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Graduate Gazette

BROOKS DEBARTOLO COLLEGIATE H.S. CLASS OF 2018

Seniors have only a precious few weeks left before their high school careers are at an end. Please review the following to make sure that you're on track:

1. Read the information to the right regarding exam exemptions. You must meet the criteria in order to be eligible for exemptions, and teachers retain the right to require exams for any and all seniors.
2. Grad Bash is on Friday, April 13th. Seniors should be in school all day. Students who are absent for classes may not be permitted to attend, and no refunds will be given.
3. Graduation caps and gowns will be delivered to school at the end of April., and we will distribute them to students here along with any honor cords and/or stoles. Graduation tickets will also be distributed at that time.
4. Please save the date for our Senior Celebration on Thursday, May 10th . More information will be coming soon!
5. If your family needs wheelchair-accessible seating at Graduation, please fill out the Google form in the email that accompanied this newsletter to make that request so that we can be sure to accommodate you!

Senior Exam Exemptions

Twelfth grade students may qualify to exempt final exams if they:

- Earn at least a C or higher in quarters 3 and 4
- Have no more than 5 **excused** absences in Semester 2 per course (must be in attendance for more than half of each period in order to be counted as present)
- Have no more than 2 excused tardies per course
- Have no unexcused tardies per course
- Have no suspensions for the Semester
- Must be debt free (including textbooks, library books, lunch account, NSF, etc.--this clearance will come from the Business Office and IT Director)
- Must meet these stipulations up to the day of the exam

- Exam Exemption does NOT apply to End of Course Exams or AP Exams.
- The teacher of the course may determine an exam is necessary to determine course mastery.
- Students who meet exam exemption requirements may choose to take the exam to boost their semester grade.
- If a student meets the exam exemption requirements and chooses to exempt the Semester 2 Exam, the Exam grade will be entered as a duplicate of the Quarter 4 grade. For example, if a student earned a "B" Quarter 3 and a "C" Quarter 4, then the Second Semester Exam grade would be a "C".

If a student misses the exam, that student will receive an F for the exam. Make-up exams within the grading period may be permitted due to extenuating circumstances and upon administrative approval.

Ready, Set, Go!

Know Before You GO!

How to write a CONCISE email.

Young people have an advantage over older people in this area because older people were taught to write letters that were printed on paper, signed, stuck in an envelope, and mailed. Writing a short email was a new experience for them.

Young people, by contrast are used to texting and sending a DM. If anything, millennials are too skilled on brevity, but it's easier to teach someone how to write a long message than a short one.

Whether you're young or old, the point is that the optimal length of an email message is five sentences. All you should do is explain who you are, what you want, why you should get it, and when you need it by. For example:

My name is Ann Nonymous, and I'm from Brooks DeBartolo Collegiate High School. I submitted my application for a Super Students Scholarship on March 28, 2017 via email as directed. I received a confirmation that it was received, and I was also informed that I could include a letter of recommendation. Attached to this email is a letter of recommendation from Mrs. Andrea Rinard, my senior English teacher. I appreciate your consideration and look forward to hearing from you soon to learn if I have been awarded a scholarship through Super Students.

Do leave the DM-lingo behind, however, and make sure that your email is in standard English with the appropriate heading and closing – no need to let your recipient know that you're lol, and leave the emoticons out as well :).

Finding Success in College

You're going to have to rethink your learning process in order to be successful in college. In Why Good Students Do "Bad" in College, it's explained that a typical high school teacher provided around 80% of the information you needed to know to be successful in class. You came up with the other 20%, usually by completing highly directed tasks such as well-defined homework assignments, worksheets and the like.

In college, however, you will see this paradigm flip to a "20/80 Rule" in which a professor provides a foundational 20% of the information needed for the class. You're responsible for producing the remaining 80% — usually outside of the classroom. There probably won't be worksheets that reinforce the material presented in class. Don't expect extra credit assignments. Your homework will be to read and study, but it won't be defined in the ways in which you are accustomed.

In the collegiate world, you need to consult your course syllabus well before each class meeting to determine what will be presented. Then, ***before class***, you need to read/study the material that's going to be discussed.

