



# BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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BCCS Update 4/21/23

Dear Parent/Guardians of BCCS K-12 Students,

As you are aware, we are now entering the heart of Spring Testing. Each Friday we will post the test administration for the following week. The following presents timely information and updates of school happenings.

## Assessment Update

The following lists the dates for next week's tests, grade-levels and content areas for BCCS students who will be administered State Assessments next week:

Tuesday, April 25

- HS PSAT Make-Up Exam
- 3rd Grade M-STEP ELA Test
- 11th Grade M-STEP Science

Wednesday, April 26

- 3rd Grade M-STEP ELA Test
- 5th Grade M-STEP ELA Test

Thursday, April 27

- 5th Grade M-STEP ELA Test
- 11th Grade M-STEP Social Studies

Friday, April 28

- M-STEP Make-up/Completion

*Your Help Please:* Parents please help to ensure....

- Students are rested
- Students eat a nutritious breakfast
- Students are on time for school
- Students understand the importance of a 'Good Faith Effort'

*\*\*as always your attention and support is greatly appreciated\*\**

## Walk-A-Thon Update

- Sponsor Funds Raised: To date we have raised close to \$4000 in Sponsorship for the event.
  - The revised date for sponsor support in order to have company logo on T-Shirt is next Monday, April 24
    - [Vendor Sponsor Letter](#)
- Student Pledges: Please encourage your children to participate in raising funds through friends and family. All forms and monies collected are due by the morning of May 5th (event date)
  - [Walk-A-Thon Pledge Form](#)
  - [Walk-A-Thon Online Pledge](#)

## **New Student/ Family Enrollment 2023-24**

### BCCS Open House/Kindergarten Roundup

- BCCS 2023-24 New Family Open House and Kindergarten Round-up is scheduled for Wednesday April 26th from 6:30 to 7:30
  - [K-Round-up Flyer](#)
  - [BCCS Open House Flyer](#)
- Kindergarten Students and all families new to the school are expected to attend
- Families interested in the school are invited to attend
- Families are asked to REGISTER for the event by using the QR code within the above flyers or go directly to the registration form found [HERE](#)  
*\*\*\*Please feel free to share with potential families\*\*\**

GSRP Preschool: Families interested in the Great Start Readiness Preschool Program located on the BCCS Campus are invited to ....

- Register through Preschool Website
  - [Preschool Intake Website](#)
  - [Preschool Intake Steps](#)
- Attend Open House Friday, April 28 [LINK](#)

Calling All Blood Donors: Our **last blood drive** of the year will be held on **Wednesday, May 3rd from 1-5 p.m.** We have **a lot of spots** to fill and, as always, **there's an urgent need for donors**. If you have never given before, why not give it a try? If you've given before, we'd love to have you sign up again! Donation takes about an hour...with a potential of your pint saving 3 lives! If you have any questions, contact Mr. Emmelkamp at [bemmelkamp@byroncentercharter.org](mailto:bemmelkamp@byroncentercharter.org). Feel free to sign up at [https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/146679](https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/146679)

HS Service Learning Update: On Tuesday and Wednesday, the high school students spent the days volunteering at Holland and Muskegon State Parks. This was in partnership with the DNR and Michigan Cares For Tourism. Painting, spreading mulch, removal of invasive plants and planting trees were just a few of the things the students did to help get the parks ready for the summer fun. Students were also taught about water safety and different career opportunities within the DNR and tourism industry. They worked very hard, completing every task that was asked of them. The parks look beautiful and are ready for tourists. Thank you, students, for all of your help and hard work.

Mrs. Cravino

MS Cross Country Update by Coach Arringdale: The spring Cross Country season has officially kicked off with 2 meets already completed. The school has a total of 13 runners, many already improving their times for the 2 mile race! Cross country races are every Wednesday, and the runners would love to have classmates come to cheer them on! For information about where the location of the races are, see Mrs. Arringdale. Let's go, Golden Eagles!

## Reminders

### Music and Band Updates:

- K-5 Music and Art Program Reminder Godwin Heights HS Auditorium Thursday, 4/27 at 7:00 pm \*\*Students are to arrive at 6:15 so we can walk through the movements\*\*
  
- HS Band Festivals
  - 4/26 9-12 Symphonic Band Festival ...Orchard View in Muskegon
    - Students need to be here by 7:35 and Leave at 7:45
    - Students Return 12:30
  - 4/28 HS Jazz Band Festival.....Hastings
    - Students leave at 9:00 and Return by the end of the school day

Pop Can Drive: April 20-28 Prom Committee [LINK](#)

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

Our school continues to provide our students with many unique opportunities that support their educational and personal growth and development. Most recently, the HS Service Learning project, orchestrated by Mrs. Cravino, was exclusive to BCCS amongst all Charter Schools authorized by GVSU. Check out the GVSU Communications Team [News Article](#).

Our students and staff received many compliments about their collective willingness, responsiveness, effort and general respectful engagement with those involved in the field experience. I apologize for the inconvenience caused by the issues with transportation, and I truly appreciate the understanding and cooperation of the students and parents. Thank you. We look to continue collaboration with MC4T and the DNR for years to come.

Have a wonderful weekend! MK



