



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardians of BCCS K-12 Students,

Well... late snowy winters seem to be the theme these last few years. While the main roads were reasonably driveable this morning the back roads were treacherous with a blanket of about six inches of snow. Hope those who had to travel remained safe and that all BCCS members enjoyed a day with the family.

Please review the following as timely informational items for the members of the BCCS Educational Community.

Read by Grade 3 Law: Many of us have heard that this law is being repealed in the state legislature. It is true that changes to this law recently passed the House. The revised bill has already passed the Senate and is now sent to the Governor for her signature (likely) in order for this change to be realized. A link to an article can be found ([HERE](#)) that includes a link to the proposal.

Sooooo.... At this time the law is enacted and stands as written. In essence, the law requires students who do not meet the performance threshold on the 3rd grade M-STEP Reading Test to be retained the following year. It is also true that there are several "offramps" or *good cause exemptions* that would permit a student to be moved to the next grade. These decisions are to be made on a case by case basis. There are several components and requirements that accompany the law (IE Communication with Parents, Individual Reading Improvements Plans, Access to Supplemental Services etc...) The purpose at this time is to remind our members of the law, to provide access to the information about the law, and to be available to answer questions pertaining to the law.

Information provided to schools and parents by the State of Michigan can be found at this [LINK](#).

Specifically for parents the

[Facts for Families](#) and [The Read by Grade Three Video](#).

Please note that specific information will be forthcoming later this month and do not hesitate to contact the Principal, should you have any questions.

From The Counselor's Chair

The National Christian College Fair, West Michigan region, will be held next week Tuesday (3/14) from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Grand Rapids Christian High School Quest Center located at 2300 Plymouth Ave SE, GR MI 49506. There are over 30 Christian Colleges from all over the US and Canada participating. This event is open to the public for students in grades 9-12. If interested, use the quick link for registration [LINK](#) .

School Reminders

Re-Enrollment

- [Open Enrollment announcement_2023](#)

Reading Month

- [Reading Month Calendar](#) Check it Out!!
- [Parent Note For Reading Month](#) Get Involved!!

Middle School Cross Country Sign-Up

Information about MS Spring Cross Country from Coach Arringdale found [HERE](#).

Family Literacy Night

Thursday March 16, 6-7 pm

Registration only and One parent with One Student Please

Festival of The Arts

Please encourage student participation in a BCCS tradition and celebration of the visual and performing arts...sign-up information available at school.

SPRING FORWARD

Saturday, March 11 midnight

Student Recognitions and Awards

February Character Trait Recognitions Honesty and Trustworthiness

Elementary

- K - Athena Greenfield
- 1st - Clara Butler, Oliver Hill, Vivienne Rocha
- 2nd - Mason Hill, Torrance Heintz
- 3rd - Judah Beute, Ava Leys, Melanie Donegan, Aubrey Fisch
- 4th - Max Brown
- 5th - Addyson Coffey, Isaac Higley

Mid/High

- 6-8 - Elina Wiersma, Bayley Houghmaster, Riley Balfoort, Joshua Hoort, Cooper (Westley) Kruger, Kylee Mulder, Addelyn Hubbel, Kaiden Coffey , Kylee Mulder, Emma Marais, Symone Brown, Jocelyne Brown, Amelia Pike
- 9-12 - Amelia Schmidt, Ava Syswerda, Matthew Conover, Kinsley Duncan, Paul Hollis, Katelyn Keech, Hannah Schnieder, Kinzie Anderson, Elijah Verburg, Ben Van Dussen, Sal Miller, Gabi Verburg, Xavier Coffey, Joel Garcia, Ian Emmelkamp, Molly DeVries, Nick Dies, Grace Duncan, Ava Syswerda, Elijah Verburg

February Student of the Month

- K-2 - Yaretzi Rivera
- 3-5 - Lilliana Miller
- 6-8 - Torstin Edwards
- 9-12 - Matthew Conover

****Good Job, Well Done Students!****

Reading Month Recognitions

Readers of the Week March 6

K Ruby Kunciatis

1st Eli Hubble

2nd Brandon Harran

3rd Chiara Kish

4th Allyson Houghmaster

5th Logan Elliott

Mid-High Ava Syswerda

*** Salute to Our BCCS Readers!***

Door Decoration Winner

Kindergarten, Mrs. Shanklin

Ship-Shape Awards

Week of Feb 27, 4th grade

Week of March 6th, Kindergarten

*** *Thanks for Helping to Keep BCCS Looking Great!****

BCCS Band Update

Jazz Band Rating: Yesterday, March 9, the BCCS Jazz Band attended a Festival at Caledonia HS . In keeping with the BCCS tradition of excellence, our Jazz Band received a Superior 1 rating.

Recap of 2022-23 Festival Ratings

- BCCS MS Band, Excellent 2 Rating
- BCCS HS Ensemble, Superior 1 Rating
- BCCS Jazz Band, Superior 1 Rating

Check out this quote from one of the judges about the BCCS HS Band....

"Wow! What an ambitious program - - - very well performed! You are a credit to your director, school, and community, and I hope that you feel very proud of today's performance."

****Mrs. Holstege and BCCS Band Members, we are proud of your efforts and continued success!****

In Closing.....

Lots going on in our small but mighty school. Stay tuned as we also have some exciting announcements with regard to new school-wide programs, opportunities for HS students and a special treat for our graduating seniors coming up later this month.

As I was once told, feedback and communication make-up the breakfast of champions. I encourage parents to contact my office or the school office if there are questions or needed clarifications with regard to the happenings at school. Our ability to have open lines of communication between the school and the home is one of the primary elements to a school's success. Your awareness and consideration is greatly appreciated. MK