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Saturday, April 28th

7:00 - 11:00 PM

The Event Factory

7565 W Hillsborough Ave

Tickets will be on sale 3/19 – 4/13

Buy during the first week for $50

3/26-4/6 - $65 per person

Tickets available during all three lunches in room 215

Guest Form Required for 9th-10th Grade and Non-BD Guests

GRADUATION 2018

Please review the important information about the BDCHS Graduation Ceremony:

1. Graduation will be held in Carol Morsani Hall in The Straz Center in downtown Tampa on Friday, May 18th. Doors will open for guests at 1:30PM, and the ceremony will begin at 2PM. Guests who are not inside and seated by 1:50PM will be held outside until after the graduates' processional.
2. Each graduate will get 15 guest tickets in April. There is a post on the seniors' Edsby page with a link to a Google doc for students to offer extra tickets or post how many extra they need.
3. If a graduate has a guest who needs handicapped seating, Mrs. Rinard will get that information **in April** so that we can ensure that your guest is appropriately accommodated.
4. Graduates must arrive through the stage door between 10:15 and 10:30AM, dressed for the ceremony with their caps and gowns with them. Lunch will be provided.
5. Parking is available in various locations around The Straz Center. The cost for parking is usually between $5—$10. Carpooling is a great option if you can.
6. Graduation caps and gowns will be delivered to school at the end of April., and we will distribute them to students at school along with any honor cords and/or stoles. Graduation tickets will also be distributed at that time.
7. BDCHS graduates must wear the approved cap and gown (purchased through Herff Jones) and may only wear approved regalia. All regalia (cords, stoles, etc) will be distributed by the honor society advisors.
8. Please save the date for our Senior Celebration on Thursday, May 10th. More information will be coming soon!

BE AWARE!

There is NO SUCH THING as an approved "senior skip day."

Seniors—like all students—are expected to be in school every day. Taking a "skip day" could nullify a senior's exam exemption!

Senior Year College Admissions Timeline

We Want to See YOU

Send your pictures of yourself and your BDCHS friends to

BDCHSseniors@gmail.com

or tag **@BDCHSseniors** on Twitter throughout the year to be included in the newsletter and senior slide show!

Please remember to ask permission before taking or submitting pictures of other people! You might think it's the cutest picture ever, but your friend may not want others to see it!

March - April December - February

- Decline offers to colleges you've opted against.
- Fill out housing forms and get ready to soar!

September - November

- Take the SAT and/or ACT again if needed to get your scores up—remember that you need at least a 26 ACT or 1170 SAT for Bright Futures
- Create a checklist for your applications and meet all deadlines for submitting them: Where are you applying? Do you need letters of recommendation? Personal statements? Have you requested transcripts and score reports?

June - August

- Make your short list of prospective college choices (one reach, one match, and one safety)
- Talk as a family about college expenses and budgets

- Look for other financial aid and scholarship opportunities
- Evaluate your options and make a decision

2017-2018 Calendar

Dates Are Subject To Change!

January 15	No School
January 25	Senior Assembly during Advisory
February 9	No School / Class Rank Freeze
February 19	No School
March 8	Senior Assembly during Advisory
March 9	End of Quarter 3
March 12-16	Spring Break
March 29	All FLVS/Night School Courses Must Be Completed
March 30	No School
April 13	Grad Bash
April 28	Prom at The Event Factory on W. Hillsborough Avenue
May 4	Seniors' Last Day / Class Olympics
May 7-8	Senior Exams
May 7—18	AP Exams (talk to your AP teacher about specific dates and times for your course exam)
May 10 at 7PM	Senior Celebration in BDCHS Gym
May 17 at 1PM	MANDATORY Graduation Rehearsal in BDCHS Gym
May 18 at 2PM	**Graduation at Straz Center** **Seniors must arrive between 10:15 & 10:30AM lunch will be provided**
June	Diplomas will be ready —we will notify all seniors when they may start coming in to pick up

STAY CONNECTED-

Sign up for Remind notifications by texting @e97g4 to 81010

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