



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents of BCCS K-12 Students,

Please know that our school does not take lightly having to cancel school due to inclement weather. However, the safety and welfare of the BCCS families and staff are always priority one. Specifically, the roads south of 84th street were icy and treacherous, and we have a substantial number of members who live in the Wayland/Door area. BCCS will always respond in favor of the safety and welfare of the members of our school community. Your understanding and support is appreciated.

Also please be reminded that we use WOOD TV 8 as the primary source for communications through media, yet we HIGHLY encourage all BCCS families to sign-up for school tests through REMIND if you have not already done so. Please contact Mrs. Boersma in the school office if assistance is needed.

The February Newsletter will be sent out next Friday...here is an update of time appropriate happenings and announcements for your awareness and understanding.

Report Cards: 2nd Quarter/Semester 1 Report Cards will be sent home with students on Monday. Please review and engage in conversation with your children about their performance.

Mid-Year Testing Child Study Review: Next week we will hold our mid-year Child Study reviews. The performance growth of all K-5 students who receive Title IA support will be reviewed and monitored for progress. Additionally, students who may need additional support will be brought forward for consideration of supplemental services. At this time all K-8 students are administered the NWEA MAP Growth Assessments. The student data will be used in the Child Study reviews and information will be sent home to parents during conferences in March.

Mid-High Tutoring: While many students recommended and registered for the Mid-High Extended Day Program attend regularly, there are a fair number of registered students who are not regularly attending. It is highly encouraged for registered students to attend whenever possible. Students are also asked to contact the supporting teachers on the dates when attendance is unattainable. Please respect and respond to the expectations of the program.

Extra- Curricular Opportunities Update

Introducing Winter Zumba Club Mid High Girls: Mid-High girls who meet the eligibility requirements for extra curricular activities have the opportunity to participate in the BCCS Winter Zumba Club. The sessions begin next week and students must submit permission forms to participate. The information including dates, times and a link to the permission slips can be found here ([LINK](#)). For those parents who do not have the capability to make a copy of the permission form, a letter giving permission may be submitted in its place. Please direct questions to Mrs. Arringdale, Lead Teacher/ Organizer, at sarringdale@byroncentercharter.org.

Ski Club: The Parents and students, ages 7 years and up, who are interested in the BCCS Ski Club should contact Mrs. Cravino, Ski Instructor/Organizer, for information and details of participation (hcravino@byroncentercharter.org). By school policy Mid-High students are expected to meet the Extra Curricular Eligibility Requirements for participation

Upcoming Opportunities for BCCS Students/ Families

Game Night Rescheduled: the BCCS Game night will tentatively be rescheduled for next Friday Feb 3rd. A final decision will be made and communicated the first of the week. The decision will be based upon securing the appropriate staffing/supervision for the event, as appropriate.

Winter Blood Drive Reminder: **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 several 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!

Mother Son Night: PTO is planning to reschedule the Mother/Son Night on Friday, February 10. Information will be forthcoming next week.

K-3 Literacy Night Announcement: Designated K-3 Students and their parents will be sent a letter of invitation to participate in the BCCS Early Elementary Family Literacy Night on Thursday February 16. Our teachers and Title Ia staff will provide resources for families to engage in evidenced-based home activities that have proven to advance the literacy development of early learners. . Information will be forthcoming in short order

School Performance Updates

BCCS Annual Education Report: As communicated in the last newsletter, the BCCS Annual Education Report is now posted on the school website for public reference [LINK](#). The report addresses areas of strength, areas and strategies of improvement as well as several references to data and state reporting regarding our schools performance. I ask that parents review the AER and feel free to bring forward any questions to Mr. Kasmer, Chief Administrative Officer of BCCS.

BCCS School Performance/Academic Grant Award: Each year the GVSU Charter School Office Conducts a School Performance Report for all of the charter schools authorized by the university. Academic grants are given based upon the student performance indicators. This past year, BCCS received the highest rating and was awarded a \$4,000 grant for our achievement. Congrats to us!

Your Help Please....

School Issued Technology: Please join the teachers and staff in supporting the proper usage of school issued technology among the students. This is a team effort! Your active engagement helps guide appropriate usage while supporting a school environment that supports the wellness and safety in the school community

1. Students should carry technology in the cases issued.
2. When in use, students should refrain from carrying chromebooks with their hands placed over the screen. This can damage the screen and will have to be replaced.

3. Students should refrain from eating or drinking when using the chromebooks.
4. Technology is to be used exclusively for school related activities and not as a device for social interactions/media.
5. Please report any activity that threatens the welfare and safety of students to the school office/administration.

Cell Phone Reminders:

- Middle School Students are prohibited from having cell phones on their body while at school including school related activities.
- HS Students are not to share phones with other students: there are students who are prohibited from using phones and we ask for help in honoring the request.

As always your awareness and cooperation is appreciated!

In Closing..... As noted in the AER and the GVSU Performance Grant our school continues to demonstrate above average performance. This can only be achieved through a cooperative and supportive effort by all stakeholders. I extend my sincere appreciation to each member of the Byron Center Charter Educational Community. BCCS continues to demonstrate that we are an effective school. Finally I ask that each of us realize the importance of our roles, and continue to actively engage in supporting one another so that success is realized for every BCCS student. MK