



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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March 8, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians of Byron Center Charter School K -12 Students,
Greetings from BCCS. Our Small but mighty school has a lot going on in the next week...something for everyone. As always, we ask that parents be aware of the schedule of events, sign-up and attend Parent/Teacher Conferences, and encourage your children to participate as productive members of the BCCS Educational Community.
Your support and guidance is appreciated.

Below are a few reminders and highlights of upcoming school events and activities.

Important Information Regarding BCCS 2024-25 Student Re-Enrollment

Paperwork for re-enrollment for the 2024-25 school year will be shared with families during P/T conferences. For those unable to attend, re-enrollment paperwork will be sent home with students the following Monday.

To secure your spot for the 24-25 school year, the re-enrollment paperwork **must be submitted by April 15** to secure your spot.

Additionally, our school provides its membership a unique opportunity to receive a financial gift for bringing new members into our educational community.

Links for enrollment information and the administrative guidelines are below.

- [2024-25 Open Enrollment Announcement](#)
- [Enrollment Initiative Program](#)
- [Enrollment Administrative Guidelines](#)

Parent /Teacher Conferences

In person conferences are to be held Thursday, March 14th from 12:30-8:00. All parents/guardians are asked to participate.

Google P/T Conference Registration Link w/ directions [LINK](#)

**** step by step directions for registrations and cancellations are located at the end of the document ****

- Registration is open to all parents/guardians from Friday, March 8 through Tuesday, March 12.
- All conferences are to be scheduled prior to 7:30 am on Wednesday, March 13.

PTO Book Fair Reminder

As customary, the PTO is sponsoring a Spring Book Fair during conferences. The fair will be held in the gym from 11:30-7:30, Thursday, March 14th. Students will preview books prior to the event.

BCCS Annual Festival of the Arts

Below you will find information about the annual BCCS Festival of the Arts that showcases the Visual and Performing Art talents of the BCCS students and staff.

Students can perform live or submit pieces of artwork for display. No entry fees or judging for Elementary students

Mid-High entry fee is \$2 per person/entry, is judged and placement awards are presented to the students funding used to offset costs of student awards.

Details and FAQs can be found in the application forms below.

Applications are due ASAP, yet no later than Friday, March 22 .

PDF [Poster to advertise](#) includes the QR code for students to sign up digitally

Direct Link to digital sign-up form [LINK](#)

*** Digital sign-up is *required* for all mid-high students and preferred for Elementary students***

Elementary Applications Only: paper copies for Elementary student are acceptable

[Paper Application for Visual Arts](#)

[Paper Application for Performance](#)

Schoolwide Yearbook Cover/Title Page ART Contest

The yearbook class is holding an art contest for the title/cover page and MS and HS grade-span title pages. There will be one student selection of artwork per section. Entries are due by **March 22**.

Student selections will be announced at the Festival of the Arts on March 28.

- K-5 for the front title page [Yearbook Cover Page K-5 Contest](#)
- 6-8 for the Middle School title page [MS 6-8 Cover Page Contest](#)
- 9-12 for the High School title page [HS 9-12 Cover Page Contest](#)

Questions: Contact Mrs. Humes mhumes@byroncentercharter.org

MS Spring Cross Country Information

BCCS welcomes all returning and interested 6th-8th boys and girls to join the BCCS MS Spring Cross Country Team! To register, please fill out the permission slip on or before **March 18th** (a week before our first practice).

- [MS 6-8 CC Info and Reg Form](#)

Questions please contact Coach Arringdale at sarringdale@bryoncentercharter.org

Reading Month Activities

March is National Reading Month and a time for all to celebrate reading. Wild About Reading features competitions, events and activities to promote and celebrate reading. Next week events include:

- Monday: Bring in reading Minutes; Selection and gifts for Readers of the Week
- Tuesday: Guest readers from Amway in grades K-5
 - Wear the colors of your favorite wild animal
- Wednesday: KDL Guest presentation 1st grade
 - Get comfy and read in sweats...wear your favorite sweatshirt
- Thursday: Wear Stripes Day and Read

Other School Event Reminders and Schedules

- Tuesday, March 12
 - After School Jazz Band
 - Mid-High Extended Day Tutoring
- Wednesday, March 13
 - 12th Grade Personal Finance Class Field Trip J.A. Finance Park 9:00-2:00
- Thursday, March 14
 - Half-day of School: Exit 11:15-20
 - Grab and go lunches for those who order
 - P/T Conferences 12:30-8:00pm
 - PTO sponsored Book Fair 11:30-7:30pm
 - BCCS Jazz Band attends Jazz Band Festival Caledonia HS
 - Load at 8:00/Leave at 8:10
 - Return at 11:30
 - No After School Student Events
- Friday, March 15
 - No School Students and Staff

Student Recognitions and Awards

A BIG SHOUT OUT!!! Congratulations Mrs. Holstege and the MS and HS Bands for the accomplishments at the recent Band Festivals held at Union HS this past week.

Both Bands received SUPERIOR 1 Overall Ratings...BRAVOOOO!!!

Each band played three pieces of choice and one sight-read piece. *Thanks for maintaining the tradition of excellence in the BCCS performing arts.*

In Closing.... As one can see there are plenty of opportunities for parent/guardian, student, staff and BCCS family engagement. This school continues to offer our membership a multitude of events and activities that directly support student growth and development...How cool is that! I highly encourage everyone to participate in one or more of these educational experiences. MK