or ivelisse.dorta@sdhc.k12.fl.us.

Applicants should add in the subject line: **Bus Driver**

BDCHS Development

Don't forget that donations made to the BDCHS Phoenix Fund "may" be matched through an employer's Corporate Matching Gift Program?



What Are Matching Gift Programs?

They are donations a company makes to match its employees' charitable contributions. Employee matching gifts are typically at a dollar-for-dollar rate but some companies go even further by tripling or quadrupling their employees' donations.



Do Volunteer Hours Count For More?

Many companies may provide financial support to an organization (BDCHS) based on volunteer hours by an employee given to that organization.

A directory of possible employers with matching gift programs can be found on our school's website; click on the following www.bdchs.org/support-bdchs/schools-projects/ then scroll to matching gifts.

**PLEASE ASK YOUR EMPLOYER TODAY
IF THEY HAVE A MATCHING GIFTS PROGRAM!!!**

PAC Update

THE NEXT PAC EDUCATIONAL MEETING...

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

6:00 - 7:15 pm

BDCHS Cafeteria

Speaker & Topic to be announced soon!

Black History Month

Dear Florida Educators:

I am writing today to share information about the 2018 Black History Month student contests and educator awards, which will be centered around the theme, >“**A Celebration of Innovative African-American Leaders.**”

Each February, as Florida celebrates Black History Month, many of you incorporate into your lesson plans information about the significant contributions that African Americans have made to our great state. Once again, Governor Rick Scott and First Lady Ann Scott have invited all Florida students to participate in the Black History Month art and essay contests. Students in grades K-3 have a chance to win a cash prize by submitting artwork and students in grades 4-12 can earn a four-year Florida Prepaid Scholarship through the essay contest.

These prizes could transform the lives of a student in your class or school, and I hope that you will encourage all of your students to take full advantage of this opportunity to enhance their appreciation for African American History >and prepare financially for their own future education aspirations.

Additionally, students, parents, teachers and principals are invited to nominate full-time educators in elementary, middle and high schools for the Black History Month Excellence in Education Award.

The deadline for all submissions is March 2, 2018.

To learn more about Florida’s Black History Month celebration and contests, visit www.floridablackhistory.com.

Sincerely,

Education Commissioner Pam Stewart

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HELP WANTED ADS

Needed: Individuals who have availability to research grants on the internet. Experience with research and grants with good computer skills will be helpful, but not necessary. Most important – a willingness to give BDCHS their time and talents.

Have you assisted with silent auctions in the past? Do you have a desire to volunteer for BDCHS? If you answered yes to these two questions then you will want to volunteer for the upcoming BDCHS Spring Event, A Tropical Soiree, scheduled for April 7th.

If you have an interest in either of these opportunities, please email Judy Anderson, BDCHS Director of Development, at janderson@bdchs.org.



