



# BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Season's Greetings to the Parents and Guardians of BCCS K-12 Students,  
Last week BCCS announced that the annual School Index ratings were yet to be released to the public. On December 4th, the 2022-23 School Index Reports for all Michigan Public Schools were released for public viewing. The 2022-23 Report shows a slight drop in our school's overall performance rating from 86.60 To 84.24. The primary reason for this was lower student performance (both proficiency and growth rates) on state testing this past school year. The School Support designation is Universal Support, indicating that BCCS is not, and has never been, an identified school for improvement at any level by the department. While BCCS has some challenges, our school continues to perform above average.

The School Index Ratings can be found [HERE](#), and *The Michigan School Index Guide* can be found at this [LINK](#).

Parents are encouraged to review school performance data, and questions pertaining to the *Index* or any school performance indicators are welcome and can be directed to Mr. Kasmer through the school office at [office@byroncentercharter.org](mailto:office@byroncentercharter.org).

*The following presents a few informational items and reminders of upcoming school events and activities for your awareness and understanding:*

## 6-12 Progress Reports

This past Wednesday, students in grades 6-12 were sent home the mid-term progress reports. Please ensure that you have reviewed the progress and are aware of each student's academic performance and attendance.

- All parents in grades 3-12 are reminded to monitor their child's grades through PowerSchool regularly...no reason for surprises.

## Shout outs....

BCCS recognizes Mrs. Holstege and the K-4 students and teachers for the recent Music Program this past Wednesday...Good Job, Well Done.

On behalf of the K-5 students and families, we Thank You PTO for holding the annual Holiday Shoppe. Your continued care and support for our students and families is greatly appreciated.

## **Highlights of Upcoming School Events and Activities**

### Monday

- Student Council Hot Chocolate and Candy Cane Sale Begins
  - Information sent home with students
  - Orders thru Dec. 19 and Deliveries Dec 22

### Tuesday:

- Jazz Band Practice
- Mid-High After School Tutoring
- Holiday Band Concert 5, 6th, 7&8th and HS Bands .. 7 pm Godwin Heights
  - students are asked to be arrive at 6:00 for preparation

### Thursday:

- Jazz Band Practice
- Mid-High After School Tutoring

### Friday

- After School Sports. Table Tennis

### **Student Council Gingerbread House Making Contest**

- Wednesday Dec 20 3:15-4:30
- Student must have parent signed permission slips turned-in to attend by Dec 18
- Need a permission form? See Mr. Emmelkamp

### **Hat and Mitten Tree**

- Hat, Mittens, Gloves and Scarf Donations thru Dec 22
- Supports *In The Image Donation Center*

### **BCCS Ski Club**

- Adult and Student Discount passes are available for purchase for \$32 per pass
- Discount passes can ONLY be used on the days BCCS goes as a group and on Sunday after 3pm
- One lesson is included
- BCCS will go as a group on the following dates
  - January 9, 17, 23 and 30
  - February 6,13 and 21

Contact Mrs Cravino if you have additional questions or would like to purchase a pass. [hcravino@byroncentercharter.org](mailto:hcravino@byroncentercharter.org)

### **Student Council Holiday Spirit Week Dec. 18-22**

- Monday: Holiday Flannel: Wear your festive flannel
- Tuesday: Fancy Christmas Wear: Wear your fanciest holiday clothes.
- Wednesday: Holiday Colors: Come dressed in red, green, gold, white and/ or silver
- Thursday: Christmas Character: Come to school dressed as a Christmas/holiday book/movie character.
- Friday: Ugly Sweater: Wear your best (or worst!) holiday sweater...Everyone's favorite

*In Closing..... Our school community recently learned that our HS and 6th grade Science Teacher is leaving at the end of the semester. Mrs. Bell has chosen to continue her career as an upper-level HS Science Teacher in a neighboring district. At this time we are accepting applications for her replacement, yet we will most certainly miss her services at BCCS. Our loss is their gain, though we are comforted to know that her professionalism and skills will continue to serve area students. Please make a point to join us in sharing our appreciation for her service to our small but mighty school.*

*Best Wishes and Thank You, Mrs. Bell. MK*