



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians of BCCS K-5 Students,

This update is sent to provide detailed information for the upcoming school schedule and expectations of students and families.

Per MDHHS Emergency Order, all MI High School Students are to move to remote instruction through December the 8th. While several schools have extended this to all K-12 students, **with the exception of Nov. 23 and 24**, BCCS will continue to provide face to face instruction to our K-5 student population. It is our goal to continue face to face instruction as long as it is considered safe to do so. These decisions are based upon factual COVID data in our school community.

Here are the current COVID-related numbers K-8 setting:

- Confirmed Cases
 - 0 students
 - 0 staff
- Cases in Quarantine/Isolation
 - 0 students
 - 1 staff
- Waiting for Individual Test Results
 - 1 student
 - 1 staff
- Waiting in Tests of person in Home
 - 1 student
 - 0 staff

*****Please note: to our knowledge, there have been 0 transmissions of COVID 19 within the school building*****

Next Week

As noted in earlier communication, next week we are moving all students (K-12) to remote learning for the two days of instruction scheduled in the school calendar (November 23 & 24). There are multiple purposes for this including providing our school an opportunity to pilot the digital remote applications in grades K-5. This will provide valuable feedback for our school should we have to move to a remote learning at the K-5 levels.

Below are the details and expectations of students, staff and families for Monday and Tuesday November 23 and 24.

Overview of K-5 Project

Initial trial of K-5 students/families using digital learning in a remote/distance learning environment. Feedback will help with future planning.

School has been training teachers and students throughout the school year.

Technology

- Friday, 11/20, Devices sent home with students
- Monday, 11/30, Devices need to be returned to school
- All K-5 students will bring home technology devices/resources in protective/labeled cases
- All devices are set-up with the school's landing page for easy access to accounts and resources.
- Includes the BCCS Technology Take Home Permission Form
 - please sign and return in case with technology devices

Devices Issued

K-1

- I-pad, power cord, headset and permission form

2-5

- chromebook, power cord, headset, mouse and permission form

General Expectations:

- Students are expected to complete the equivalent of 2 assignments per day
- The assignments are non-synchronous (no specified time), yet are to be completed by the end of the day on Tuesday
- Assignments are required, and are used for attendance purposes.
- These assignments will be posted to the learning management systems (K-3 Seesaw, and 4-5 Google classroom).
- Students will not have Art, Music, PE or other supplemental services on these days.
- The food service program will be available (information is sent though BCPS)

K-3 Students/Families

- Students will use the Seesaw management system
- K-1 Students can access from Seesaw icon on opening page
- 2-3 Students can access from link on school landing page
- All Students have accounts set-up in Seesaw
- Teacher will provide link to parents with QR code
- Parents are to go to the link provided and, choose your child from the class list and create an account.
 - allows you to access teacher information and students work etc..
- Parents are expected to be a Learning Coach with students: review and help students with assignments as needed.
 - particularly younger students are not expected to do this on their own.
- Parents are to email the classroom teacher and report issues (IE issues with access, program and/or reasons for inability to complete tasks)

Resources

- Student Instructions: [What is Seesaw? Introduction For Students](#)
- Instructions for Parents: [What is Seesaw? Introduction to Families](#)

4-5 Students and Parents

- Students will use the google classroom management system
- Student access google classroom on school landing page
- Student have the course/class codes and have used program extensively
- Parents are asked to have students show them how they navigate to the assigned tasks.

- Parents are asked to monitor completion and submission of assignments
- Parents are to email the classroom teacher with any issues (IE connectivity and/or reasons for inability to complete tasks)

In closing, it is very important to get a good read on our preparedness for using a digital system in the event we must move to a remote learning venue at the K-5 levels. While we have been preparing for this, please do what you are able to engage with your children and communicate issues with our teachers.

Please let me know if you have questions. I will also provide a brief informational video later in the week as there is a lot of information coming from all angles these days.

Your understanding and continued support is greatly appreciated.

With Care,

Mark R. Kasmer
BCCS Chief Administrative Officer