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# PHOENIX NEWS

Soaring to New Heights

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## Happy Holidays to the Phoenix Family



## IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 21, 2018:	Last day of school
Dec. 23—Jan. 7:	Winter Break
Jan. 8, 2019:	Back to school
Jan. 15, 2019:	PAC Workshop @ 6PM
Jan. 21, 2019:	Martin Luther King Day
Feb. 18, 2019:	Non-Student Day
Mar. 18—22:	Spring Break
Mar. 25, 2019:	Non-Student Day
April 8, 2019:	Non-Student Day
April 19, 2019:	Non-Student Day
April 22, 2019:	Early Release @ 2:05 PM
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**Principal's Corner**



On behalf of the entire Brooks DeBartolo Collegiate High School faculty and staff, we wish all of our families a safe, restful, peaceful, and joyful holiday. Remember to spend quality time with those near and dear because that is what is most important during the holiday season. We will see you back in the New Year!





# Four Star Leadership

The 2019 Four Star Leadership summer leadership program is now accepting applications. This week long program allows 70 top high school students to build practical leadership skills and have face-to-face experiences with inspirational leaders. The program is FREE to students and gives them an opportunity to earn scholarships, gain internships and invaluable leadership experience!

For more information, please visit [www.fourstarleader.com](http://www.fourstarleader.com). You can also speak with Ms. Matthews, Allison Sellers or Samantha Kephart. Allison and Samantha were 2 of the 70 chosen last school year to attend the Four Star Leadership program and would be very excited to tell you about their personal experience.



# A Special Thank You and Holiday Wish

On behalf of the Phoenix faculty and staff, the BDCHS Administration would like to thank all of our Phoenix community members for making semester one truly fantastic. We have so much for which to be thankful, and we could not have experienced such a great first term this year without the dedication and support of each and every one of you that make up our Phoenix family. We hope that you take this holiday break to relax and enjoy the company of your friends and family, but know that you are in the hearts of each of us here at BDCHS.



## ACT/SAT Reminders

### SPRING 2019 ACT/SAT DATES AND DEADLINES

**Juniors should plan to take the ACT and SAT tests prior to their senior year.** There are three opportunities to take each exam in the Spring, 2019. Below is the information you will need.

**Note:** Fee waivers are available for students who qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch  
Students should see their school counselor for more information about waivers



## Test Dates and Registration Deadlines

### **SAT:** <https://www.collegeboard.org>

Test date: Saturday, March 9 (Registration Deadline: February 8; Late Deadline: February 27)

Test date: Saturday, May 4 (Registration Deadline: April 5; Late Deadline: April 24)

Test date: Saturday, June 1 (Registration Deadline: May 3; Late Deadline: May 22)

### **ACT:** <https://www.act.org>

Test date: Saturday, February 9 (Registration Deadline: January 11; Late Deadline: January 18)

Test date: Saturday, April 13 (Registration Deadline: March 8; Late Deadline: March 25)

Test date: Saturday, June 8 (Registration Deadline: May 3; Late Deadline: May 20)

**Make sure you are prepared for your senior year  
by taking both the  
SAT and ACT in the Spring!**



# BDCHS Student Application Deadline

**The 2019-2020 BDCHS Student Application deadline is rapidly approaching.**

**Deadline:** January 1, 2019 at 11:59 PM

## **Required Application Items:**

- [2019-2020 Student Application](#)
- [Lotterease Registration](#)

## **Important Note:**

Both the BDCHS Student Application (Google Form) and the Lotterease Registration are required for an applicant to be included in the 2019-2020 lottery. Applicants without both items will not be included in the lottery.

- **Any applicants that have currently enrolled siblings must also complete this process** by the January 1st deadline
- For more information about the BDCHS application process, please visit <http://bdchs.org/enrollment/>

**Please feel free to forward this information on to any individuals you believe may benefit from this information.**



## Thank You for Our Holiday Luncheon!

**To all our kind, generous, thoughtful Phoenix Families who contributed and volunteered for the Staff Holiday Luncheon:**



**Thank you for making our time together on Thursday very special.**

Sincerely,  
The BDCHS Staff, Faculty, and Administration

## PAC Parent Workshop Reminder

### **Join the Phoenix Family for the Next PAC Parent Workshop!**

**When:** Tuesday, January 15, 2019  
**Time:** 6:00-7:30 PM  
**Where:** The Phoenix Café  
**Reason:** To learn about course options and offerings, course progression, and the course request process

**Remember:** **Volunteer hours are earned for attendance at PAC Meetings**

## Boys Soccer

Shoot for your Goals!

By: Diana Ruiz

Tuesday, December 18, the Boy's Soccer team had their senior night. They played against Academy at the Lakes. Our boys scored 7 goals in the first half and won with an overall score of 8-0. It was a perfect last home game for the seniors. Team captain, Olivier Benghiat, said, "During halftime, the seniors went over to their parents and friends who were holding up posters for them. It was a really cool moment and also kind of bittersweet. I've had a lot of fun playing with these people since my freshman year." The seniors that we will be saying goodbye to are Logan Moore, Yohan Fournier, Jeremy Johnson, Caden Okin, and Saul Caceras.

