



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Greetings to the Parents/Guardians of BCCS Students,
I hope this update finds you well and happy. I know there is no shortage in things going on so I'll get right to it. The following is a series of informational items for your awareness and understanding.

Festival Of the Arts (FOA)

- Acts will be finalized on Monday and announced to students
- IMPORTANT: We are unable to live stream the event off campus. A video will be made and distributed to families as soon as possible.
- Due to restrictions for gatherings, we are unable to have guests attend, yet acts will have small audiences.

MS Cross Country

- The NHA League confirmed there is not room for us... **NO** Cross Country League
- No practice or meeting Monday
- All Monies will be returned to students on Monday

MS Cross Country Club

- Will be held Wednesdays and Fridays 3-4:00
- No cost
- Running Club begins after Spring Break
- No Testing or Physicals required
- Additional Information is forthcoming

School Facebook and Instagram

- Our school has opened an instagram account. Please follow BCCS to follow and share some exciting things happening with friends and family.
 - [address](#)

State Testing

- No Change: The State of Michigan has not received a response to the waiver from the USDOE
- MME 11th grade, PSAT grades 8, 9 and 10 will be administered the week after spring break (see calendar of testing below)
- All students, including Online students, are required to take state tests.
- It is imperative that students be here and on time (strict rules for SAT/PSAT and ACT Tests)
- April 13 is a non-school day for Seniors
 - Career and College Readiness Day: Seniors are to use the day to prepare for the transition to college or the workplace.

Edgenuity Update for Parents of Online Students

- Contact Information Verification: As a measure to secure confidentiality of student information, the parents of K-5 Edgenuity students may be asked to verify their contact information (email and phone number) when accessing the BUZZ learning management system. Please be sure to do so, or you will be locked-out of the program. This will begin March 29.
- State and Benchmark Testing Requirement: Online students are expected to participate in State and the End of Year Benchmark testing. SAT, PSAT and WorkKeys testing have specified dates and times for test administration. School personnel will communicate with families, yet please follow the Assessment Calendars posted in the weekly updates.
- Monitoring Student Performance: Please be certain to routinely track your child's performance in the online classes, particularly the Academic Snapshot and the Student Activity. Students who are behind in the classes are encouraged to take advantage of Spring Break to get caught-up.

School Calendar Items

- Friday, 3/26 End of Third Marking Period
- Monday, 3/ 29
 - FOA Act Selection (Festival Of the Arts)
- Wednesday, 3/31, Mid-High Report Cards go home
- Thursday, 4/1
 - FOA (Festival Of the Arts)
 - Elementary Report Cards go home

Spring Break

- Friday 4/2 - Friday 4/9
- School Resumes Monday, 4/12

Kindergarten Round-up: For registered and interested 2021-22 Kindergarten Students and Parents

- Tuesday, 4/13 6:30-7:30 Gym

Open House: For **New** Families interested in 2021-22 Enrollment

- Tuesday 4/27

Assessment Calendar for Week after Spring Break

Tuesday, 4/13

- SAT grade 11
 - PSAT Grades 8,9 and 10
- ****All 8-11 students (including online) need to be to school by 7:45
***** No School 12th Grade Career and College Readiness Day

Wednesday, 4/14

- ACT WorkKeys Test grade 11
 - SAT and PSAT Accommodated Testing
 - PSAT Grade 8 Make-up (for students absent on 4/13)
- **** All students need to be on time, late student cannot be admitted into testing sessions

Thursday, 4/15

- SAT/PSAT Accommodated Testing cont...
- PSAT 8 Make-up(for students absent on 4/13-14)
- M-STEP Social Studies grade 11

Friday, 4/16

- PSAT 8 Make-up (for students absent on 4/13-15)

Closing

I have heard it said that it is difficult to keep-up with all the last minute decisions. Well...I agree yet continue to ask for your understanding and flexibility. Schools are governed and impacted by many state, federal and local agencies. I promise to do my best to make and communicate decisions in a timely manner. Please do not hesitate to contact me when there is an issue or a clarification is needed. Have a splendid weekend.

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