Welcome back to school

The purpose of the BC Counselor Quarterly is to keep students and families informed of important information related to academic success and college and career planning. We are thrilled to welcome students back on to campus and look forward to an exciting 2017-2018 school year. Please utilize the BC Counseling Department as a resource during the year and know that we are here to support and guide students and families throughout the entire academic experience.

Counseling Back to School Information

Schedule change requests
The master schedule and number of course sections are determined by student course requests during the previous school year. For this reason, schedule changes are not allowed except for the following reasons.
1) Computer error
2) Changes needed to satisfy graduation requirements
3) Changes required by health
4) Completion of a course in summer school

Credit Recovery Options
Deer Valley Online Learning Program is our district’s recommended method for credit retrieval. Registration for the spring semester starts in December. Deer Valley Academy is another possible option for students needing credit recovery. Students needing to retrieve credits needed for graduation should discuss options with their counselor during the fall semester.

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Rio-Salado Dual Enrollment & ACCUPLACER Information

Any student registered to take a Dual Enrollment class during the fall must have a passing ACCUPLACER score on file. The ACCUPLACER will be offered on campus August 23rd. Dual teachers will be notifying students who need to take the Accuplacer. If a student misses this opportunity, he or she will need to go to one of the Maricopa Community Colleges to take the Accuplacer immediately to be eligible to stay in the class.

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Information for Class of 2018

SENIORS

Individual senior ECAP meetings—Counselors will be meeting individually with students beginning the third week of August. Counselors will review credits and graduation requirements. Students should be prepared to discuss their post-secondary goals with their Counselor.

Tri-University Event—On August 24th all seniors and their families are invited to an exciting event hosted by DVUSD and our three state universities: Arizona State, University of Arizona and Northern Arizona University from 6-8pm at the CCV Peoria Campus on 67th Ave and Happy Valley. Admissions and Financial Aid will be covered.

Private University Tour—On September 5th from 6-8pm at the DVUSD District Office, students and families will hear from and speak with representatives from private Arizona colleges about their programs, housing, financial aid and more.

Fall Tour College Fair—On Friday, October 6th all seniors will participate in the Fall Tour College Fair that will be hosted on our campus in the main gym. Up to 50 in-state and out of state colleges and universities will be represented to meet with students.

Financial Aid (FAFSA) Workshop—During the October 19th Parent-Teacher Conferences parents and students are invited to a financial aid workshop covering the 2017-2018 FAFSA process.

College Information—Students planning to attend a university directly from high school should be actively working on applications and applying to college starting August of their senior year. To request official transcripts, please fill out a transcript request form with Mrs. Matthews in the Counseling Office or make a Parchment request online. Students are responsible for sending their official SAT and/or ACT scores directly from their Collegeboard or ACT student account. Students and families are highly encouraged to utilize their Counselor throughout the college admissions process for support and guidance.

College Admissions Visits to Boulder Creek—Throughout the fall many college admissions reps will visit through the Boulder Creek Counseling Office. Students should listen to announcements, check the counseling office and watch for Remind 101 updates for college visits.

Information for Class of 2019

JUNIORS

Individual junior ECAP meetings—Counselors will be meeting individually with juniors in September. Course registration for senior year, credits and progress toward graduation, and post-secondary goals will be discussed.

Mock ACT Exam—Saturday, October 28th the BC Counseling Department will be partnering with Revolution Prep to offer a Mock ACT Exam for juniors. Scores and feedback will be given upon completion of the exam. To register, email: laura.thornton@revolutionprep.com

PSAT/NMSQT—Saturday, October 14th the PSAT/NMSQT will be offered. Juniors are encouraged to take the PSAT. Students must register online through Total Registration by September 19th. The exam cost is $20. Registration Link: www.totalregistration.net/PSAT/030581

College Workshop—“Building your College List”—October 3rd & 4th during students’ lunch period. This workshop is for any junior that plans to attend university after high school. Counselors will walk students through building their college list. Students can sign up in Counseling and must reserve a spot to attend.
Information for Class of 2020
SOPHOMORES

Individual Sophomore ECAP meetings—Counselors will be meeting with 10th grade students beginning October in classes. Course registration for 11th grade. Dual Enrollment, AP and West-Mec options will be discussed.

West-Mec Opportunities—Applications for West-Mec programs for the 2018-2019 school year will be available to sophomores in October. Interested students should talk with their counselor during their group ECAP meeting.

PSAT—Saturday, October 14th the PSAT will be offered. Sophomores are invited to take the PSAT as practice for the NMSQT and SAT. Students must register online through Total Registration by September 19th. The exam cost is $20. Registration Link: www.totalregistration.net/PSAT/030581

Information for Class of 2021
FRESHMEN

Tips for a successful freshman year—

9th grade is an important transitional year for students. It can be exciting, and at times, overwhelming. We want to encourage freshmen to be the best students they can be and to understand how important their grades are to future college and career opportunities. In many cases, good grades = money for college so starting off in a positive direction is only going to help students future choices.

Practical tips for freshmen students and parents for a successful year are:

1. **Develop and use an organizational system.** Use a calendar/planner to write down assignments, tests and projects coming up. This is a skill that students need to develop right from the start of the year.

2. **Student/Parent collaboration time**—Establish a time each week where student and parent sit down together to review Power Schools, teacher websites and current academic progress.

3. **Take advantage of tutoring available**—Find out when each of your teachers offers time for extra help outside of the classroom. If you are struggling or need clarification, utilize teacher tutoring time often. They are there to help!

4. **Get involved on campus or in the community**—find ways to become involved with clubs, organizations, sports or service opportunities. If you have an interest or passion, pursue it!

5. **Ask for help when you need it**—Do not wait until the end of the semester when it is too late to ask for help. Teachers and Counselors are available to help students stay on track academically.
### Important Dates

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### SAT & ACT Information for JUNIORS AND SENIORS

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WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG
*COST: $46
$60 with ESSAY

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**Register online at:**
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*COST: $46
*COST with Essay: $62.50

### Additional Counseling Information

**Greater Phoenix National College Fair**—Phoenix Convention Center on Sunday, October 22nd from 11:00am-3:00pm. Colleges and Universities from around the country will be represented. Pre-registration is required. Visit: www.nacacnet.org/college-fairs for more information. All high school students are encouraged to attend.

### How to stay informed while your student is at Boulder Creek High School

- **Sign up for our newsletter:**
  Go to BCHS website, click on our school, then newsletter
- **Sign up for REMIND101!**
  Go to BCHS website, click on counseling, then remind101. Be sure you sign up for your students graduating year. You will receive updates on upcoming testing, college visits, registration and much more.
- **Log on to Power Schools:**
  Be sure you have your power school user name and password. If you still need it, please come into Counseling to pick it up. Once you have your account you can check your student’s grades, assignments, attendance and e-mail teachers.
- **Sign up to receive daily announcements:**
  Log on to power schools click on e-mail notifications and choose what you would like to receive for information and how often.
- **Canvas “BC Counselor Corner Course”**: Log in to Canvas with your child to access a plethora of valuable information related to post-secondary planning.