



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians of BCCS Students,

I hope that all members of our BCCS School Community experienced a good first day of school. As always there are a few hick-ups at the start of the year, yet for the most part things went rather smoothly. This is sent as a brief update.

Tomorrow we'll begin the food service program and after care will be available for those participating. Additionally, 6-12 students will be issued chromebooks.

The information below is a few reminders based upon some observed activity and/or questions brought to our attention.

Building Reminders

1. Building Entry/ Visitors: Once again we are calling on parents and family members of students to refrain from entry into the building.
 - unless there is a need to enter the building, we are limiting access other than students and BCCS staff due to COVID restrictions
 - if entry is needed, visitors are
 - to sign in and complete the screener in front lobby
 - check-in with the office
 - masks are expected to be worn inside the building by all visitors at this time
2. Morning Drop-Off
 - a. pull vehicle along the sidewalk as far as possible (up to the mailbox)
 - b. have students exit vehicles on passenger side (building side) if possible
 - c. please keep crosswalk clear for pedestrian travel
 - d. K-3 Students enter north doors
 - e. parents of students who are not ready to be dropped and proceed to the exit (i.e. students need additional time to exit vehicles and/ or parents need to stop in the office etc...)
 - i. park in lot
 - ii. have students exit vehicles and use crosswalk to enter building
 - f. If the drop-off line is backed-up, please consider
 - i. using first lane (closest to road)
 - ii. Park vehicle in parking space in lot
 - iii. have students exit and use pedestrian crosswalk to enter building
 - iv. proceed to exit
3. Afternoon Pick-up (Driveline)
 - a. have 4 digit numbers displayed where visible to attendants
 - b. pull vehicle forward as far as possible

- c. vehicles of K-3 students use lanes (BLUE) closest to building
- d. please do not leave vehicle unattended
 - i. standing by vehicle may help students see parent
- e. if there is need to enter building
 - i. let attendant know
 - ii. use parking space in the lot
 - iii. use pedestrian crosswalk
 - iv. and enter front doors

Technology Update

1. Building Server Issue: Last week one of our servers was damaged by heat.
 - a. Impact includes
 - i. phone system
 - ii. staff access to certain files
 - iii. ability to access copiers/printers

Resolution: Tech team trying a work around until the server can be replaced/repared

**** your patience and understanding is appreciated****

2. Grade 6-12 One to One Chromebook Deployment
 - a. specific chromebooks are assigned to individual students
 - i. includes chromebook cases
 - ii. headsets and mouse available (optional to students)
 - b. related forms
 - i. Acceptable Use Policy - Signature Page (on-time requirement of all students grades 5-12)
 - ii. Students Tech Take Home Permission Form (required)
 - iii. Insurance/BCCS Technology Protection Plan(optional for parents)

School Annual Home Folders

- sent home today to all families who did not pick-up at Open House/Meet the Teacher last Thursday
- please complete and return required forms to homeroom/first hour teacher
- please keep the folder to maintain '21-22 school year information

******Important Notice: required forms are due to be returned by Tuesday , September 7th******

FYI, Next Building-wide Communication:

- September Newsletter: Thursday, September 2

Just a reminder that the COVID Prevention and Safety Plans are made available on the school's website. An updated, easier to read, version will come-out later this week for your understanding. If there are any questions regarding the SOY (Start of Year) expectations/activities, please contact the staff involved or the school office for clarification.

In closing, I trust you have found the school is prepared for the 2021-22 school year. Our small but mighty school has a dedicated staff who are committed to the success of all learners. Pretty confident that together we can make a difference in the lives of the students served in BCCS..... Let's Go!

W/ Care, Mr. Kasmer