



# BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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BCCS March Newsletter  
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Dear Parents/Guardians of BCCS K-12 Students,  
March is such an exciting time at BCCS School. Not only is it reading month, but we have a Spirit Week culminating in our annual Festival of the Arts. The festival features the visual performing arts of students and staff just prior to spring break. We encourage all students to consider participation as this is most certainly a highlight in the BCCS school calendar.

## School Values

The three pillars of our school mission put emphasis on academics, personal connections and positive character traits. These expectations separate us from other schools. In particular, the character traits are shared values that are intended to guide our actions within the school community. Whether it be your child, another student, a staff member, or a fellow parent/guardian let's all look for opportunities to recognize and affirm these traits in action.

In March BCCS highlights COURTESY and RESPECT. These are perceived areas of strength in our school's culture. Visitors of BCCS often comment on the courtesy and respect demonstrated by the students and staff. By definition, courtesy is a person's attitude and/or behavior toward others that is considered to be polite and caring. Respect is viewed as beliefs and actions that show admiration of qualities/abilities in oneself and/or others. Most of us agree that courteous and respectful people are appreciated and desired members of our community and society at large. As members of BCCS, we are called to look for and recognize acts of courtesy and respect within the school community.

## Important Information from the Office

2022-23 Enrollment: Paperwork for the 2023-24 school year will be sent home with families during conferences. Links to general registration information and the administrative guidelines are below. To secure your spot for the '23-24 school year, the enrollment paperwork must be submitted by April 15. Additionally our school provides its members a unique opportunity to receive a financial gift for bringing new members into our educational community.

- [Open Enrollment announcement 2023](#)
- [Enrollment Initiative Program](#)
- [Enrollment Administrative Guidelines](#)

## School News

Parent/Teacher Conferences: In person conferences are to be held tomorrow, Thursday March 2nd from 12:30-8:00. The deadline for registration was yesterday. Parents unable to register are asked to contact the teacher directly to schedule a time. Please be punctual, and we ask that you communicate with the teacher directly through email if you are unable to attend.

PTO Book Fair: PTO is sponsoring a Spring Book Fair. The fair will be held in the gym from 11:30-7:30. Students will preview books prior to the event.

March is Reading Month: March is National Reading Month and a time for all to celebrate reading. Camp Read A-Lot.... that features competitions, events and activities to promote and celebrate reading. BCCS will hold the virtual kick-off this week and each student will receive a packet of information to take home. A few of the informational items are presented below for your awareness. Have fun and good luck!

- [Opening Video](#) How Fun!!!
- [Reading Month '23 Theme](#) Be Aware!!
- [Reading Month Calendar](#) Check it Out!!
- [Parent Note For Reading Month](#) Get Involved!!
  - [Mid-High Reading Month Minutes Form](#) Let's go!!!
  - [K-5 Reading Month Minutes Form](#) Get Goin'!!

HEY....Check-out the latest edition of the Eagles Nest.... [February 27 Eagle's Nest Newsletter](#)  
*Good Stuff!!*

### Calendar Highlights

- March Ongoing Activities
  - Reading Month - Coordinator Mrs. Berner
  - Girls on the Run Coordinator/Coach Mrs. Shanklin
    - The program starts March 7, and meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15-4:30 and ends with a 5K on Saturday May 20.
  - Middle School Cross Country Coordinator/Coach Mrs. Arrindale
    - [MS Boys and Girls Cross Country Informational Doc](#)
- Highlights:
  - Family Literacy Night Rescheduled March 16 6-7 PM
    - Designated K-3 Student and Parent (Invitation)
    - RSVP by March 13 to [jberner@byroncentercharter.org](mailto:jberner@byroncentercharter.org)
  - Spirit Week by Student Council Week of March 27
    - Stay Tuned
  - Festival Of the Arts 3/30..A Schoolwide Celebration of the Visual and Performing Arts
    - Registration forms coming soon
- Tuesdays & Thursdays
  - Mid-High Extended Day Tutoring
  - Jazz Band
  - GOTR
- Wednesdays: Art Club

- Thursday March 2, Parent Teacher Conferences
  - Grab-n-Go Lunches by Order
  - ½ Day of School 11:15-20 Student Release
  - No After School Activities
  - PTO Book Fair 11:30-7:30
  - Golden Eagle Assembly (8:15)
- Friday, March 3: **No School**
- Monday, March 6: Muffin Monday
- Thursday, March 9: PTO Meeting 3:30-4:30
- Friday, March 10: Popcorn Sale
- Sunday, March 12: Spring Forward..... Daylight Savings Time Begins
  - Ends November 5 (Fall Back)
- Thursday, March 16: K-3 Family Literacy Night
- Tuesday, March 21: Board of Education Meeting 6-7:30
- Friday, March 24:
  - End of 3rd Quarter...Last chance to get those late assignments in!
  - Hat Day for a \$1
- Tuesday, March 28: Skate Night 3:15-5:00
- Wednesday, March 29: Report Cards Go Home
- Thursday, March 30: Festival of the Arts ....Information forthcoming
- Friday, April 1: **No School**, Start of Spring Break

FYI

- Monday - Friday April 3-7 Spring Break
- Monday, April 10, School Resumes
- Wednesday 4/13, SAT/PSAT Testing
  - **No School Seniors: College and Career Preparation and Readiness Day (see Counselors Chair below)**

### **Student Recognitions and Awards**

Mid-High Band Festival: We recognize our MS and HS bands who performed at Festival this past week  
 Keeping up with our tradition of excellent bands the BCCS

- MS Band received an overall Excellent 2, Rating
- HS Band received a and Overall Superior 1 Rating

*Good Job, Well Done Mrs. Holstege and students...we are proud of your accomplishments.*

### Ship Shape Awards:

- 2/3 = 2nd Grade
- 2/10/ and 2/17 = 4th Grade

*Thanks for showing your care for our school!*

## **Counselors Chair**

### **[Annual Senior College and Career Readiness Day](#)**

Mrs. Cravino

## **Nurses Corner**

March is National Nutrition Month! This is the 50th Year of Celebrating and inviting individuals to make informed, healthy food choices and adopt healthy physical activity habits. This year's theme is "Fuel for the Future." There are some excellent resources in the link below, as well as weekly goals/suggestions to focus on for individuals of all ages.

See: <https://www.eatright.org/national-nutrition-month-2023>

If you are a parent or guardian of teenagers, or teach them in the classroom, please check out *For Parents, Caregivers, and Teachers*, located in the Teens section where you will find free educational materials about making healthy food and lifestyle choices. [Teens section](#)

Happy Nutrition Month, Mrs. Houda

## **In Closing....**

Please be aware that, as with all schools, our school is preparing to administer the annual state assessments. With the exception of WIDA the administration of state assessments begins in April and runs through mid-May. Initial awareness and preparation information will begin to come home in the next few weeks, yet the most valuable actions in the home are awareness and preparation to include:

- Be aware of test dates and what tests will be administered for your children
- Encourage your children to give a good faith effort
- Engage your children in conversation about the tests
- Assure your children get proper rest and a nutritious breakfast

Incidentally, our school received a financial reward from GVSU Charter School's Office and we were recognized by the State of Michigan as a REWARD School as a result of our performance on state assessments last year. Lets keep going folks....

State assessment data are used as the primary indicator for the State of Michigan School Accountability and Performance Ratings. A document regarding the Michigan assessments administered by grade and content area can be found [here](#).

As always, your consideration and active participation is appreciated.

W/ Care, MK