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PHOENIX NEWS

Soaring to New Heights

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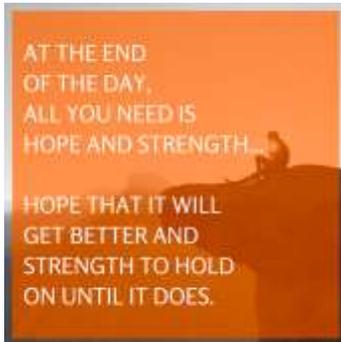
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Scholarship Winners - By Sam Glow

Congratulations to Seniors Brandon Bonet and Kylene Byrne for earning the Heart of a Champion scholarship. The Heart Award is a \$1,000.00 scholarship, given by Robert Gries Jr., to one male and one female athlete at each Hillsborough County High



School. Robert Gries Jr., Founder, explained, "The award is not necessarily for the best athlete. It is for the young man or woman who brings something special to their sport and teammates."



IMPORTANT DATES

4/9/20- QUARTER 3 REPORT CARDS AVAILABLE

4/10/2020 - NO SCHOOL

4/14/2020—VIRTUAL PHOENIX ACTION CREW (PAC) WORKSHOP—via email message

4/15/2020 - VIRTUAL PERFECT ATTENDANCE RECOGNITION FOR QUARTER 3—via email message

4/16/2020 - NATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY WRITING AWARDS via ZOOM

4/17/2020 - VIRTUAL HONOR ROLL RECOGNITION FOR QUARTER 3— via email message; AFFRONTI COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DUE FOR SENIORS

4/20/2020 - NO SCHOOL

4/22/2020 - MID—QUARTER PROGRESS REPORT CHECK; BOARD MEETING AT 5 pm via TELECONFERENCE

4/24/2020 - GARNET DAY

Principal's Corner



Dear BDCHS Families,

During this unprecedented time, we continue in our commitment to serving students to provide them with the best educational opportunities and experiences possible. We will continue with eLearning for as long as needed and, together, we know staying safe at home will help protect our loved ones, our community, our country, and the world during this global pandemic. To the

health care workers and essential workers out there, we thank you for your service!

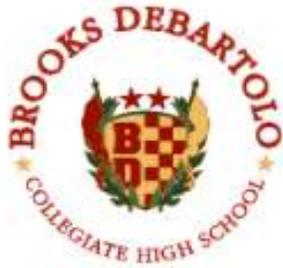
We have plans to honor our Quarter 3 Perfect Attendance and Honor Roll students virtually. We are brainstorming possibilities for senior events. If the stay at home order is extended, we will plan accordingly.

We hope you are well. We WILL get through this and continue to "Soar to New Heights."

Office Hours: 7:30am - 3:30pm
School Hours: 8:00am - 3:10pm

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A Message from our Board of Directors



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March 24, 2020

Dear BDCHS Faculty & Staff, students, and families,

First and foremost, I hope that all of you are taking care of yourself and following all recommended steps to slow the spread of SARS-CoV-2 (aka Coronavirus). I hope that you are taking care of your physical and mental health during this difficult time.

It would be an understatement to say that we have entered uncharted waters at this point, but I believe from the bottom of my heart that we have the best administration, faculty & staff, students, and families of any school. We are well placed to continue providing an exceptional education in these changing times.

I would like to thank Principal Bennett for leading the administration in finalizing our eLearning platform and procedures in a thorough and timely manner. With the Set Up for Success week that started yesterday, I am confident that our instructional staff will be ready to hit the ground running on March 30th.

With physical distancing, good hygiene, and healthy doses of patience and resilience, I am confident that we will continue to soar to new heights!

Sincerely,

Cynthia R. Vasquez
Chair, Board of Directors

Phoenix Sports Update

Hello Everyone,

The FHSAA has made the decision to postpone all scheduled athletic events until further notice. Pending schools are back in session and afforded the opportunity to resume activities after May 1st, by Federal, State and Local authorities, the FHSAA will follow the recommendations and guidance available to us at that time.

As always feel free to reach out to me about any student athletes. Our Spring Coaches are actively keeping in touch with athletes to keep their spirits up.

We do have some exciting future college athlete commitment news to share.



Joshua Hendricks signed to continue his academics and athletics at Palm Beach Atlantic University. Josh will be playing Lacrosse while earning a college degree. Josh played Lacrosse at Wharton High (his home school). Aaron (2018 Alumni), his supported his brother at the signing.



Congratulations to Mason McKinney for committing to continue his academics and athletics at Campbellsville University (located in Kentucky). Mason will be playing Boys Volleyball while earning a college degree.



Morgan Britton will be attending Pasco Hernando State College to continue her academics and athletics. Morgan will be playing Volleyball.

Maggie Hedley

Athletic Director



A Message from our School Nurse

Dear BDCHS Family,

Like you, I am home with my family navigating all the changes that have come during this unprecedented time. I miss all of you and I hope that you are doing everything you can to take care of yourselves both physically and mentally. It is difficult to process so much sudden change, but there is good that will come from this and I look forward to when we can all be back at school again.

As your Nurse, I want to make sure you have the tools you need to keep yourself healthy through all of this. The basics have been covered many times over, but if you need a refresher you can see the CDC recommendations [here](#). It is up to you to implement these strategies while you are at home. I won't be standing at your kitchen door with my bottle of hand sanitizer every time you eat so make good choices and wash your hands for me!

If you feel that you are having [symptoms](#) of COVID-19, [here](#) is information from the CDC on what to do. While we don't want to over-react with every cough or sneeze, please be aware of how you are feeling and contact your doctor if you have any concerns. We all have to work together to protect our community.

If you need to reach me or just want to say hello, I am available by email at sklaking@bdchs.org or on Google Hangouts at sklaking@bdchsphoenix.org. I would love to hear how you are doing!

Remember:

1. Wash your hands
2. Stay home. Stay home. Stay home.
3. Get outside at least once a day
4. Virtually connect with friends daily
5. Call your doctor if you feel sick
6. Be gentle with yourself and everyone in your house
7. Reach out to your Guidance Counselor or someone you trust if you are having a difficult day
8. Make healthy food choices (most of the time) and eat breakfast (all of the time)
9. Help out around the house
10. Your school nurse cares about you and can't wait to see you again soon!

Stay healthy!

Mrs. Klaking, RN, BSN

