

BCCS Update 8/31/23

Dear Parent/Guardians of BCCS K-12 Students:

Wow, what an exciting opening week! I hope that all families have had a solid start to the 2023-24 school year. Our small, but mighty school is off to a great start. Thank you parents/guardians, teachers, staff and students for helping make a successful kick-off to the school year.

The following provides several timely informational items as well as a few training resources prepared exclusively for BCCS for parents and guardians.

Annual School Required Documents

Digital Document Acknowledgements: Mrs. Boersma has sent digital documents to the primary parent/guardian's email address of each family represented at BCCS. Three of these documents are required to be returned for each family. Below are the links to the documents for your convenience. Please complete and submit as soon as possible.

- **Required of Each Family**
 - Acceptable Use Policy Form [LINK](#)
 - Parent Notification and Consent to Treat and Bill [LINK](#)
 - Concussion Awareness Educational Material Acknowledgement Form [LINK](#)
- **Optional for Each Family**
 - Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act [LINK](#)
Please Note: GVSU also has its own Family Rights and Privacy Act Opt-Out form in the annual folder

6-12 Student Technology Home Use Permission Forms: All 6-12 students must have a *Student Home Use Permission Form* on file in order to have their assigned chromebooks leave the building. These forms were sent home with designated students along with their devices and bags on Tuesday.

- *Who must complete and submit permission forms?*
All 6th grade students and 7th-12th grade students who are *new* to BCCS this year, and/or do not have a form on file.
- *Who does not have to submit permission forms this year?*
BCCS returning students grades 7th-12th who have a permission form on file.

Updated Copies of Shot Records and Birth Certificates: Required documents of ALL students.

Technology Insurance: BCCS offers a technology protection plan for school issued devices to all students in grades 6-12. The information and form can be accessed **at** [Technology Insurance](#).

YOUR HELP, PLEASE

- Each BCCS family is asked to complete the application for school meal benefits each school year. Even though our state has made provisions to provide all students free meals this year, the funding for many state and federal programs is based upon these applications, literally hundreds of thousands of dollars to BCCS. Please take a few minutes and complete the application [LINK](#)

Important School News Updates

Mid-High Cross Country: Coach Arringdale reminds families that our team practices three times a week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) from 3:15-4:30 p.m. The first of 3 league meets is Wednesday **9/6 at Riverside Park**. Specific information will be sent home with team members. *GOOD LUCK GOLDEN EAGLES!*

BCCS HS Jazz Band Information and Planning : High School students interested in the HS Jazz Band are invited to attend an information and planning meeting Tuesday, September 5, from 3:15-4:00 p.m. *Help maintain the BCCS tradition of excellence in music!*

Student Council for Mid/High Students: There will be an informational meeting next week Wednesday, September 6, at lunch in Mr. Emmelkamp's room for those interested in participating in Student Council this year. *Please encourage 6th-12th grade students to become part of a body of students who are elected by their peers to address school issues and organize school events and activities.*

Picture Day: Picture day will be held Friday, September 8. Inter-State Studio provided information and order forms sent home with all students this past week. Additional forms are in the office. Students may send in order forms or orders can be accessed at INTER-STATE.COM/ORDER and use code 81261KB.

Finally, **No Put Down Zone/ Poster Contest:** Our school is declared to be a No Put Down Zone. All members of the BCCS School Community, visitors and guests are expected to refrain from putting someone else down while at the school or any school related activities. This will be the final year for Mr. Kasmer's No Put Down Zone Poster Contest. Students in grades K-5 and 6-12 will have an opportunity to submit one poster to the office by Friday, September 22. The poster board will be available in a designated location at school. Please place the student's **name, grade level and date** on the back of the poster. Winning students will receive a special gift, be recognized at our Eagle Assembly and have their posters displayed in the school for years to come. *GOOD Luck!*

Parent/Guardian Technology Resources

School Provided Tech Training for BCCS Parents/Guardians: BCCS recognized the importance of technology use between stakeholders in the school community.

Parent/Guardian Technology Resources (cont.)

Mr. Machiela, MS History and Tech Teacher, developed a Tech Support Resource Page exclusively for BCCS parent/guardians. The page contains tutorials specific to the applications used in the school with parents (IE Powerschool, Google Classroom SeeSaw).

- Informational Flyers are available in the office (IE [W/ QR Code](#) and [W/O QR Code](#))
- Tech Resource page can be found [HERE](#)

School Protocol Reminders

School Entrance :

- All K-3 Students should enter the building using the North Doors
- All K-5 Students who are dropped-off before 7:45 will gather in the gym
- Students eating breakfast should be dropped-off between 7:35 and 7:45, breakfasts are expected to be consumed prior to the 8:00 start time.
- Parents who park and drop off students are asked to remind their children to use the crosswalk and follow the guidance of the parking lot attendant when crossing.
Reminder...ALL students are to use the crosswalk during DRIVELINE at the end of the day.

Technology Reminders (primarily Mid-High):

- a. School issued technology use is exclusively for school/academic purposes only.
- b. Personal devices (laptops, tablets, I-Pads etc are prohibited at school). Cell phones are discouraged during school and school related events and activities . K-8 Students may not have cell phones on their person from the time they enter to the time they leave to include school day activities and events. HS students may use phones before and after school, during lunch and passing time.
- c. Tech Bags are to be used exclusively for school issue technology, not to transport personal belongings or school related materials.
- d. Mid-High students are not to use BlueTooth earbuds during class. Students may have their own headsets/earbuds for school, and the school approved headset graphic can be found [HERE](#) for your understanding. *Preserving academic learning time.*

School Calendar Highlights: Next week

Friday and Monday: NO School

Tuesday

- School Resumes
- Eagle Assembly
- Cross Country Practice 3:15-4:30 p.m.
- HS Student Jazz Band Informational Meeting 3:15-4:00 p.m.

School Calendar Highlights (cont.)

Wednesday

- Cross Country Meet Richmond Park
- Mid-High Student Council Student Information and Interest Meeting During Lunch

Thursday

- PTO Meeting 3:30 p.m. HS Science Lab

Friday

- Picture Day
- Cross Country Practice 3:15-4:30 p.m.
- BCCS September Newsletter from the Office

In Closing ...

Once again I Thank all members of the BCCS Educational Community for their contributions and help with a successful start of the 2023-24 school year. In recognition of Labor Day, we take a moment to honor the many contributions that workers have made in the development of the United States of America. In particular, we thank the people who work in the field of education and child development... of course that includes parenting. For those traveling this weekend, please be safe, and a special wish for an enjoyable holiday weekend to all members of the BCCS Educational Community. - MK