



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/ Guardians of BCCS Students,

It is nice to see that the COVID numbers are rapidly decreasing and there is movement with lifting restrictions in the state. Last week the quarantine time was reduced back to 10 days and now masks do not have to be worn at outdoor gatherings of less than 100: our K-5 students no longer have to wear masks during recess. It is also good timing for the BCCS 13th Annual Walk-A-Thon as we took turns removing masks while walking. We expect there will be further lifting of state and local restrictions if we continue to have decreased numbers and the vaccination rates continue to rise. Just a reminder that we all must remain vigilant and do our part. Our school will continue to abide by the guidelines of the MDHHS and KCHD.

Below is timely information for the members of the BCC School Community.

COVID Update

Quarantine Numbers: As of today all but two students are able to return to school after the barrage of students placed in quarantine this past month....welcome back.

ECLP Update: Each month schools are required to provide an update of their Extended Year Covid Learning Plan (ECLP) to their membership. The LEA Board of Education is to approve the update, and then have it posted to the school's website for public awareness. Pending BOE Approval, the April ECLP update and the COVID Data will be posted to the school's [website](#) on Wednesday, May 12 for your review. Needless to say, yet it was a busy month with COVID-related activity in the BCCS Community.

Mid-High Progress Reports

MS and HS 4 qtr progress reports go home today. Students are to have a parent/guardian signature and return reports on Monday. All parents are encouraged to review your children's progress with them.

Yard Signs

In Michigan the majority of public school funding is based upon student counts. Like most schools in Michigan, the number of students attending BCCS has decreased significantly since the start of the pandemic. Schools anticipate many students will likely return to the classroom once the restrictions from the pandemic are lifted. As a Charter School, we believe that all parents should have a choice in where their children attend school. It is important that families in our area are aware that BCCS exists

as an option for their consideration. The BCCS *Proud to Be a Member of BCCS School Family* yard signs are available in the school office for the BCCS families. These attractive signs are part of the school's marketing campaign to get the word out about our school. We encourage all BCCS families to post a sign in their yard so as to generate conversation and awareness about our small but mighty school. We placed a couple signs out front of the school for you to check-out. If willing to participate, please email office personnel at office@byroncentercharter.org and we'll get a sign to you. Also, do not forget our school has a [Staff and Family Enrolment Initiative](#) as an incentive in bringing new members into our school community. Your consideration is welcome and appreciated!

Class of 2021

Senior Tribute; Today we held the Senior Tribute .The tribute recognizes the attributes of each soon to be graduate in a fun and interactive way. The Valedictorian and Salutatorian were also announced at the event. Mr.. Humes and Mr. Emmelcamp were MCs for the event, and we were able to have all HS students participate in the gym while other other classes had the option to attend via a live-streaming event. A video will be made available for your viewing pleasure next week.

Other Senior events include:

Monday, May 24:

- Last Day for Seniors not taking exams
- Senior Lunch/ Final Walk in Caps and Gowns

Tuesday and Wednesday May 25 and 26

- Senior exams for identified students

Thursday, May 27

- Graduation Commencements (7 pm Corinth Church)
- Practice TBA

Friday, May 28

- Senior Party 3:30-9 pm

Please note: Specific information will be forthcoming to graduating students and their families.

Student Recognitions and Awards

Senior Achievement Awards

Valedictorian: Danielle Verberg

Salutatorian: Joshua Hoppe

Congratulations!!!

April Students of the Month

K-2 Luna Gillikin

3-5 Sarah Uminn

6-8 Sara Lytle

9-12 Sarah Bichanan

Character Trait Recognitions for the Month of April /Fairness and Courage

K =Madison Milnikel

1st=Natalia Rinvelt, Ari Ruso

2nd=Cheyenne Drier, Abbi Walcott

3rd=Carson Veldheer, Asher Brown-Smith

4th=Serenity Malecki, Miriam Apotheker

5th=Emily Uminn, Kade O'Neal

MS=Ruth Apotheker,Max Ayon,Brycen Block,Bradon Duncan, Tori DeVries, Elijah Verburg, Evie Timmer, Cian O'Neal,Lacey Elliot,Rowyn Fekete, Bayley Houghmaster,Ella Franson, Natalie Searl, Anna Leyrer,Ava Syswerda, Jack Syswerda,,

HS= Michael Anderson,Logan Bloom,Lizzy Brandow, Kinsley Duncan,Arthur Scott, Joz Cashman, Gracie Leys, Ginger Bosscher,Emily Shrontz, Matthew Nixon, Sam Burman, Josh Hoppe

Good Job, Well Done Students!

Revised Upcoming Events

- K-4 Elementary Music Program: Will create and send video of performances.
- BCCS Spring Band Concert: Live Stream event on Tuesday May 25th at Corinth Church/ details forthcoming
- Kindergarten Graduation/ Public Ceremony is cancelled due to COVID Restrictions

Please Note: additional information regarding End Of Year activities will be forthcoming. Your understanding and patience is appreciated.

CLOSING

On behalf of the BCCS faculty and staff, I thank the members of the PTO, and the BCCS parents and students for the multitude of gifts, cards and expressions of gratitude shared with this past week. The care and kindness demonstrated each day was much appreciated and heartfelt. To be honest, we could not have ended this week any better than to have our senior tribute and a very successful thirteenth annual Walk-A-Thon. We are grateful for your support and care.

Finally, I extend a wish for a Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in the BCC School Community. I hope each of you have a glorious day on Sunday. MK