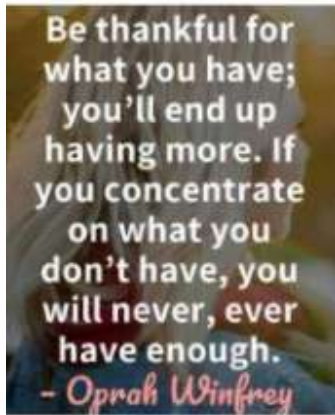


PHOENIX NEWS

Soaring to New Heights

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With the ever changing landscape of schools since the Covid-19 Pandemic broke out last March, students have had to undergo many changes when it comes to their education. This year's Midterm Exams looked different in many ways: date, length, and content. We at the Phoenix Newsletter would like to extend a congratulations to all our students. While you may have struggled or soared, we have made it past the semester exams. Enjoy your long weekend and we can't wait to see you back for semester 2!

IMPORTANT DATES

1/14/21- LOTTERY FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR APPLICANTS; BLOOD DRIVE

1/15/21- END OF QUARTER 2/ SEMESTER 1; NON STUDENT DAY

1/18/21- MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY; NO SCHOOL

1/21/21- JEANS FOR TROOPS BY NHS; BOWLING TEAM DINNER @ 6 IN THE CAFÉ

1/22/21 GARNET DAY

1/26/21 PSAT DAY FOR GRADES 9-11 WITH A 2:10 PM DISMISSAL

1/29/21 GOLD DAY

Principal's Corner



The beginning of a new year brings hope for the future, especially this new year because of the challenges we faced in 2020. My hope for our school community is that we continue to focus on what is best for students. We will continue to follow our COVID-19 protocols and provide support for students in their social emotional learning. We will continue to engage students in learning. We are finding that eLearners become disengaged when they do not have their cameras on. While we understand there may be valid reasons why an eLearner doesn't have their camera turned on, it is important for students to be "all in" with their learning at school and part of that

includes the ability for the teacher to see the face of their students. Communication and human connection takes place with verbal and nonverbal communication. Imagine having to teach to a blank screen and to wonder if your students are truly present and learning. We will continue to communicate with parents through various tools such as Edsby, email, text, voice messages, the website, and social media. We ask that all parents have a Parent Edsby account so that you can see messages from teachers. Please do not rely on the Student Edsby account. Did you know you can use the Edsby parent app and set up notifications if your child's grade drops below a C? We want to start the new semester as strong as possible and more importantly to finish strong. We will thrive in 2021!

Thank you and let's continue to Soar to New Heights and Spread Our Wings to Protect One Another!

Thank you,
Dr. Bennett

A Note From the School Nurse



Quarantine Update

On January 4, 2021 Hillsborough County Schools approved a reduction in the length of time students and staff are required to quarantine. This change from 14 days to 10 days is in response to a December CDC recommendation based on new scientific data on the spread of COVID-19.

"Quarantine can end after Day 10 without testing and if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring." (CDC.gov 12/2/20) This will allow quarantined students and staff to return to school on day 11, while continuing to self-monitor for symptoms through day 14. The updated CDC recommendations and data can be viewed on the CDC website or on our BDCHS Google Drive:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SLRiyzoAhFj6vZOJ0DfeXw6hC2a4DYcv/view?usp=sharing>]

As always I am here are a resource for all of our students, staff and families. Please do not hesitate to contact me with your COVID-19 questions or with any health concerns you have about your student.

Stay well,

Nurse K.

Quarantine keeps someone who might have been exposed to the virus away from others.

After stopping a 10 day quarantine, you should:

- Watch for symptoms until 14 days after exposure.
- If you have symptoms, immediately self-isolate and contact your local public health authority or healthcare provider.
- Wear a mask, stay at least 6 feet from others, wash your hands, avoid crowds, and take other steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19

Isolation keeps someone who is infected with the virus away from others, including people in their home.

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JEANS FOR TROOPS

Fundraiser

Thursday, January 21, 2021!

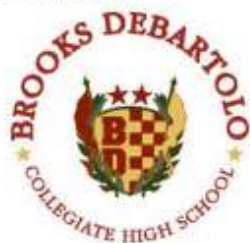
Brooks DeBartolo Collegiate High School's National Honor Society is sponsoring the GI Go Fund/Jeans for Troops and now Zoom for Troops fundraiser! Support our troops and earn a jean day by donating a minimum of \$5 or more to our GI Go Fund Brooks DeBartolo NHS team page.

Each participant will get to wear jeans on our selected national dress-down day, **Thursday, January 21, 2021!** Plus, you will receive a digital background image for virtual meetings via email after donating.

Go to <https://gigo.org/teams/brooksdebartolonhs/>
to make your online donation.

Deadline for donation is Wednesday, January 20, 2021!

- Add your **First and Last Name** when making your donation.
- Leave an optional note as to why this donation is important to you.
- Leave the "Show Amount Publicly" checked off.
- Enter your payment information and email for receipt.
- Minimum donation of \$5 allows you to wear jeans and a red, white, or blue shirt on Thursday, January 21, 2021.
- Face-to-Face students, upon arrival to school on Thursday, January 21, 2021, be ready to show your emailed receipt to the NHS officers to receive your wristband. Digital and/or paper copies are accepted.
- E-learner students, have your emailed receipt available as proof of donation.



Staff Shout Out

I would like to share this great news from Ashley Matthews who is now a certified Youth Mental Health First Aid Trainer! Congratulations Ms. Matthews!

“I had the amazing opportunity to attend a 3 day course to become a Youth Mental Health First Aid Trainer. This will allow me to train educators, parents and professionals on becoming a Youth Mental Health First Aider. It was a very intense 3 days with learning the information to prepare to teach. On the last day, we had to present a chapter in the Youth Mental Health First Aid Manual to our fellow classmates. Our classmates then had the opportunity to critique us. After the presentation, we met with our facilitator that would tell us if we passed, passed with provisions or did not pass. I am SO excited to report that I PASSED!!!!”

Carson Scholar



The Carson Scholars Fund recognizes students who excel academically and are dedicated to serving their communities. Congratulations to Isabella Rios for being BDCHS’s nominee for the 2021 Carson Scholar Program. If Isabella is selected as a Carson Scholar, she will win a \$1,000 scholarship. Congratulations Isabella! We wish you luck as you soar to new heights!

Food Drive Results

Thank you so much to everyone who partook in the Food Drive this holiday season for Metropolitan Ministries! Special thanks to Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica who collected the most food under the leadership of Senior Eryk Chazares!



Protest Song Art

Ms. Mitchell has recently asked to collaborate with Palmer Museum at Penn State University to help them develop future Virtual Art Lesson programs. Congratulations to Brianna Jones, Jenna Besignano, Amelia Almonte, and Kayla Atkinson on your "Protest Song" art pieces.



Sports Schedules

Girls Basketball

Tuesday, Jan 12
City of Life Academy
7:00 PM

Thursday, Jan 14
Tampa Prep
6:00 PM

Tuesday, Jan 19
Wesley Chapel
6:30 PM

Thursday, Jan 21
Wiregrass Ranch
7:00 PM

Tuesday, Jan 26
Seffner Christian
6:00 PM



Boys Basketball

Wednesday, Jan 20
Berkeley Prep
7:30 PM

Tuesday, Jan 26
Lakeland Christian
7:30 PM

Thursday, Jan 28
Mitchell
7:30 PM

Friday, Jan 29
Lakeland Shootout
TBD

Monday, Feb 1
Palm Harbor
7:00 PM