

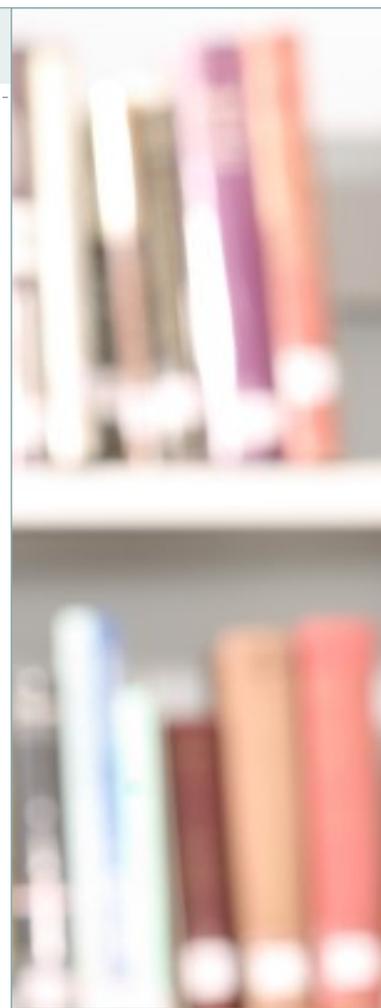
# Annual Safety Newsletter

## WELCOME FROM MS. MEYERSON

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year at BDCHS! We are off to a great start and I am excited to see all of the accomplishments of our students in 2019-2020. In this edition of our Annual Safety Newsletter, you will find important information as it pertains to the safety of our students, staff and families. Our number one priority at BDCHS is student safety. Students need to feel safe in order to learn and grow into the high achieving students. Thank you in advance for taking the time to read and understand the information in this newsletter and for being a supportive member of our BDCHS family. This is going to be another outstanding year for Brooks DeBartolo Collegiate High School.

If you ever have any questions or concerns as it pertains to safety, please do not hesitate to call or email ([nmeyerson@bdchs.org](mailto:nmeyerson@bdchs.org)).

Sincerely,  
Nicole Meyerson  
Assistant Principal of Administration



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### IMPORTANT LINKS

- [FortifyFL](#)
- [Volunteer Application](#)
- [Carpool Connection](#)

## Severe Weather & Rainy Day Dismissal

On rainy days, we will hold students in the media center until their cars pull up. Please be sure to continue to pull all the way up.

In order to help with traffic flow and to prevent cars from having to go through the large puddle on Central Ave., we will direct some cars towards the back of the school car lane when necessary.

In the event of severe weather such as a tornado warning, we will move students into a “shelter in place” location and will hold all dismissal until the area is safe.

## VAPING

As parents, it is important to be aware of the trending habits of teenagers. Please take some time to read the some of the articles listed below as they pertain to this growing epidemic among teens. Students are not permitted to have any type of vaping contraband on campus. If students are found with this in their possession, there will be immediate consequences.

[Video from Jeff Eakins and Chad Chronister about Vaping for Students.](#)

[#putdownthepen](#)

[Child Mind Institute Article](#)

## CARLINE AND PARKING LOT PROCEDURES

It is critical that all families follow the policies and procedures of our car pick-up and drop-off line both before and after school hours.

In the morning, please drive all the way up to the front of the school to drop-off. We do not want unloading to be happening throughout the parking lots.

When pulling up to the front of the school to unload, please pull all the way forward to the farthest cone when possible. This allows more cars to load and unload.

Be sure not to stop your vehicle, blocking the crosswalk. We need that space to be clear at all times so we are able to cross students and teachers safely before and after school.

Students need to be actively watching for their cars. Many of them are looking at their phones for a cue from their ride, but that is not always enough. Please remind your child to be actively watching with their eyes on the car line as well as their phone in case you call/text.

