



# BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardians of BCCS Students,

The proverbial 'spring forward' always has an interesting effect in the school setting, yet we seem to be settling in a bit. I hope the same is true in your households.

Just a reminder that the State of Michigan has not received a determination from the US Department of Education regarding the waiver requesting to forgo the 2021 state assessments. Therefore, we are planning to move forward with test preparation and planning for test administration. In the coming weeks, you will receive information about testing, and I ask that you assist the school with the expectations of students as preparation and readiness is a key factor in student performance. To that end I leave you with two items:

State Testing Overview/ A Guide to State Testing:

[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Guide\\_to\\_State\\_Assessments\\_622260\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Guide_to_State_Assessments_622260_7.pdf)

Revised Testing Calendar/Summative Testing Schedule (updated this week):

[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Testing\\_Schedule\\_for\\_Summative\\_Assessments\\_635008\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Testing_Schedule_for_Summative_Assessments_635008_7.pdf)

Below are a few additional school-related informational items for your awareness and understanding:

## **2021-22 Enrollment Forms**

- were sent with each student last week
- return as soon as possible to reserve your spot in BCCS
- deadline is April 15, then open to public

## **Kindergarten Round-up**

- April 13 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm
- for enrolled and perspective 2021-22 Kindergarten students
- event is for parent(s) and K-students only (RE: MDHHS gathering restrictions)
- please complete the [registration form](#) for attendance

## **BCCS Open House**

- April 27 from 6:30-7:30 pm
- for newly enrolled and perspective students/families for 2021-22
- event is for parent(s) and students only ( RE:MDHHS gathering restrictions)
- please complete the [registration form](#) for attendance

#### Related Notes:

- Kindergarten Round-up and Open House flyers were sent home with students today. Please share with interested families.
- A copy of the BCCS Enrollment Incentive was also sent home as a reminder of this opportunity.

#### **Festival of the Arts/Virtual Pandemic Version**

- Thursday, April 1 (no after school tutoring)
- Live Stream Event
- Entry forms Due by Friday, March 26
  - Elementary paper option: [Google Doc to print](#) (complete and return document)
  - [Google Form Link](#)

#### **BCCS Hat Day to Support Buist Community Center**

- Friday, March 26
- \$1 to wear a hat
- All Proceeds go to Buist Community Center

#### **Walkathon 2021**

In conjunction with the PTO, BCCS is planning to hold our annual Walkathon this spring. The tentative date is Friday, May 7th. Information will be sent home the Friday after Spring break. This event is our major fundraiser for the year and we hope that everyone actively participates in the spirit of supporting our small but mighty school.

#### **KCTC Update**

- initial enrollment requests end today 3/19 at 4pm
- Community Virtual Open House on Monday, March 25 from 5-7
  - launched virtually from website at [www.thetechcenter.org](http://www.thetechcenter.org)
  - [KCTC Open House Postcard](#)

#### **Senior/Graduate Update**

Information regarding plans for 2021 graduating class will be communicated and shared in short order. It is our intent to hold as many of our traditional events and activities as possible...perhaps with minor alterations.... this includes an in-person commencement ceremony.

#### **Closing**

There is much going on with the rather constant changes in executive orders related to COVID-19. While we are all getting a little tired of the restrictions and limitations placed upon us, I ask that we put our best foot forward and support one another in this effort. Please know that we must remain flexible, yet we will do our best to plan and communicate school events in a timely manner. As always, your understanding and cooperation is recognized and appreciated.

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