



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians of BCCS K-12 Students,

This next week marks the end of the second quarter and first semester of the 2022-23 school year. As customary, all students have half days of school next Wednesday through Friday due to Mid-High School semester exams. Please note **we do have school on Monday.**

Mid-High students and their parents are highly encouraged to review student grades and related assignments in powerschool, and take advantage of the opportunity to submit any missing/late assignments for this quarter by next Friday. We hope that students prepare and perform well on the exams...good luck!

The update below is provided for the understanding and awareness of the members of the BCCS Educational Community.

Mid-Year Schedule of Activities

Mon.-Tu. January 16-17

- Normal School Schedules/Activity

Wed.-Fri. January 18-20 ½ Days of School

- Dismissal 11:15-20
- No After School School Events for Students
 - Teachers have School Planned PD/Activities in the PM
- Grab-N-Go Lunches for those who order
 - Elementary are delivered to classrooms
 - Mid-High will pick-up lunches during dismissal

Mid-High Exams

- On-Time attendance is essential for all
- KCTC Students
 - Required to attend classes with grade students in the morning
 - Expected to attend KCTC classes in afternoon
- Time Schedule of Exam Days
 - 8-9:30 Exam 1
 - 9:30-9:40 Break
 - 9:40-11:10 Exam 2
 - 11:10 Lockers/Lunches Return to Class
 - 11:15 Dismissal

- Exam Schedule
 - Wednesday/1st and 6th hr. Exams
 - Thursday/2nd and 5th hr. Exams
 - Friday/3rd and 4th hr. Exams

Monday, January 23

- Begins 3rd Quarter/ 2nd Semester of 2022-23 School year
 - Mid-high students observe schedule changes

Friday, January 27: 2nd Quarter/1st Semester Report Cards go home

Student Activities Update

Game Night Reminder: BCCS offers our students an opportunity to participate in Game Night on January 27. Students must have a permission slip. Information can be found [HERE](#).

Winter Blood Drive:**There is a desperate need for blood to save lives in our community!** Join with BCCS students and staff to make our next blood drive a success. Our next blood drive will be held on **Wednesday, February 1 from 1-5pm** There are lots of spots open, particularly after 3:30. Donation takes about an hour. To sign up, go to

https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/146665

If you have questions, contact Mr. Emmelkamp at bemmelkamp@byroncentercharter.org.

Thanks for considering!

Head's up! BCCS is planning to offer an after school Zumba Club for Mid-High girls in the near future . Look for information next week!....How fun!

Your Help, Please....

As of late we have experienced an inordinate amount of parents/guardians not following the school's attendance protocols and policies.

1. Reporting Absences: Parents are to report absences by calling or emailing the office stating the name, grade and reason for the absence. This is expected for every occurrence of an absence.
2. Extended Absence Requests: If parents need to remove a child from school for multiple days, the parent/guardian is to follow the same protocol of calling/emailing reporting the student's name, grade , dates and reasons of absences to the office. Internal communications with teachers will follow, as appropriate. Parents may also wish to communicate with the student's teacher(s) for their awareness and often to request school work, which is appropriate and appreciated, yet the report of all absences are to be initiated through the office.

Concerns in General with Attendance

Our school continues to have an inordinate number of students chronically absent and/or tardy. This creates disruptions in education for the absent student, and additional time and effort needed by teachers. Of course we do not want students attending when ill, yet we ask that parents/guardians make a priority to help create the conditions for successful on-time and regular school attendance of students. Your awareness and consideration is appreciated.

In Closing...

Please note that BCCS makes a concerted effort to recognize and celebrate student success. In a couple weeks students will be receiving mid-year report cards. Please join us in recognizing student's areas of success and or growth with each student and identifying and challenging areas of self improvement in the school setting.

As noted in the most recent newsletter, our school has consistently demonstrated above average performance in most areas related to student achievement. In my experience, the student successes are realized as a result of a genuine joint effort. I ask that each one of us continue to commit ourselves to the achievement and success of the students....a worthwhile endeavor indeed!

Have a wonderful weekend. MK