

**B**YRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians of BCCS K-12 Students,

Below is a brief update of timely informational items for your awareness and understanding. As always, your consideration and responsiveness is appreciated.

### **NWEA MAP Growth Testing Continues**

Next week is the final week for the initial NWEA MAP Growth fall test administration of all K-8 students. Please note: we are seeking a good faith effort by all students to provide the school an accurate account of a student's academic performance levels including individual strengths and weaknesses. The results are in part used to help determine student needs for additional services and provide a benchmark of student growth for the current and prior school years. Parent reports will be distributed at conferences in early October as well as distribution of individual state M-STEP results taken last spring.

### Title IA Supplemental Services Parent Meeting...FYI

Each year designated students K-5 students are identified and provided supplemental support services in Reading and/or Math. This program is commonly known as SWARM in our building. The process for identification is being completed at this time. This informational item is to make our parents aware of a Title IA Supplemental Service Parent Night to be held at the school on Thursday, September 28 at 6pm. Parents of students identified and receiving the additional support will receive a direct invitation to attend the meeting designed to share the details of the program including the intent of the program, identification and services, the roles of school, student and parents, and to answer any questions parents may have about the program. Information will be sent to designated parents through an announcement flier sent home with students and to parents via email. We highly encourage attendance by all parents of participating students.

### **PTO Sub Sale**

Today is the kick-off of the Fall Sub Sale fundraiser orchestrated by the BCCS PTO. Information was sent home with students today. The sale of items runs through October 2nd and the delivery date is expected to be October 20. Funds generated by PTO directly support programs and services for our students and staff. Please help support this effort.

# Fall Carnival

Just a reminder, The BCCS Fall Carnival is this evening from 6-8 pm. What a great night for a carnival so hope to see you out enjoying this event as a member of the BCCS Educational Community. Please be reminded this event is intended for BCCS school family members.

### **Required Documents**

Just a reminder to return all required annual documents by Monday. In particular 5-12 students need to have the 2023-24 AUP (Acceptable Use Policy Form LINK) agreement on file and new students and those returning students without forms on file in grades 6-12 must have their Technology Home Usage Agreement Forms submitted for continued usage of school provided technology. Your attention and response is appreciated.

# The 2023-24 Student Council Members Announced

The Mid-High Student Council is a valued part of our school. By definition *the Student Council refers to a body of students who are elected by their peers to address school issues and organize school activities and events*. To be a member of the student council, a student is expected to maintain good grades and act as a positive role model to peers.

# The 2023-24 elected Student Council Members are:

President: Kinsley Duncan Vice President: Ian Emmelkamp Secretary: Ava Syswerda

Class Reps 11th : Mathew Conover 10th: Gracie Duncan and Bre Uhl 9th: Max Ayon and Ellie VanDussen 8th: Nolan Bolt and Rebekah Rocheleau 7th: Miriam Apotheker and Alice Bylsma 6th: John Ganka and Abigail Rocheleau CONGRATULATIONS, and serve your school and classmates well!

# FYI....BCCS Blood Drive

BCCS has a long history of supporting area blood banks by holding multiple blood drives each year. The first drive is November 1st from 1-5 in the school gym. Sign Up information will be forthcoming, yet, if able, please consider donating and supporting a very valuable need in our community.

*In Closing.....Thank you for your cooperation and support...Have a wonderful weekend folks! MK*