



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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BCCS Update 10/20/23

Dear Parents of BCCS K-12 Students, as always there's lots going on in our small but mighty school. The following is presented as information of upcoming school events and activities for your awareness. Incidentally, next week, Friday, is the end of the first marking period in the 2023-24 school year. Report cards will be sent home on Friday, November 3rd.

School Calendar Highlights

HS Field Experiences

- KCTC Visits: next week a few 10th grade students have individual KCTC program orientation visits at KISD with Mrs. Cravino.
- GVSU Visit: On Thursday, October 25, all BCCS High School Students are scheduled to visit GVSU for a college and career awareness day.

Picture Retakes

- On Thursday, October 26th, BCCS will host picture retakes as well as students who missed having their pictures taken earlier this fall. The following information is shared from Inter-State Studios for your awareness and understanding.

If you're satisfied with your child's picture, no further action is required.

If you purchased and were unhappy with your Picture Package, please send your Picture Package to school with your student on Retake Day. Your Retake Picture Package will be produced and shipped to the school four weeks after Retake Day. *Please note, if your child is photographed on the original **and** Retake Picture Days, the Retake picture will replace the original picture in certain products, like the yearbook.*

Students who were absent for Picture Day should come to school prepared to have their picture taken. If you have not pre ordered, please use the Retake Order Code 81261PF to place your order at <https://inter-state.com/Order>. To see your Order History, check your [Inter-State Account](#). Find answers to Retake Day questions [here](#).

Fall Band Concert

The BCCS Fall Band Concert featuring the 7th & 8th grade and HS Band is Thursday, October 26th at 7:00 pm.....Call Time 6:00 please

**** *Important* Change in Venue Reminder: The concert will be held at *Corinth Reformed Church*, located at 129 100th St. SE, Byron Center due to the unavailability of the auditorium at Godwin Heights.

Fall Cross Country State Meet

Mid-High Fall Cross Country wraps up the season at the State meet on Saturday, October 28th.

Information about the meet was sent to the parents of BCCS cross country team members from Coach Arringdale, yet the general information and schedule is provided below

- Map for entrance and parking click this [link](#)
 - Admission \$6 per car
- Map for the 3 mile course click this [link](#)
- Runners should arrive at 3:45pm to walk the course.
 - Girls race is at 4:15pm
 - Boys race is at 4:45pm

Good Luck Golden Eagles....a challenge for your personal best!

End of First Marking Period

The end of the 1st quarter is Friday, October 27th. Grades will be calculated the following week and Report cards will be sent with students on Friday, November 3rd.

- BCCS Parent/Guardian Tech Resource [LINK](#)

Looking Ahead.....

Mid-High CC Final Practice/ Culver's Run:

- Monday Oct. 30th Normal Practice time.
- Parents meet students for pick-up at Culvers, Students estimated arrival time between 4-4:15
- Details....see [link](#)

BCCS Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest:

- Hosted by BCCS Student Council
- October 30th & 31st: pumpkins may be brought to school
- October 31st
 - Voting of multiple categories
- Nov. 1
 - Winners Announced
 - Students to take pumpkins home or will be disposed of at school

BCCS Fall Blood Drive

Our first blood drive this year is coming up quickly! It will be held in the gym on Wednesday, November 1 from 1-5 p.m. We need your help! Our goal is to collect 20 pints. If you've given in the past and are eligible, please consider. If you haven't given before, now is your chance! Noodles and Company are giving buy 1, get 1/2 off coupons for people who donate. **Help us save lives!** To give, go to https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/153889 Questions? Feel free to reach out to Mr. Emmelkamp at bemmelkamp@byroncentercharter.org.

In closing.....I am hopeful the first quarter of the school year has been a successful one for each BCCS family. With the recent Parent/Teacher Conferences and upcoming report cards, this is prime time to review and take stock in individual student performance. Parental recognition of achievement to include challenges and/or plans of improvement are proven to be impactful on rates of student growth and academic achievement. Parents who actively and routinely engage their children in dialogue about their own school performance increase the likelihood of their child's motivation and effort in the school setting immensely. This is particularly true if you make it visible: charting successes and progress, witten goals of improvement, methods that have students rate and track specific targeted areas of development. As a personal and valued mentor said to me time and time again," Kasmer, if you are not improving, you are going backwards", I encourage all BCCS parents/guardians to consider ways to best use the individual student performance reporting mechanisms the school offers at this time of year. Have a wonderful weekend. MK