



# BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parent of BCCS K-12 Students,

This week marks the final full week of school for the BCCS 2022 graduating class. Monday is officially the last day for those who do not have to take exams. We also have the Senior Walk on Monday morning. This allows for the entire school to pay tribute to the Seniors and celebrate their accomplishments. When given the opportunity, we invite all families to recognize the graduating class of 2022.

The following items are presented for your awareness and understanding.

COVID-19 Update: This past week we have seen multiple cases of COVID in the school community. There were 3 cases in the elementary school. All of the exposures came from the home. These are the first known cases in the building since March. We also had multiple students who were exposed/considered close contacts in the home. In this case students are tested, monitored, and recommended to wear masks. Please Note: the requirement is for positive cases only in that they must isolate for 5 days and may return on day 6 if wearing a mask for the next 5 days, otherwise remain home for the entire 10 days. Schools are required to monitor and report all positive cases in the building to the local health departments. Additionally, we are expected to adjust protocols as warranted. Meaning if the prevalence of positive cases grows substantially, close contacts may be required to wear masks. Not what we want, but a possibility to help mitigate the spread in the school community.

Our school will also continue to contact, trace and communicate with the parents of students who were close contacts with positive cases.

Finally, we also have and encourage on-demand testing for the members of the BCCS Educational community as requested. Sorry about all this, folks...

End-of-Year Testing Update: Happy to report all of the SAT/PSAT, ACT WorkKeys, WIDA, MI-ACCESS and M-STEP Tests are completed!!! YAY!! At this time we only have a handful of NWEA make-up tests for upper Elementary and Middle School students.

Summer Program Update: The announcements and registration surveys for the K-3 and 4-8 Recommended Summer Programs were emailed to the parents of designated students this past week. Parents must either decline or accept services within the survey. The registration information is due by May 31. Mrs. Cravino will work directly with the students and their parents for the HS Credit Recovery Program, and the optional K-8 GRASP program will be e-mailed home next week to all eligible students.

Senior Happenings:

Monday, May 23: Seniors Last Day

Thursday, May 26 , Graduation, 7:00 pm Corinth Reformed Church

Friday, May 27, Senior Celebration

**Important Notice:** Due to Byron Center Public School's calendar, **BCCS will not have Breakfast/Lunch services the last week of school.** All BCCS students will need to have breakfast at home prior to school for the week of June 6-10, and parents will need to provide sack lunches (including drinks) from home on Monday and Tuesday 6/6 and 6/7 (Wednesday-Friday are half days).

**In Closing**

Today, for the first time in 3 years, the school held its annual Field Day for the K-5 classrooms. While it was a bit warm, it was certainly an enjoyable event. Mrs. Arringdale did an excellent job orchestrating the event while enlisting the HS Band members to assist with the stations. It was great to see the older students engaging with younger students.... one of many unique things about our school. We will post pics to the school's facebook and instagram soon.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable weekend. MK

FYI: Nice to see Abbi DeWit and Ginger Bosscher featured in an article in the Kent School News Network!!! Good Job, Well Done, ladies! [LINK](#)







