



# BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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BCCS 10/27/23 Update

Dear Parents/Guardians of BCCS K-12 Students,

Lots of rain in the last few weeks, and students have been cooped-up inside for much of their usual outdoor activity time. Hopefully families can get out and enjoy the beauty of fall in Michigan tomorrow before the temp drops and the rain, and the possibility of snow mix, is expected to return to the West Michigan area.

This update provides parents/guardians with information about upcoming events in the next week. Incidentally, the November Newsletter will be sent home next Friday for your awareness and understanding of upcoming school events and valuable school-related information.

## **School Calendar of Events Highlights**

**Friday, October 27:** End of First Marking Period

**Saturday, October 28:** Fall Cross Country State Meet

- See [LINK](#) for details

**Monday October 30**

- 8th Grade Field Trip Manufacturing/GR Chair Company
- Mid-High CC Culver's run and last practice ....see [link](#) for details

**Monday and Tuesday, October 30 & 31**

- Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest sponsored by the Student Council
  - Students are to take pumpkins home at the end of the day or will be disposed of at school.

**Tuesday, October 31:** *Happy Halloween!*

- K-3 Halloween Parade and Celebration: Only Kindergarten -3rd Grade students are allowed to wear costumes at the end of the school day if they would like. Costumes may not be worn to school; rather, may be brought in a bag. During the last hour of the day teachers will invite students to put-on their costumes and parade through the Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade rooms, followed by a small Halloween celebration of doughnuts and cider sponsored by the PTO. All other grades will maintain their normal daily schedules.
- Mid-High After School Tutoring
- Jazz Band Practice

**Wednesday November 1**

- BCCS Fall Blood Drive held in the gym on Wednesday, November 1 from 1-5 p.m. We need your help to reach our goal: collect 20 pints. Please Consider! *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](https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/153889) Questions? Feel free to reach out to Mr. Emmelkamp [bemmelkamp@byroncentercharter.org](mailto:bemmelkamp@byroncentercharter.org).

- BCCS Annual Food Drive: Non-perishable items collected for Buist Community Assistance Center from Nov.1-Nov. 17 sponsored by BCCS Student Council...contest details forthcoming.

#### **Thursday, November 2**

- Mid-High After School Tutoring
- Jazz Band Practice
- PTO Meeting 3:30 HS Science Lab

#### **Friday, November 3**

- Report Cards go Home
- Golden Eagle Assembly
- Annual PTO Mother-Son Night

*K-6th grade Mom's and Sons,*

*Join us on November 3 from 6pm-8pm for another fun night at our annual Mother- Son night!*

*This year we would love to invite you to a GLOW PARTY! We will have games, snacks, crafts and music! Wear white or neon colors to glow up the night! There is a \$5 per family cover charge at the door.*

*Please consider donating to our snacks or would like to volunteer to set up/clean-up, and/or help run the event, please follow [LINK](#) . Thank you!! Any questions, please email us at [pto@byroncentercharter.org](mailto:pto@byroncentercharter.org).*

#### **After School Mid-High Academic Support Reminder**

Mid-High Extended Day Supplemental Support: BCCS offers designated students the opportunity to have extended day/after school supplemental support services in grades 6 through 12 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. As customary, beginning with Fall Parent Teacher Conferences, teachers began the identification and communication with students(and parents) who would likely benefit from additional support, primarily targeted for English Language Arts and Mathematics courses. Please know this is a grant-driven program for qualifying At-Risk students. Invitations and enrollment for participation will be made on an individual basis, and parents are encouraged to take advantage of the extra support offered to their children.

*In closing ... .Halloween presents an opportunity for students to have fun and build relational capacity in their communities. Schools are asked to share a few reminders about basic safety tips for children who participate in Trick-or-Treating including traveling in a group, wearing bright colors or reflective tape, avoid costumes that are trip hazards for children, and avoid traveling in vehicle traffic lanes if at all possible. And, as always, look both ways to ensure it is safe before crossing any street. Unfortunately we also know there are sometimes bad actors who tamper with treats given to children. Adults are asked to inspect all candy prior to being consumed. I am hopeful this Halloween will be an enjoyable experience for all families who choose to participate.*

*Have a wonderful weekend. MK*