Cars may not load on Central Ave. or 109th. The

city of Tampa has placed signage reminding cars not to pick up in these locations. Tampa Police Department is also aware and will ticket those who are not abiding by the rule. Please plan to arrive in the car line a little later if you wish to avoid waiting in line.

If you are picking up a child from an after school activity, please refrain from parking in the pick up lanes. You may park in a parking spot while you are waiting.

*For information on how to join the carpool connection, see the link on page 1 of this newsletter.*



## OFF CAMPUS EVACUATION SITE INFORMATION

There are certain emergency situations that would require us to evacuate campus. Please be aware of our off-campus evacuation location and pick-up plan.

We evacuate to **Most Holy Redeemer Church—10110 N Central Ave, Tampa, FL 33612**. Our secondary evacuation site is *Adams Middle School—10201 N Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33612*.

In the event that we evacuate, students can be picked up (reunited) with a parent/guardian listed on the emergency card who has proper identification. When you arrive to the off-campus site, please find the area for you to check in with a staff member where they will check you ID. We will then get your child and release them to you.

Please refrain from having your child walk away from their designated area to come to you. No students will be dismissed from the off-campus site without being signed out.

We must account for all students, so it is important for you to follow this plan even in a difficult situa-

## WELCOME OFFICER MOORE

We are excited to have Officer Wayne Moore returning to the BDCHS family this year. Officer Moore is a 20 year U.S. Army Veteran and has worked with SDHC School Security for many years. In 2016, he was the winner of the SDHC Instructional Support Employee of the Year. The safety and well-being of our students and staff is his top priority. You will see him helping with traffic during dismissal, patrolling the campus, at athletic events, and helping in any way he can. Please help us in making him feel welcome here at BDCHS.





## REPORTING SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR

It is all of our responsibility to report suspicious behaviors. Florida has developed an anonymous safety reporting app called FortifyFL. You can download the app for free by visiting the link on page 1 of this newsletter.

Students are reminded that is they “See something, Say something.” This is something we want you to be aware of as well.

When something is reported to this system, we are then informed as needed. That being said, it is important for you as part of the Phoenix Family, to inform administration as soon as possible so we can begin looking into all situations immediately.

With the growing trend among teens with spam social media accounts, it is important for students to know that any threat made towards any member of the BDCHS community or school itself will be taken seriously and students who participate or are aware of the threat will face disciplinary and potentially law enforcement action. We shall investigate all threats and contact law enforcement as needed.

### See Something Say Something

Watch this video from Jeff Eakins, reminding students about “See Something, Say Something.”

[Click Here](#)

*“A culture of safety is a journey, not a destination. It requires our continuing diligence.” - Terry J. Moulton*

## STUDENT SIGN OUT/EMERGENCY CARDS

BDCHS, along with all public schools have a very strict policy when it comes to student sign out. This is not in any way to serve as an inconvenience, but as an important safety measure.

Only the individuals that are listed on the emergency card are permitted to sign a student out with proper identification. All persons signing out a student must have proper identification (even if we know you).

If any information on the emergency needs to be updated, only a parent/guardian who signed the emergency card is able to make adjustments. You would need to come to school with identification, in order to make any revisions to the emergency card.

If a parent has a name change, the proper documentation showing the name change would need to be submitted to the registrar ([askinner@bdchs.org](mailto:askinner@bdchs.org)).

Students may not sign themselves out of school (even those who are 18 years old). We would need written communication from a parent/guardian listed on the emergency card, or someone will need to come in person to sign the student out.

Requests for sign outs should be sent to [idorta@bdchs.org](mailto:idorta@bdchs.org).

**Students may not be signed out after 2:15pm.** Please make the appropriate arrangements if students have appointments and need to leave early.

### Drills

BDCHS is a public school and follows the state mandates required by the Marjory Stoneman Douglas School Safety Act.

We conduct drills as prescribed by those mandates. Parents/Guardians will be notified via Parentlink voice message from Mrs. Bennett just before a drill is in progress. Please be sure to listen to the message.