



# BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents of BCCS K-11 Students,

Good afternoon, I hope this update finds you well and I'm looking forward to enjoying the Memorial Day National Holiday weekend with family and friends. This update provides timely information and upcoming events happening in the next week at BCCS.

*\*\*\* please note the introduction does not include parents of 12th grade\*\*\**

## **Congrats to our 2023 Graduates**

Last evening the BCCS held the commencement ceremony for the families of the 2023 graduating class. The ceremony was well attended and, as always, well received as the 'pomp and circumstance' for our graduates is always top notch here at BCCS! Today the graduates were off to Michigan Adventure for their annual trip: part of the series of events and traditions BCCS offers grads and their families. After all, this is the pinnacle grade for the purpose of our organization. Please join us in saluting the BCCS Graduating Class of 2023.

*Mary-Jane Anderson, Michael Anderson, Virginia Bosscher, Sarah Buchanan, Molly DeVries, Abbi Dewit, Paul Hollis, Katelyn Keech, Lelie Miller, Aaron Nichols, Matthew Nixon, Hannah Schneider, Emily Shrontz, Ethan Uminn, Joselyn VanDussen, Gabriella Verburg, Rebekah Verburg. This year's Valedictorian is Sarah Buchanan and Salutatorian is Jocelyn VanDussen.*

## **Summer Program Update**

K-8 Summer Programs: This week individual letters were sent out to students in K-8 who are recommended for summer programming. I apologize about the time constraints, yet we need for parents to respond to the invitations through the registration links provided by Wednesday May 31. There are a variety of programs provided by grade span and each has unique characteristics of programming and services offered.

Finally, all K-8 parents of students who were not recommended, are provided the opportunity to participate in a self-paced program. A document will be sent to all parents explaining GRASP to include a link for optional participation. We encourage all students to participate in some form of academic programming/engagement over the summer, and are providing recommended and optional resources for your consideration.

High School Summer School: The summer programs for High School students are individualized as based upon needed credit recovery. Communications between the counselor, students and their parents are in progress and all correspondence will be handled individually by our school counselor, Mrs. Cravino. Please contact Mrs. Cravino at [hcravino@byroncentercharter.org](mailto:hcravino@byroncentercharter.org) for any inquiries or questions pertaining to High School students.

KDL Information: Next week Wednesday, Mrs. Timmerman organized a visit from Kent District Library representatives to review summer programs offered through the library for elementary students. Information will be coming home, and providing additional opportunities for summer reading enjoyment and practice.

*Through practice comes appreciation!*

## **Climate Surveys**

Parent Surveys: Last Call for Parent Climate Surveys as the link will close Tuesday, May 30. Our goal is to have one survey completed for each BCCS family. Your feedback is important to us, so please complete a survey if you have not already done so.

- [BCCS 2023 Parent Survey Link](#)

*Your cooperation is appreciated.*

## **BCCS Bands**

4th & 5th Grade Instrument Fittings: Next year the 5th grade band will be reinstated. We took a year off for various reasons. Basically, at BCCS all 5th and 6th grade students take band as part of their study in the visual and performing arts. Band requires students' selection of instruments and parents need access to obtaining the instruments needed for band. In support of our students and parents, next week Mrs. Holstege is providing the students and their parents with an optional instrument fitting and general band information sessions after school on Tuesday and Wednesday from 3:15 to 4:15 in the band room. Students and parents are encouraged to participate in one of the sessions. As with prior correspondence, we ask that you send an email to Mrs. Holstege at [cholstege@byroncentercharter.org](mailto:cholstege@byroncentercharter.org) if planning to attend and/or if there are questions pertaining to 5th and 6th grade band.

*BCCS Bands continue to be a Highlight of our school community.*

Mid-High Band at Whitecaps on June 7: The Byron Center Charter School Mid-High Bands will be performing the National Anthem at the Whitecaps game on Wednesday June 7th. All BCCS families are welcome to attend. The more attendees the more the Whitecaps organization donate back to BCCS. Ticket information can be found [HERE](#).

*BCCS supports our community...Go Whitecaps!*

## **BCCS Event and Activity Highlights**

Monday, No School , Observance of Memorial Day

Tuesday and Wednesday: 4th and 5th Grade Instrument Fitting and Band Info sessions 3:15-4:15 in Band room

Tuesday and Thursday: Mid High Tutoring/HS Attendance Make-up

Wednesday: K-5 KDL Summer Reading Program Assembly

Thursday: PTO Meeting 3:30 Science Room

Friday: K-5 Field Day

- Parents please be aware that some of the events include students getting wet (not soaked) . Please have students dress accordingly for the event (ie shorts t-shirt flip flops/sandals etc..)

### **PLEASE NOTE**

#### **All Food Services provided through Byron Center Public School end Friday, June 2.**

For the last week of school the parents of all BCCS Students will need to:

- Provide breakfast in the homes
- Provide sack lunches brought from home on Monday and Tuesday (Wed-Friday are half days of school)
- Those who would like to continue receiving food from Hand2Hand this summer, the information regarding their program is in this link. [Hand2Hand](#)

In Closing...Memorial Day is a Federal holiday of remembrance for all those who lost their lives serving our great country. To the men and women who lost their lives for our freedoms, we are called to dedicate this day and celebrate their service and sacrifice. Memorial Day is also recognized as a time to commemorate friends and family members who have gone before us. I ask that we all take a moment to reflect upon the reason this holiday exists in our country with our families.

Finally, for those traveling this weekend, please be safe and may all members of the BCCS Educational Community enjoy and celebrate this weekend with family and friends. MK