



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians of BCCS Students,

What a beautiful fall day and upcoming weekend. I hope all are able to get outside and enjoy the sheer beauty this season brings to Michiganders. The information is shared as a brief update regarding some upcoming events, a few clarifications and calls for help.

COVID-19 Update:

1. MS students return Monday from quarantine
 - a. Be sure to bring back signed Technology Take Home Permission Forms (must have)
 - b. Students are expected to bring devices to and from school each day
2. Executive Orders from MI Department of Health and Human Services
 - a. Requirement for all students k-12 wear masks at school thru Oct. 30
 - b. Required 24 hr. notifications of probable or confirmed school associated cases
 - i. From Local Health Department to schools
 - ii. From Schools to School Community MembersNOTE: will use KENT ISD COVID-19 Dashboard
3. Website Updates: BCCS has updated the following information/plan on the school website under the About Us tab
 - a. BOE approved Extended COVID Learning Plan
 - b. Updated Parent Guide: updates are highlighted
 - c. BCCS COVID-19 Data doc. (includes)
 - i. Link to KISD Dashboard (24 hr. notification of probable/confirmed cases)
 - ii. Percent (%) of Two- 2-way weekly Interaction with online students
 - iii. Number of requests for testing from daily screener
 - iv. Number and date of positive cases of student/staff

Conferences:

- Conferences will be held virtually using the Google meets format.
- The link will be sent to all families from the office today.
- Details for signing -up, accessing conferences and/or cancelling are provided within doc.
- Please register by Wednesday, 10/14
- PTO is hosting a virtual book fair from October 12-25th: details [here](#)

From the Counselors Chair

*** Important***

Seniors - SAT Test October 27

All seniors will be taking the SAT on Tuesday, October 27. The test will start promptly at 8am, so students should plan to be here by 7:45. Please come prepared with a calculator and pencils. The test will finish around 1pm and then students are free to leave for the day.

There will not be school on campus for *seniors* on October 29. KCTC students still need to report to KCTC in the afternoon. This is a great time for seniors to fill out college applications, do virtual college visits, start the FAFSA or work on community service hours.

9th, 10th and 11th Grade - PSAT October 29

All 9th - 11th grade students need to report to school on October 29 for PSAT testing. All students need to attend, including virtual students. The test will start promptly at 8am, so students should plan to be here by 7:45. The test will take 3 hours. After lunch, the students will resume their regular afternoon schedule. KCTC students will still attend KCTC.

BCCS Schedule Updates:

- Conferences (virtual): Thursday, 10/15 12:30 to 8 pm
 - ½ Day of School 11:15-11:20
 - 6-12 1-3 hrs classes
 - KCTC Students are expected to follow KCTC Calendar
 - Grab and Go lunches
- Friday, October 16: No School Faculty, Staff and Students
- Fall Band Concert: will not be held at Godwin Heights; rather, will move to a virtual format on a limited basis.... Details to follow in short order
- Tuesday, October 27, SAT grade 12
 - student may leave after testing
 - Grab and Go lunches available
- Thursday, October 29, PSAT grades 9, 10 and 11
 - No school Seniors/ Career and College Readiness Day
- October 27-30 Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest

Online Students and Parents:

Issues:

- All known issues with Edgenuity are resolved
- Please communicate with the office if there are issues that cannot be handled through teachers/coaches

2-Way Communication:

- Students are expected to participate in two-way communications with BCCS teachers.
- Important to stay connected with teachers and peers
- This is a state requirement of all schools
 - part of attendance and accountability of students
 - non-participation impacts school funding
- Student should check their gmail a couple times a day

In closing, once again I want to thank the faculty, staff, students and BCCS family members for hanging in there as we continue to manage our way through COVID-19. I continue to be amazed at all the expectations schools and their memberships have been given as a result of this pandemic. While I look forward to the day when we can say...remember when..... I am truly grateful for, and continue to ask for, your understanding and support. I am confident that together we will continue to meet the challenges given to us and experience success with our purpose; educating students.

Please continue to send questions and requests for clarification my way.

With Care,

Mark R. Kasmer
Chief Administrative Officer BCCS