



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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BCCS Virtual New Family Orientation 2020-21

Dear Families,

On behalf of the faculty, staff and Board of Education we welcome our new families to the Byron Center Charter School and the 2020-21 school year.

Given the COVID -19 Pandemic and the necessary preparation for the return to schools for the 2020-21 school year, BCCS decided to have a virtual new family orientation this year. The virtual orientation is presented in this video ([BCCS New Family Orientation Video](#)), and this document is provided to share the topics, and some resources addressed in the video. Please know this resource is intended to give you an overview of BCCS, communicate some required materials for enrollment and share some unique characteristics of our school for your awareness and understanding. Additional information will continue through school correspondence and we always encourage parents to request information and ask questions when needed.

You are joining a school with a strong student and family centered culture. I hope you embrace this opportunity and engage as a member of our school community. We are glad you are here and look forward to a successful and productive school year.

Welcome students and parents!

With Care,

Mark R. Kasmer
Chief Administrative Officer BCCS

Overview of School

Byron Center Charter School is a Public School Academy, which means a public school of choice. We are a legal, independent, innovative public school that operates with a charter contract to an authorized public body, Grand Valley State University.

- BCCS is a K-12 school with one class of students per grade level.
- Student teacher ratios is capped 22 to 1 in grades K-5 and 24-1 in grades 6-12

School Mission: Empowering students to reach their greatest potential by emphasizing **personal connections, academic excellence, and positive character values. (3 pillars).**

Information and Links

BCCS Points of Pride: areas of strength and focus in the school community

School Website <http://www.byroncentercharter.org/>

Digital Tour <http://www.byroncentercharter.org/Aboutus.aspx> (start video)

Annual Packet: pick-up at Open House on August 27

Return to School Sleeve

- Handbook: <http://www.byroncentercharter.org/Downloads/20-21%20Student%20Handbook.pdf>
- FRPA Privacy Act/Withhold Directory information
- Consent to Bill Medicaid for Treatment at School
- Concussion Awareness
- Hand to Hand
- PTO sign-up

Keep at Home Sleeve:

- Calendars
- Meal Program: Breakfast and Lunch through Byron Center Public Schools
- Concussion Information
- PTO ([PTO Welcome and Overview](#))

School Supply Lists: Supply list link is located on the school website @

- <http://www.byroncentercharter.org/StudentInfo.aspx>
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DriveLine: electronic program for end of day pick-up

- Colored Docs Staggered times(3:00 or 3:10)
- Given Code
- Post in window or tell personnel
- Students come to cars
- Fast and efficient

Musts/To Do's

Enrollment Verification

Our procedure for enrollment requires participation in the New Family Orientation and/or confirmation of your intent to attend BCCS for the upcoming school year within two business days:

Parent/Guardians must confirm enrollment by sending and email to

office@byroncentercharterschool.org with the names, grade levels and a statement to confirm enrollment for the 2020-21 school year by Tuesday, August 18. Failure to do so may result in loss of placement in BCCS.

Required Documents

Schools must have documents on file to start the school year. Because of social distancing and so not to have a gathering of people at the Open House, please try to have drop-off/ bring documents by the office prior to the 27th. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

All Students

1. Birth Certificate: Must be original and not a copy
2. Immunization: updated immunization records

Kindergarten Students:

1. Vision and Hearing Screening
2. Health Appraisal Form