



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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BCCS Update 1/19/24

Dear Parents/Guardians of BCCS K-12 Students,

For those who wanted snow, you got your wish...*and some!* While there have been some challenges, *BCCS is weathering the storm*, per se. Due to the recent school closings, BCCS has adjusted the mid-year schedule. This coming Monday is now a half-day of school, the 3rd day of mid high exam days, and is the end of the second quarter and first semester in the 2023-24 school year. Mid-High students and parents are reminded that all allowable make-up/ late school work must be completed by that time to be included in the semester grading. Tuesday will be the first day of the second semester to include schedule/course changes for some of our HS students. Report cards are scheduled to be sent home with students on Friday.

The midpoint of the school year is also a time for us to monitor our progress with benchmark testing: These tests are metrics used to monitor student progress and as a means to measure school effectiveness. Information regarding individual student performance on the assessments will be shared with parents during the winter conferences in March.

The following is to provide BCCS happenings and informational items for your awareness and understanding.

Schoolwide Mid-Year Testing

- BCCS Mid High Exams
 - Monday: 3rd and 4th hr
 - PLEASE NOTE: BCPS KCTC bus runs normal schedule
- NWEA MAP
 - K-8 students take the NWEA MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) Growth tests in Reading and Math
- F & P
 - All K-3 and designated Title IA (SWARM) 4th & 5th grade students will be administered individualized the F & P (Fountas and Pinnell) Reading Assessment.

Game Night

- BCCS is Hosting a Game Night for K-6 Students next Friday, January 26, from 3:15-4:15. Students are invited to participate and are asked to bring games to play with their peers (please write name on games). A free snack is also provided. Information sheets went home with students today
 - Students must have signed permission forms to attend.
 - Available on reverse side of information sheets, in the office or parents can access and print off forms [HERE](#)
 - Forms are due by Thursday 1/25

Blood Drive

- Our second blood drive of the school year is coming up quickly! It will be held on Wednesday, Jan 31 from 1-5 in the school gym. We need your help! If you've given in the past and are eligible, please consider. If you haven't given before, now is your chance!
 - Schedule your donation [HERE](#)

Questions? Feel free to reach out to Mr. Emmelkamp bemmelkamp@byroncentercharter.org.

Revised School Calendar Update

Monday, Jan 22: End of 2nd quarter /Semester 1

- Half day of school
 - Dismissal 11:15-20
- Mid High Exams hrs 3 and 4
- Grab and Go Lunches for those who order
- Teacher Records Day PM

Tuesday, Jan 23 KDL Guest Speaker 1st Grade

Tuesday- Thursday, Jan 23 & 25th

- Mid_High Extended Day Tutoring
- Jazz Band

Friday, Jan 26

- Report Cards Home
- 5th Grade FT GR Ford Museum
- K-6 Game Night
 - No after School Mid-High Sports

Welcome Ms. Spearow

- Please join in welcoming Mrs. Marcy Spearow as the *new* BCCS Secondary Science teacher. Beginning Monday, Ms. Spearow will be replacing Mrs. Bell who is continuing her Secondary Science Teaching profession at Caledonia HS. Ms. Spearow brings a variety of professional and educational experiences including multiple degrees Associates Degree /GRCC and BS in Building Construction Management from MSU, a BS Secondary Science (Major Biology, Minor Chemistry) from GVSU, and is expected to receive a Masters Degree in Education (Secondary Integrated Science) from Aquinas this May. *Welcome to our small but mighty school!*

In Closing.... I want to share my appreciation to our teachers & staff, parents and students for working through the recent weather related closings and changes this past couple weeks. I am grateful for your understanding and continued support. I hope that all families take advantage of winter in Michigan this weekend. Enjoy! MK