



# BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

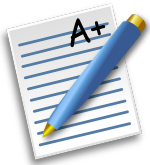
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11/4/22

Greetings to the Parents/Guardians of BCCS K-12 Students,

Hopefully all are enjoying the beauty of fall this year.....best ever!

The following includes a few timely updates and reminders, and BCCS student recognitions and awards shared at the Eagle Assembly this morning.



## Updates

### Report Cards

Report cards were sent home today. It is important that each student reviews their grades with their parents/guardians to recognize successes, and to identify and challenge areas of growth. Please ask your child(ren) for them. If you need another copy please contact Mrs. Boersma in the office.

### Gratitude Chain

In an effort to enhance the November Character Trait (Appreciation) experience, Mrs. Kelley's fourth grade class announced to the entire school today that they are spearheading a Gratitude Chain. The 4th grade class has prepared colored strips of paper with the words 'I am grateful for' printed on the paper. Students and staff are asked to complete the sentence. The fourth graders will collect the strips to create an ever-growing BCCS Chain of Gratitude through the end of the month. The chain will be strung along the ceiling of the building. Oh ....parents are welcome to participate.... just ask your child to bring home a link, complete and return. Let's see if we can loop the entire building as we have much to be grateful for at BCCS!

### Extra Curricular

The BCCS Teachers and Staff are committed to providing extra curricular opportunities for the student body. We ask that you, as parents, encourage participation so that your children benefit from the experience. While we will offer additional extra curricular opportunities throughout the year, the current options include:

[ART Club](#) Open to students grades 6-12. Contact: Miss Pham [tpham@byroncentercharter.org](mailto:tpham@byroncentercharter.org)

[SKI/SNOWBOARDING CLUB](#) Open to students 7 years or older. Contact Mrs. Cravino

[hcravino@byroncentercharter.org](mailto:hcravino@byroncentercharter.org)

[DRUM SET EXPLORATION](#) Was offered to students grades 7-12. Contact: Mrs. Holstege (FULL)

Mid-High Eligibility: Mid-High students must meet eligibility requirements in order to participate in extracurricular activities: Per handbook, students are ineligible if they have a failing grade in the preceding marking period. However, on a week to week basis, students may participate if they successfully complete and submit the Extra Curricular Eligibility Form. See excerpt from student handbook and the eligibility form below.

[Extra Curricular Eligibility Policy](#)

[BCCS Extra Curricular Eligibility Form](#)

### Student Council Update

- Food Drive Competition: Byron Center Charter School's Student Council will be holding their annual food drive competition, an email was sent home earlier this week with information regarding the point system that is used. Non-perishable food items can be brought in Tuesday, 11/1, thru Friday, 11/18. The collections will support the local Buist outreach ministry during the upcoming holiday season. Many families truly benefit from our donations so please share the gift of giving with the kids and THANK YOU!
- Fall Dance (NEW): Student Council is organizing a Mid-High Dance on November 19 HS School students may bring eligible guests as long as request forms are fully completed and submitted to the office by 2 days prior (Thursday) to the dance. Forms are available in the counselor and school offices.

### DC Trip 2024 Prep and Plan

**Informational meeting for 10th and 11th grade students and their parent(s)/guardian(s):** We're in the midst of planning our junior/senior Washington D.C. trip for spring break 2024! If you are a parent/guardian of a student in the 10th/11th grade class, please plan on attending if possible. The meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 15th at 7:00 p.m. in Mr. Emmelkamp's room.** Contact Mr. Emmelkamp with questions: [bemmelkamp@byroncentercharter.org](mailto:bemmelkamp@byroncentercharter.org)

### Calendar of Activities/ Reminders

Friday, Nov 4

- Report Cards Sent Home
- Ultimate Frisbee /Canceled due to weather
- Mather Son Night : Postponed until February...

