



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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December 2019 Newsletter

Dear BCCS Families,

Oh my, the holidays are upon us once again and the new year is close at hand. I continue to be amazed by the pace of the school year the older you get the faster the years go.

Just a reminder to plan a little extra time for travel in the morning; roads get icy and vehicles are to slow down. If needed we will allow an earlier release to our KCTC student drivers. It is also appropriate to remind families to watch the news (channels 5 and 8) for delays and closings. Prior to last year, BCCS did not participate in 2 hour delays; however, after conducting a survey we found the majority of families would rather have a delay than to close school.

During a two hour delay, the start time is shifted 2 hrs (staff reports 9:30, breakfast will open at 9:35, and general drop off time is 9:45. For the secondary students, the morning classes will be shortened and the PM schedule will remain the same. KCTC students are expected to attend unless cancelled at which time students with parents permission may be released.

Self-Control
Excellence
Honesty
Respect
Responsibility
Courteous

School Values /Character Traits

The character trait highlighted during the month of December is Joyfulness. Joy is an emotion that is quite noticeable and contagious. It is traditional for many of us to share expressions of joy during the holiday/Christmas season. Isn't it delightful that we celebrate this personal quality? Many would agree that being in a state of well-being and happiness is good for our culture and what better place to start than with our children. As member of the BCCS school community, we are called to seek opportunities to bring joyfulness into the culture of the building. This is an important character trait to share among our school family.

Appreciation and Thankfulness Revealed:

During the month of November we celebrate the value of appreciation. We take a moment to share appreciation for the care and kindness toward others.....many people will benefit from the generosity of BCCS educational community.... Simply Amazing!

- This past month the members of the BCCS school community donated 946 lbs. of food to the food pantry at the Buist Community Assistance Center. This food pantry amazingly serves over 125 families per week.
- Our school had 16 people donate 15 pints of blood at a recent drive a blood drive here at BCCS. Our school's donations are to help and estimated 45 patients at Lakeland Hospital in Niles, MI.

The Mitten and Hat Tree: Students will be able to help less fortunate children stay warm this winter. Once again, members of the BCCS school community will have a Hat and Mitten Tree. The school will collect children's hats, mittens/gloves and place them on the tree from Dec. 2 through Dec. 20. The items collected will be sent to the Buist Community Assistance Center to help those in need.



Academic Update

2nd Quarter Progress Reports will be sent home with 6- 12 students next week Tuesday. Please let us know if you do not receive them. Students are expected to have parents sign and return to designated teachers. 3rd-12th grade parents remember you can check your child's grades through Powerschool. If you need help setting up an account, please contact Mrs. Boersma at kboersma@byroncentercharter.org.

Important Communications:

Welcome Miss Mulcock: On Monday, November 25, Miss Sarah Mulcock began her job as the BCCS PE and Health Teacher. Miss Mulcock is a graduate of Calvin College and a holder of multiple degrees in education and kinesiology. She is originally from New Jersey, yet has lived in MI the past several years. Please welcome her to the BCCS school community!

BCCS Ski Club: We are excited to announce that we are going to start a ski and snowboard club this year. We will go to Bittersweet Ski Resort in Otsego. This is open to students 7 or older and any parents or other family members. To participate, you purchase a Ski Club Card.



Ski Club Cards Details - Discounts available at Bittersweet Ski Resort for the season.

- Purchase a ski club card for a one-time fee of \$18 for students and adults to receive discounts on lift tickets and rentals, *plus two free lessons for students*. Available for those 7 years and older.
- Friends and family are eligible too! *See Ski Club Program details attached.*
- Please return forms with payment (checks made payable to Bittersweet Ski Resort) to the office no later than Monday, December 2, if you would like your passes before winter break. If you have questions, please contact Holly Cravino (hcravino@byroncentercharter.org).
- We will go as a group on January 27, 2020
- Attached are the forms that need to be filled out to purchase student and/or adult passes.

