



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians of BCCS K-12 Students,

Chalk it up to another surprise school cancellation! We certainly did not expect to close today due to inclement weather. Nonetheless, it is a good time to remind parents of the two-hour delay protocols, as in my opinion, today was a good day for consideration to have a delayed start.

A quick history... given the fact that we are a school that does not have transportation services, a couple years ago we conducted a survey regarding having a two-hour delay vs closing, weather permitting of course. Overwhelmingly the BCCS families indicated they would rather have the delay than a closing. Therefore two-hour delays will continue to be a consideration and possibility moving forward.

During a two-hour delay, the start time is shifted 2 hrs (staff reports 9:30, breakfast will open at 9:40, and general drop off time is 9:40-9:55). For the MID-HIGH students, the morning classes will be shortened and the PM schedule will remain the same. KCTC students are expected to attend unless canceled at which time students with parents' permission may be released. Please direct questions to the office.

Below are a few timely items for your understanding and consideration.

Important Correction!

GVSU Scholarship Announcement

Please accept my apology for the mistake in announcing the scholarship. Whereas I thought I understood the GVSU scholarship was \$4,000 per year starting with this year's graduating class, as many of you have learned the scholarship is \$1,000 per year for 4 years, for a total of \$4,000 in scholarship money. The scholarship is made available to any graduate of a GVSU Charter School beginning the fall semester of 2022 (see [GVSU Scholarship Announcement](#)).

Important Reminder

No Lunch Service on Monday's: BCCS Students will need to bring their own lunches on Monday February 14 (Valentine's Day). BCPS does not have school and will not have any lunch services on Monday. Please note: The Breakfast service will continue as normal.

Blood Drive Message from Mr. E (BCCS Organizer)

Appreciation and Recognition: Thanks so much to all of you for your seen (and unseen) help in having another successful blood drive. I always feel humbled to be able to be a part of something that's much bigger than any of us in an effort to directly impact our local communities and other parts of the state in such an incredibly cool way. We get rave reviews by Versiti staff on a regular basis...from greeting, to set up, to accommodations, to those who donate. Thanks again to each of you for the role that you played.

Results

Goal: 15 pints
Donors: 22 including 4 first time donors
Pints donated: **19 pints**
Impact: 57 patients receive life-saving blood!
Extra Impact: 5 types donated! A+, A-, O+, O-, AB+

Important Info from the PTO Regarding Walk-a-thon 2022



The goal is to raise \$10,000 this year.

We will be having our 16th annual Walk-A-thon on **Friday, May 6th** at Byron Center Charter School from 1:45-2:45pm. This annual event is one of our largest fundraisers for the school. The profits from this walk go directly toward sending our students on field trips, updating technology, and supporting our athletic program.

Each student who brings in pledges of **\$50.00** or more by **Thursday, May 5th, 2022** will have his or her name go into a drawing for prizes. (We cannot guarantee prizes for all students.)

If you own or work with a business you believe would be willing to donate to our school fundraiser, please reach out to us for a copy of our vendor sponsorship form. Vendor information and donations are needed *by March 15th, 2022*. Direct requests to sarringdale@byroncentercharter.org or pto@byroncentercharter.org

Your consideration is appreciated,
BCCS PTO Board

Walk-A-thon Organizational Meeting: For anyone interested in helping with this year's Walk-A-thon, there will be an organizational and informational meeting *Wednesday February 16, 2022 @ 3:30* in the gym. Your consideration is appreciated!

In Closing....

While we still have students and or family members that are testing positive for COVID, the numbers appear to be decreasing (see [COVID Data](#)) . We are told this is consistent with the trend across the area and country for that matter. We are hopeful that we can put this behind us in the near future. In the meantime, please be reminded of our school's [updated mitigation and prevention protocols](#) for positive cases in the school setting. Also, please know the school has rapid tests available. You are welcome to contact the office to have family members tested when experiencing COVID symptoms, or when testing to stay in school is in order for students.

Finally, wishing all members of the BCCS Educational Community an enjoyable weekend and a Happy Valentine's Day on Monday.

With Care,

Mark Kasmer
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