



# BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents of Byron Center Charter School,

*Batten Down the Hatches*....I must admit this is the first time in my history as a Michigan school administrator that school was called off the prior day when there was a threat of inclement weather. I say in Michigan because when living in Austin Texas, schools would close whenever there was a hint of snow in the forecast. At any rate, your understanding of canceling school due to the potential of hazardous weather conditions is appreciated....*Safety First!* On behalf of the BCBS, I hope that all families remain safe and that the weather turn's out to be more favorable than predicted.

The following present some timely information regarding upcoming Parent/Teacher Conferences and the rescheduled Family Literacy Night.

Please review the following important information regarding the upcoming Parent/Teacher Conferences next week, Thursday March 2.

Google Conference Link w/ Directions [LINK](#)

Parent Teacher Conferences: Spring conferences will be held in person on Thursday, March 2 from 12:30-8:00 pm. *Registration will begin today.*

- Parents **with multiple students, and parents of students with special needs will have the first opportunity to register** today through Friday 2/22-2/24.
- Registration **will open to all students' parents after school on Friday (2/22)** through Tuesday (2/28) .
- All conferences are to be scheduled prior to 7:30 am on Wednesday, March 1.

Please Note: Mrs. Arringdale (K-12 PE), Mrs. Holstege (K-12 Music/Band) and Miss Pham(K-12 Art) will not have scheduled conferences;rather,conferences will be held on a *Drop-In* basis in the respective classrooms. Mrs. Arringdale will hold conferences in her office, located in the southeast corner of the gym.

Student Test Scores: The latest student test scores will be shared at Parent Teacher Conferences to include the 2022-23 Winter MAP Growth tests (Grades K-8).

Unclaimed reports will be sent home with students the following week.

Parent Report descriptions and related information can be accessed through the following links:

[MAP Family Guide](#)

PTO Book Fair: As customary the PTO will be hosting a Book Fair on the date of conferences from 11:30-7:30 . All families are welcome and encouraged to attend...after all!

### Other Important Information

1. Progress Reports: Mid-High School Progress Reports were to be sent home today 2/22. They will be sent home tomorrow, Thursday or if inclement weather persists upon return to school. Please review the report with your child(ren). The information also provides a good backdrop for upcoming conferences. Parents are to sign the report and have students return to designated teachers by Thursday, March 2.
2. Family Literacy Night (Rescheduled): The Family Literacy Night for designated K-3 students and a parent is Thursday, March 16 from 6-7:00 ([LINK](#)). Invitations were sent home yesterday to parents via email. The parents of participating families are requested to RSVP to Mrs. Berner at ([jberner@byroncentercharter.org](mailto:jberner@byroncentercharter.org)) by Monday, March 13, so that plans can be made as appropriate.

In Closing.....

*Please plan on receiving a brief update this Friday and the BCCS March '23 Newsletter will be sent home the first of next week. Finally, I ask that a parent/guardian of every BCCS student attend conferences next week, if at all possible. The communication between the home and school is vital to a school's success. Specifically, having a shared understanding of each student's performance is paramount. Customarily, schools have a significant drop in parent/guardian participation during spring conferences, especially at the secondary level. A parent's/guardian's participation in P/T Conferences is considered a demonstration of value, commitment, and a coordinated effort of educating students between the home and the school. Your consideration and support is greatly appreciated.*

**BE SAFE!! MK**