Each and everyone of them are hardworking students who bring something different to the BDCBS soccer team. The players who scored on Tuesday were Logan Moore, Yohan Fournier (scored two goals), Jeremy Johnson (scored three goals), Jack Heseltine, and Reid Sanderford. It has been a great season, but it is not over yet!

**Make sure to support the soccer team at their next game at Bishop McLaughlin High School on January 17, 2019! Support our Phoenix Soccer Team — GO PHOENIX!**



## Girls Soccer

Goal Girls Goal

By: Haley Perera

The BDCBS soccer team is working hard this season competing against tough schools. They have been trying to work around the multitude of unfortunate injuries that have affected a lot of the team members. However, the team is still actively trying to overcome the setbacks they are facing. They even participated in the Lancer Invitational tournament and landed in second place against some solid teams. With the Winter Break coming up, the girls are given time to hopefully recover from the injuries they incurred and come back on January 7th against Clearwater Central Academy better than ever. When asked about the team Isabella Barrios claims that "The team has been being going through some challenges with the injuries but I do believe they can overcome them and be a better team for it."



# Incoming Senior Advice

Senior Advice  
By: Gage Davis

**Becoming a senior will be one of your greatest accomplishments.** Being able to graduate from high school and walk across stage with your diploma will probably be one of the greatest feelings of your life. It will be an achievement you will likely never forget because you have come so far.

**Moving from a junior mindset into a senior mindset can be difficult.** I wish I knew how to more appropriately make choices on my own about my educational path. It is important that you not have your parents choose your classes or extra-curricular activities; you should choose them with their input. Please see below a few suggestions from this senior about decision-making:

- Don't let other people influence your life choices; you're in charge of yourself now—make choices of your own
- Be aware of costs that you will incur in the senior year
- Learn to save; budget and prepare for your senior year because there are many activities in which you may want to participate

The senior year will likely be one of your greatest years in terms of learning new things and gaining experiences. Senior year is your time to shine. Colleges look at how you have progressed academically, so you want progress to show.

On a more personal level, remember not to get too caught up in problems and affairs of others. Don't bend over backwards trying to get someone's attention or try to appease others. Remember to be kind and respectful to everyone, but do not stress over others' perceptions and attitudes. If you remember to demonstrate Phoenix PRIDE, your senior year will be fantastic!

# Semester 2 Reminders

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By: Maddie Smith

We did it!! It is officially Winter Break. **Congratulations to our students, teachers, and staff on completing an amazing first semester.** As students prepare to head into the holiday season, we want to give everyone a few last minute reminders and dates about what to expect in Semester 2.

December 21, 2018: Last day of school  
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**Enjoy your holiday break, and we will see you in 2019!**

## A Note From The Board

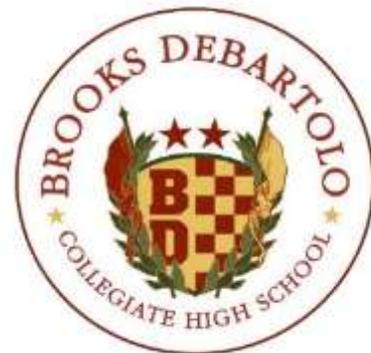


**Congratulations to all the members of our Phoenix family who are doing amazing things and soaring to new heights.**

We took the opportunity at our December Board meeting to recognize some of our outstanding students and faculty for their achievements from this summer and fall. Highlighted student achievements include our first ever National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist, First Chair Trombone in the All-County Band, placing in the international MATE ROV competition, and publication in an international textbook.

Faculty achievements include our Teacher and Support Staff Member of the Year, a Master's degree in Reading, and a literary seminar scholarship. And those are just a few of the many achievements that were recognized. For the full list of recognitions you can view [the program](#) from the December 10<sup>th</sup> event. Thank you to the administration and staff that made the event possible and to everyone in the Phoenix family who helps nurture these amazing achievements.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Cynthia R. Vasquez, Chair  
BDCHS Board of Directors



# Student Spotlight - Allie Sellers

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Allie Sellers attended the Four Star Leadership Program with General Tommy Franks in 2018. Allie recently spoke with us about her experience at the program and the impact it has had on her life.

### Describe your experience at Four Star Leadership

*Before getting accepted into Four Star, I never took initiative on topics I was passionate about. I applied not thinking I would even obtain a phone interview, let alone have the great opportunity to actually attend. It takes time for me to warm up to people and create friends. Through Four Star, I realized the more you let people in, the more friends and opportunities you create. Four Star helped me find my voice and strengthen my abilities. I still talk to a few people from Four Star and I am happy to say they are my closest group of friends!*

### What would you say to inspire future applicants?

*Don't feel like you aren't good enough or capable to make a difference. Don't let fear stand in the way of you succeeding, rather let it motivate you to do the best you can.*

### What are you doing now and what are your plans for the future?

*Right now, I am working on my Understanding Community Understanding project about human trafficking in Tampa, Florida, the third largest state for human trafficking. Once I graduate high school in May, I plan to continue volleyball at the collegiate level, while studying cyber-security, and then join the United States Air Force.*

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# Student Spotlight - Josh Hendricks



Josh Hendricks, Junior, will be playing for a National Elite travel lacrosse team from Boston in this year's Tropical Thaw National Lacrosse Championship Tournament over in Orlando (Davenport) - December 28-30.

Wish him luck as this is probably one of the biggest recruiting tournaments in the country.

