



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians of BCCS K-12 Students,

I just wanted to share a few items before the break as the school-wide newsletter for April will be sent-out to the BCCS Parents/Guardians upon return from the break.

First of all I want to share that it was simply a splendid day of arts and culture today. We have not been able to get together as an entire school for a long time. Additionally the Festival Of the Arts was an absolutely amazing way to return our school to some degree of normalcy. We will send the link of the video to all families as soon as we are able to complete the editing process. I hope that you enjoy the event as much as we students and staff did.

After the break, we intend to lift virtually all the COVID safety and mitigation strategies in the school. Our mid-high schedules will return to normal, we will hold cross-grade activities as well as extra curricular and family events.

It is important to us that, once again, I share our appreciation for partnering with us through all of the changes related to COVID. For a school that favors school-wide events and activities that bring students and families together, let's just say it has been a long two years.

Nonetheless, we are elated to move our school away from all the stuff related to the pandemic.

When school returns, we begin the testing season. State tests begin for grade 8-11 the week of April 11th. This includes the PSAT, SAT and WorkKeys. The schedule of assessments include:

Wednesday, 4/13

- SAT with Writing Grade 11
- MI Access Grade 11 (designated Students Only)
- PSAT Grades 8,9 and 10

***** No School Seniors: [Senior College and Career Readiness Day](#)

Thursday, 4/14

- WorkKeys Grade 11

Students have been preparing for the assessments and we ask parents/guardians to work with us to help with the students preparation and test days:

Test Preparation From The Home:

- Be aware of test dates and what tests will be administered for your children
- Encourage your children to give a good faith effort
- Engage your children in conversation about the tests
- Assure your children get proper rest and a nutritious breakfast

Here are a couple informational items from the department of education for your awareness and understanding:

- [What Parents Should Know About State Assessments](#)
- [2022 State Assessment Calendar](#)

The state's website regarding assessments can be found [HERE](#) , and please feel free to contact the school with any questions.

This past Friday, schools received information for the Deputy Superintendent with regard to the Read by Grade Three Law in the State of Michigan. At this time it appears the legislation will be in effect this year. It is important that the parents of K-3 students, especially of 3rd grade students, are aware of this legislation. More information will be forthcoming, yet all of the Read By Grade Three information from the Michigan Department of Education can be found [HERE](#). The parents of K-3 students are highly encouraged to be aware of the components of this law. Schools are bound by and must conform to this legislation. We will communicate any updates as this will likely be a highly debated topic given the amount of students who were not in face to face education for a fair amount of the 21-22 school year due to the pandemic. This includes Detroit, Kalamazoo, Flint, Saginaw and Grand Rapids...should be interesting. Nonetheless, your awareness and understanding is warranted.

Just a reminder, student report cards were sent home this week. Please review with your children as appropriate.

In Closing: I hope your children came home a little more excited about the remainder of the school year today. We truly had a great day with a little something for everyone. Yesterday we also had fun with culminating activities for reading month (if you have not done so, check out the [VIDEO](#)...too fun!) I also wish everyone a wonderful Spring Break. Please know our office will be closed for the week. For those traveling, please be safe and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday April 11...well-rested, refreshed and ready to finish strong!