Monday, Nov 7/ Muffin Monday

Tuesday Nov 15/ DC Trip Informational Meeting 7:00 p.m. in Mr. Emmelkamp's room

Wednesday, Nov 9 /10th Grade Field Trip

Thursday, Nov 10/ 3:30 PTO Meeting

Friday, Nov 11/Popcorn Sale

Wednesday, Nov 16/ 10th Grade Field Trip (Griffin's Game)

- 9th Grade Field Trip

Friday, Nov 18/ Hat Day - \$1

- Last Day for Canned Food Drive

Saturday, Nov 19 80's Themed Dance 7-10 pm

Monday, Nov 21 Hearing and Vision Rescreening

Wed-Fri, Nov 23-25/ Thanksgiving Recess = No School

Monday, Nov 28 School Resumes



## Student Recognitions and Awards

### October Character Trait Recognitions - Responsibility and Self Discipline

#### Elementary

- K Yarezi Rivera
- 1 Lucas Beute, Nora Kuncaitis
- 2 Torrance Heintz
- 3 Zach Miller, Russell Lubbers, Max Brown, Fiona Bolt
- 4th Veronica Butler, Aaron Commans, Lily Miller
- 5th Isaac Higley, Mia Kovacevic, Zavian VanNoy

#### Mid High

- 6-8 Sophia Hockenberry, Ally Houghmaster, Elina Wiersma, Kylee Mulder, Braelyn Bowker, Sophia Hockenberry, Ella Gregorski, Hannah Feltzer, Amelia Pike, Miriam Apotheker, Hanna Peterson, Kaiden Coffey
- 9-12 Lauren Lauver, Amerlia Schmidt, Katelyn Keech, Molly DeVries, Gabi Verburg, MaryJane Anderson, Matthew Conover, Tori DeVries, Jedaiah Armour, Xavier Coffey, Joel Cardoso, Ginger Bosscher, Elijah Verburg, Ian Emmelkamp, Grace Duncan, Ava Syswerda

\*\*\* *Thanks for Your Good Character at BCCS*\*\*\*

### October Student of The Month

K-2 - Roman Campos

3-5 - Jayden Leon

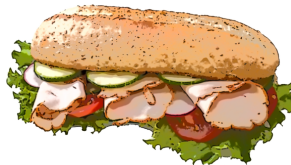
6-8 - Annika Emmelkamp

9-12 - Ian Emmelkamp

\*\*\* *Good Job, Well Done*\*\*\*

### PTO Fall Fundraiser Contest Winners

- Students
  - K-5 - Deven Boelema
  - 6-8 - Zachary Conigliaro
  - 9-12 - Ava Syswerda
- Class Winners
  - K-5 - 3rd Grade
  - 6-8 - 7th Grade
  - 9-12 - 9th Grade



Total Amount \$ 10,209.50

\*\*\**WOW Many Thanks to all Participants!*\*\*\*



### Honor Band Recognitions

Congratulations to Ava Syswerda, Ian Emmelkamp, Colton Ptich and MaryJane Anderson for being chosen to participate in the High School Honors Band Festival that took place at Calvin College on Wednesday. See link below for view of the program, our students show up at 50:45 in the video. [Concert LINK](#)

\*\*\**Keeping the BCCS Musicality Tradition Alive and Well*\*\*\*

## Blood Drive Success

**Goal: 16**

**Donors: 19 including 6 first time donors**

**Pints Donated: 16**

**Impact: 48 patients receive life-saving blood!**

**\*\*\* THANK YOU to Donors! Our next drive is Wednesday, February 1\*\*\***



### ***In Closing ....***

***As you can see, there is much to celebrate in our 'small but mighty school'. We want to recognize, and in the spirit of our November character trait, share our appreciation to all those members of the BCCS School Community who contributed to providing our students well-rounded opportunities to enhance their school experience, and for their growth and development. Your awareness, support and continued engagement are recognized and appreciated. Have a great weekend, MK***