



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians of BCCS Students,

This represents a brief update of a few important and timely informational items for the members of our school community.

End of Semester Activities

1. Schedule: Wednesday-Friday are ½ days: dismissal 11:15-11:20
2. Lunches: Grab-n-Go lunches will be served. Orders for each day need to be turned-in on Monday 1/18.
3. Mid-High will not have Exams, yet the class schedules will remain the same.
 - a. Semester Grade weighting: 50% first qtr. and 50% second qtr. Summative grades
4. Childcare will continue as needed
5. No after school tutoring
6. PD for Staff on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons
7. Friday, January 22 is the end of the first semester,
8. Monday January 25th starts the 3 qtr and second semester
9. Report Cards go home with students on Friday, January 29
 - a. Students continuing online/Edgenuity second semester
 - i. K-2 mailed to parents
 - ii. 3-12 sent digitally to parents through email

Start of the School Day

Please remember student drop off is between 7:40 and 7:55. As of late, there have been increasing numbers of students being dropped off at 7:30. This is problematic, especially given the school requirements for COVID-19, and our staff report time is 7:30. Your cooperation is needed and appreciated.

K-8 Benchmark Testing

All K-8 students are required to be administered NWEA mid-year assessments. Second Semester online students are to schedule times and dates for test administration as requested by school personnel. Please contact Mr. Kasmer if there are questions.

Please note: the state of Michigan has requested a waiver for state testing given the disposition of K-12 education during the pandemic. To date there has been no response, thus schools are preparing to administer the M-STEP, MI-ACCESS, SAT/PSAT and WIDA assessments this winter and spring. Stay tuned!!! .

COVID Update

A reminder that students are to remain at home if any household member is being tested for COVID-19 due to having symptoms or if you have come into close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with Covid.. Students may return to school if the test results are negative, or the appropriate isolation and quarantine time elapses for positive cases. Please communicate all household testing, positive cases with the school nurse. Mrs. Schrader, for appropriate guidance . (lschrader@byroncentercharter.org)

Closing

I ask folks to be patient with the school office in the absence of Mrs. Boersma and Mrs. Ayers. Mrs. Boersma will be out for 6 weeks due to having surgery and Mrs. Ayers absence will continue through at a minimum next Tuesday due to being in close contact. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to Mrs. Boersma for a speedy and full recovery.

With Care,

Mark R. Kasmer
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