



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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BCCS Update 10/6/21

Dear Parents/Guardians of BCCS Students,

The following is a brief update of current school events, and requests for parental support for your awareness and understanding.

6-12 Progress Reports: Student Progress Reports are being sent home with all 6-12 students today. Parents are asked to review the reports with their children. Students are expected to obtain a parent/guardian signature and return the report by Friday, 10/8. If for some reason the parent does not receive the report, please contact the school office and we will resend.

K-12 Conferences: Conferences are scheduled for next Thursday 10/14 between 12:30 and 8 pm. Parents are to follow the directions (see bottom of links page below)to schedule conferences using the google calendar (please use google calendar and read troubleshooting info). The time allotted varies by grade level and/or subject area. Conferences are intended to be face to face as PTO will also have a book fair and BCCS logo-wear sales. However, we are aware that a few parents need to schedule virtual conferences due to extenuating circumstances. Directions for a virtual conference are also provided in the document. Please note the following scheduling timelines:

- Wednesday--Friday (10/6-10/8)= Parents of Students with Special Needs and those with Multiple Students in the school schedule their conference time
- Saturday -Tuesday 10/9-10/12 = All families schedule schedule their conference time
- BCCS Requests all Parent/ Teacher Conferences are scheduled by Wednesday, 10/13.

[Links and Directions for Parents](#)

Requests of Parental Support

School Restrooms Usage: BCCS takes pride in the school's appearance, Students are involved in daily custodial services and parents and family members also helped update our facility, including the restrooms this past summer. A clean and sanitary building promotes good health and hygiene and adds to a safe, caring and orderly school environment .

More than ever, BCCS is experiencing some deviant behavior in the school restrooms. There continues to be incidents involving pranks, vandalism, graffiti, and frankly some disgusting behavior with fecal matter and personal hygiene products. Parents are asked to speak to their children regarding your family's expectations, and generally responsible behavior when using school/public

restrooms. Additionally, please encourage students to report any inappropriate activity to a trusted adult. There is no tolerance for this behavior, and violators will be held accountable for their actions.

Technology Use Reminder /Warning: School issued devices and access to the internet are to be exclusively used for school purposes. Students are expected to use their own devices for social and other non-school related purposes. Students who do not follow the Acceptable Use Policy or the guidelines in the BCCS Technology Take Home Permission Form will have their access privileges revoked. Parents are asked to monitor and report inappropriate usage to school administration. We appreciate those who have shared information and expressed their concern regarding inappropriate usage to school technology.

MS Cell Phones/Personal Devices: Effective immediately, BCCS Middle School Students will not be allowed to bring cell phones into the school building during school hours. This includes any field trips, or school related events during normal or extended school hours. Personal devices such as I-Pads, tablets and laptops have always been and continue to be prohibited at school. There are simply too many related incidents that continue to cause substantial issues among students and in the school environment. School staff are having to spend too much time and energy policing student usage. Parents are strongly encouraged to monitor their children's cell phone and technology usage regularly, and report concerns to proper authorities.

Beginning Monday, 10/11, school administration will confiscate any phone brought into school by a Middle School Student during the school day and a parent /guardian must retrieve the device from the school office.

If parents have a legitimate reason for their MS student to have a cell phone before or after school, then they must request permission in writing to Mr. Kasmer, Principal. Depending upon the disposition, the parent may be granted permission to have the student drop-off and pick-up a cell phone from the office upon entering and exiting the school.

As adults in the BCCS School Community, we are called to help maintain a school culture that supports a productive, safe, caring and orderly educational environment. Your understanding , and engagement is needed and appreciated.

W/ Care,

Mark Kasmer
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