



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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October 2024 Newsletter

Dear parents and guardians of BCCS Students. We are now into the month of October and have lots to celebrate. The year is off to a great start and the usual school happenings are underway. The character traits of October are responsibility and self-discipline.

Responsibility – is a sense of duty or something for which to be accountable. Students have many ways in which they can demonstrate responsibility throughout the school day.

Self-discipline – refers to one's ability to overcome weaknesses or personal feelings to do the right thing. It takes self-discipline to thrive in character and in academics.

We ask for your assistance in emphasizing these traits throughout the month. There are many ways that students can demonstrate responsibility and self-discipline throughout the school day. We also know that these traits can be displayed at home. We appreciate your help in pointing this out to your children throughout the month. The students of the month for September are:

Students of the Month for September – Congratulations!

- K-2 Yaretzy Rivera
- 3-5 Piper Marten
- 6-8 Alice Bylsma
- 9-12 Brianna Hort

Upcoming events

Oct. 7th – 10th Spirit Week

7th Pajama Day

8th Favorite Character Day

9th Duos/Trios Day

10th Jersey Day

Oct. 8th Skating Party at GR Skate 3:15-5:30 p.m.

Oct. 10th Parent teacher conferences and half-day of school - dismissal is at 11:15 am.

Oct. 10th Book Fair - doors open at 12:30

Oct. 11 No school

Oct 24th Band Concert 7:00 pm at Godwin Heights HS Auditorium

Other Notable Events to Keep on the Radar

Blood Drive – The school's first blood drive will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday November 6th. Please save the date to be a hero and help save up to 3 lives. Donations take about an hour. Stay tuned for more information and for appointment information.

2025 Keycards are now available for purchase! This book with hundreds of coupons to local businesses and restaurants is a great way to save money on everyday purchases. They also make great gifts. Proceeds raised go directly to the 10th and 11th grade students going on the Washington D.C. spring break trip in 2026. Purchase from any sophomore or junior or contact Mr. Emmelkamp for more information.

Staff Profile

Mr. Sam Parker. Mr. Parker is the PE and Health teacher at BCCS. Although it is his first year teaching he has hit the ground running and has already established himself as an important part of the BCCS family. For the last 13 years, Mr. Parker owned and operated the gym CrossFit Grand Rapids. Before that he served in the United States Army. He is married to his wife Katie and together they have three boys – Twins who are 14 and the youngest is 11 years old. Mr. Parker loves being active whether that is playing sports, lifting weights, running, swimming, hunting, fishing and now chasing after kindergarten students. His favorite Candy is Sour Patch Kids or Gummy Life Savers. Welcome to the BCCS team Mr. Parker. It's great to have you.

Parking Lot Reminders

In the morning please pull as far up along the curve as possible. If you find yourselves needing more than the usual time, please pull into a parking spot. Our main goal is everyone's safety and we don't want back-ups on 100th street.

For after school pick-up – thanks for complying with keeping the preschool lane open. It's been a great help. Please also be sure to wait until directed by a staff member before proceeding – especially near the crosswalk.