



# BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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BCCS Update 12/15/23

Dear Parents/Guardians of BCCS K-12 Students,

Some of us have commented that the 2023 December school day calendar seems a bit longer than usual this year. Well, this year is a bit different than most in that the students have a little better than three weeks of school, rather than the more customary two plus weeks of school. Just a heads-up, the date to return from the holiday break will likely seem to be a bit later, too. Nonetheless, all members of the BCCS Educational Community are encouraged to join forces to stay strong and committed to a successful end of the 2023 calendar year.

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

## Shout outs....

BCCS recognizes Mrs. Holstege and 5th, 6th, 7&8 and HS Bands for the recent Music Program this past Tuesday ...*Keeping the tradition of excellence*

## Highlights of Upcoming School Events and Activities

### Monday

- **BCCS Holiday Spirit Week**
  - *Holiday Flannel: Wear your festive flannel*
- **6-12 Gingerbread Decoration Contest Permission Forms Due to Mr. Emmelkamp**

### Tuesday:

- **BCCS Holiday Spirit Week**
  - *Fancy Christmas Wear: Wear your fanciest holiday clothes*
- **Last Day for Hot Chocolate and Candy Cane Sales**
- **Jazz Band Practice**
- **Mid-High After School Tutoring**

### Wednesday:

- **BCCS Holiday Spirit Week**
  - *Holiday Colors: Come dressed in red, green, gold, white and/ or silver*
- **Student Council Gingerbread House Decoration Contest 3:15-4:30**
  - **grades 6-12**
  - **all provisions provided**
  - **must have signed permission slip on file**

#### Thursday:

- **BCCS Holiday Spirit Week**
  - *Christmas Character: Come to school dressed as a Christmas/holiday book/movie character*
- **Designated Elementary Holiday Parties**
- **Jazz Band Practice**
- **Mid-High After-School Tutoring**

#### Friday

- **BCCS Holiday Spirit Week**
  - *Ugly Sweater: Wear your best (or worst!) holiday sweater*
- **Hot Chocolate and Candy Cane Deliveries**
- **No After School Sports**

**Winter Break Begins Saturday, December 23**

**School Resumes Monday, January 8th**

#### 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 Attendance Notifications:** Part of our school efforts to improve student attendance, parents of students who are identified as *chronically absent* and/or who have excessive tardies will receive notifications from Officer DeVries, our BCCS School Wellness Officer. The letter will provide the student's attendance rate as compared to the grade level and aggregate school rates. Parents are to acknowledge their awareness and understanding by signing and returning the letters to Officer DeVries, and most importantly are called upon to make a conscientious effort to improve daily attendance of the children. Should poor attendance continue, a meeting with the parents will be requested to make a formal plan of improvement. Historically, the percent of students considered *chronically absent* (missing 10% or more scheduled school days) is above county and state averages and is identified as an area of School Improvement.

*Your cooperation and support is needed and appreciated.*

*In Closing..... Our small but mighty school continues to provide a well-rounded school experience for the students. Along with quality academics, the focus of building positive character traits and personal connections with students is more than words, it's our way of doing business. While many schools grapple with educating the 'whole child', BCCS is founded upon academic, social and emotional wellness of students. I ask that we take a moment to reflect upon a school community that truly cares for its members, and values a well-rounded education.*

*Have a great weekend. MK*