PTO Updates:

Holiday Gift Shop: The PTO Annual Holiday Gift Shop will be available for students on December 12 and 13th. Your child will be able to purchase quality merchandise at affordable prices. We have a large assortment of items that make great gifts for Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, Aunt, Uncle, Brother, Sister, Teacher, Pet, Baby and friends. Over 115 items ranging from .25 cents to \$10. Look for more information in upcoming weeks

**Great time to participate in the PTO SCRIP program...in front lobby during student drop-off on Thursday mornings.

**Don't forget to put your General Mills box tops, Family Fare receipts in the mailbox in the vestibule.



School Happenings/ Calendar of Events

Nov. 27-29 – NO SCHOOL – Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Dec. 2-20 – Hat and Mitten Tree donations

Dec. 3 – 2nd Qt. Progress Reports sent home grds. 6-12

Dec. 5 – PTO Meeting at 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Dec. 6 – Eagle Assembly at 8:15 am

Dec. 6 – Popcorn sale, 50 cents per bag – benefits yearbook

Dec. 9-16 – Candy Cane/Hot Cocoa sale – benefits student activities – Delivery Dec. 18th at lunch

Dec. 10 – Band Concert at Godwin Auditorium 7:00 pm

Dec. 11 – Elementary Music Concert at Godwin Auditorium 7:00 pm

Dec. 12-13 – PTO Holiday Shop K-5th grades

Dec. 13 – Babysitting Night – Benefits Prom

Dec. 16 – Culvers Night 5-9pm – Benefits DC Trip

Dec. 19 – Gingerbread House decorating 3:15-4:30 - 6th-12th grades

Dec. 20 – Spirit Shop

Dec. 22 – Jan. 3 Winter Break

Jan. 6 – School Resumes

Student Awards and Recognitions

Food Donation Contest Winners/1173 Points Accumulated K-12:

- K-5= 3rd Grade 132.5 Points
- Secondary = 11th Grade



Month of October Character Awards :

- **Elementary** - Melanie Donegan, Jayne Hicks, Kayla VanderZee, Liam Stratton, Zavian VanNoy, Grace Pike, Cody VanDussen, Symone Brown, Amanda Boorsma, Annika Emmelkamp, Amelia Pike, Brycen Block, Bayley Houghmaster, Joshua Hoort
- **MS/HS** - Jade Young, Ashtyn Fekete, Molly Gregorski, Gracie Duncan, Ruth Apotheker, Ginger Bosscher, Sarah Buchanan, Bryttany Simons, Anna Layrer, Reyna Grabill, Evie Timmer, Ella Franson, Brianna Hoort, Brooke Stratton, Landon Plunkett, Daniella Candelaria, Ava Syswerda, Matthew Conover, Elle Rasmus, Joshua Hoppe, Gracie Leys, Olivia Dykema, Renee Kleiman, Josalyn Cashman, Lyvia Benting, Elijah Fettig, Hanna Schnieder, David Batt, Emma Verstrate, Sarah Franson

October Students Of the Month:

- **K-2** Hannah Bunnell
- **3-5** Austin Kraft
- **6-8** Samantha Anderson
- **9-12** Jade Young

First Quarter Secondary Honor Roll:



- **MS All A Honors:** Grace Duncan, Samantha Anderson, Ian Emmelkamp, Addison Laplow, Daniellis Rivera-Candelaria
- **MS A/ B Honors:** Ruth Apotheker, Haley Hartnett, Anna Leyrer, Ava Syswerda, Cole Verstrate, Tate Anderson, Nicholas Dies, Ella Franson, Katy Inman, Sara Lytle, Austin Razmus, Christian Smigiel, Daniella Carrasquillo-Candelaria, Kinsley Duncan, Molly Gregorski

- **HS All A Honors:** Sarah Buchanan, Gabriella Verburg, Elizabeth Brandow, Daniel Jones, Gracie Leys, David Batt, Elle Razmus, Paige DeVries, Danielle Deyoung, Sara Franson, Meredith Jager, Renee Kleiman
- **HS A/B Honors:** MaryJane Anderson, Michael Anderson, Molly DeVries, Olivia Dykema, Joselyn VanDussen, Emma Verstrate, Samantha Burman, Olivia Gregorski, Logan Timmer, Ashtyn Fekete, Joshua Hoppe, Danielle Verburg, Jade Young

Good Job, Well Done Students !!!!

On behalf of all faculty and staff at Byron Center Charter School, I wish each BCCS family a Happy Thanksgiving. May all of you enjoy and celebrate the upcoming holiday with family and friends.

W/ Care, MK

