



# BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Good Day to all of our BCCS parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the BCCS Faculty and Staff , I thank those of you who attended the Open House Meet the Teacher event last evening. We had a wonderful turnout, there was a lot of excitement and the atmosphere was great. It was especially nice to see the number of students who selected the online option visit their teachers. Personally, the event really helped me see the value in a boatload of extraordinary work due to the pandemic. I trust you also found the event worthwhile. This information serves as my last update prior to the start of school Monday.

## [Informational Video Link](#)

Topics Include

1. Annual Forms and Informational Folders:
  - a. Distributed at Open House
  - b. Return forms Monday
  - c. Forms will be sent home with students of those who did not attend.
  - d. Form and Students choosing the online option
    - i. May return when Pick-up computer, send through mail , scan and send digitally, or drop-off at school
    - ii. Those who need to pick-up folders (w/forms) may do so when the pick-up devices next week
2. Covid Screener (face to face option only): in place of the KCHD digital screener, the BCCS COVID Screener document must be returned with student on Monday
  - a. Here is a copy of the [Verification and Acknowledgement Form](#) for those who were not in attendance or need a copy
  - b. KCHD Electronic Screener Update: Expected to be deployed early next week
3. New Staff and Staff Changes:
  - a. BCCS Welcomes New Staff
    - i. Miss Jenna Greenfield, 4th grade teacher
    - ii. Mrs. Hannah York, K-5 Music
  - b. Instructional Changes:
    - i. Miss Funk is conducting a School Counselor Internship and going ½ time
    - ii. Mrs. Bennett will teach 6th grade Science
    - iii. Mrs. Berner will teach 6th grade ELA
    - iv. Mrs. Hicks moved to ½ time Teacher Assistant
4. School Communication of COVID Isolation/Quarantine/ Positive Cases : usually the KCHD is involved and will communicate with families when contact tracing , exposure to positive cases. While you may hear of people in the BCCS Community being isolated, quarrintines or a possible positive case of the virus through a variety of social methods, schools are bound by HIPPA and FERPA. Schools can only communicate necessary information on a need to know basis, and

cannot share any directory information. Having said that we will follow all recommended safety requirements and recommendations as the safety and welfare of the members of our school community are p[rioriaty one.

5. Safety Resources: Here is a link for Spectrum Health for Schools and Families. FYI....The students will watch these videos at school on Monday.  
<https://www.spectrumhealth.org/covid19/school-resources>
6. Online Option Update: Very sorry about this situation, yet we will assure to make proper adjustments for the semester courses.
  - a. MID-High Courses Should be Ready by Wednesday
  - b. Elementary looks to be delayed until the end of the week at best, more likely the 8th/Tuesday after the holiday weekend.
  - c. Computers should be ready to be deployed Tuesday
  - d. Will follow-up Monday with update
  - e. K-5 and 7- 8 grades please select electives.
  - f. Mrs. Cravino will work with 9-10 Students directly for elective course selection
  - g. [Parent and Learning Coach Resources](#)
7. Reminders:
  - a. Monday is half-day 8:00-11:15 and no breakfast or lunch
  - b. Drop Off 7:40-7:55 Pick-up 11:15 or 11:25
  - c. K-3 Enter and Exit North Doors
  - d. 4-5 students will Exit Doors between lockers
  - e. Students go directly to class
  - f. Parents and Guardians are not to enter the building, will have ample staff available for support and assistance.
  - g. Pick-up: please reserve lanes closest to sidewalk for K-3 students
  - h. Picture Day Sept 3

As principal , I call upon all of us to set a positive tone for the school year. Please coach your children to be cooperative and follow the safety guidelines and procedures, and to ask questions of the adults when they do not understand or need help. We understand this is new to all of us and the need to extend our care, kindness and empathy is great. Together we can assure a strong start followed by a successful year. Once again, we need to be flexible and understanding, as we are likely to make adjustments on the fly. Let's stay connected and do what is right for the benefit of the students.

Please send questions to [office@byroncentercharter.org](mailto:office@byroncentercharter.org) or by phone @ 616-878-4852. And, as always, your continued cooperation and support is appreciated.

With Care,

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