



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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BCCS Update 5/24/24

Dear Parents and Guardians of BCCS K-12 Students,

As with last week, another outstanding week at our small but mighty school. The best of the week ...the BCCS Graduating Class of 2024. A small, but mighty group of 4 students moved their tassels last night as they were officially recognized as graduates of Byron Center Charter School. The commencement ceremony was exceptional, highlighted by the traditional teacher speeches for each graduate. Mrs. Holstege and our award winning, *Superior Rated*, HS Band performed exceptionally well to help provide the pomp and circumstance fitting for the most important event in K-12 schools. Special thanks to Mrs. Humes who oversees all the traditional BCCS graduation activities, the teacher recognition speeches (Mrs. Arringdale, Mr. Emmelkamp, Mrs. Humes and Mrs. Walenta), Mr. and Mrs. Boersma for their preparation and set-up, participating faculty and staff members, and family members and friends who joined in the ceremony last night.

Congratulation to the BCCS Graduating Class of 2024

Xavier Josiah Coffey

Kinsley Payge Duncan

Emma Louisa Orban

Benjamin Allen VanDussen

Like no other school, graduation at BCCS is a series of events and traditions. Today the graduates were off to MI Adventure for their school -sponsored graduation trip.

Good Job, well Done!

As noted in prior communications, the end of the school year is a busy time for everyone, and the importance of *awareness and active participation* by all stakeholders, though can be a little daunting, is essential.

Let's all do our part to stay attune with school's activities & events, and particularly understand the unique roles we play with the end-of-year activities. Our ability to effectively communicate and execute are key to a successful end to the 2024-25 school year.

Your consideration and support is needed and appreciated.

The following present some timely reminders and informational items for your awareness and understanding.

Information from the Office

K-8 Summer School Update

- *Time sensitive information to the parents of all K-8 students*

Parents of all students **recommended** for BCCS Summer Programming have or will receive a second request to complete the participation form by today, Friday, May 24. Please note: response forms are expected from the parents of all students who were recommended, as there is a section to opt out/decline the services. These forms must be turned in no later than Wednesday May 29th in order for us to properly prepare for the delivery of the programs. If we have not received a response by that time, the student will be considered to have declined the service.

The parents of all **non-recommended** students have received the information and a form to request GRASP booklets. We need to have these forms turned in by May 29 in order for us to secure the orders.

Please respect the timelines.

***Direct any questions to the school office or Mrs. Berner (jberner@byroncentercharter.com)

End of Year Medications Update from Mrs Houda

The end of the school year is fast approaching and many of our students have medication here at the school. We need a parent or guardian to come in and pick up the medication **by 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 7, which is our last day of school.**

Any prescription and/or over-the-counter medication not picked up by this time will be disposed of safely and properly at a medication disposal site as we are legally not allowed to keep medication in the building over the summer. **We are not** allowed to send any medication home with students, only designated adults.

If your child will require medication for next year, we will be sending out links to our 2024-25 Medical Consents as we get closer to August. Thank you kindly for your cooperation. Have a wonderful holiday weekend!"

2024-25 Yearbook Orders

The cost is \$25 for a hardcover, full color yearbook.

Order forms were sent home with all students this past week.

Orders are due Thursday, June 6.

To Order

Online:visit: inter-state.com/order and enter this code: 83145T

Or

Order Form: Return the form with cash or check payable to: Byron Center Charter School

Don't miss out! This is your one chance to purchase a 2023-2024 yearbook! Yearbooks will be delivered to students in the fall, or you can pick it up in the office in the fall if your student is no longer enrolled at BCCS.

***Popcorn sales account for an \$8 reduction in yearbook costs this year....way to go!

BCCS Band to Play National Anthem at Whitecaps

- Date: May 31
- Time: 6:30 (Start time)

Use the Whitecaps ticket link to give a credit back to our school for every ticket sold

<https://fevo.me/byronnationalanthem>

****Please share this link with family and friends who may want to attend the game*

School Recognition and Acknowledgements

Walk-A-Thon Update

The \$11,531.60 raised is the highest amount of funds raised on record in the history of BCCS.

****Awesome...Thank you for your support BCCS students and families!!!*

Walk-A-Thon Awards

Pancake Breakfast

- 2nd Grade
 - 4th Grade
 - 8th Grade
 - 9th Grade
- *** Bon Appetit!*

Random Drawings

- Jaylynn Steiner 9th
- Russell Lubbers 4th
- Henry Wiencek 2nd
- Ava Syswerda 10th
- Piper Martin 2nd
- Rys Houda 10th
- Ian Emmelkamp 11th

Top Fundraiser Awards

- First Place: Lily Bauer 9th
 - Second Place: Josephine Kroll, 4th
 - Third Place: Lillian Lubbers 2nd
- *** Enjoy the Gifts!*

BCCS 2023-24 Band Awards

HS Symphonic Band

- Outstanding Achievement Award - Amelia Schmidt
- Director's Award - Kinsley Duncan
- MSBOA Scholar Instrumentalist - Ian Emmelkamp
- John Philip Sousa Award - Xavier Coffey

7th and 8th Grade Band

- Award of Excellence - Emma Marais
- Outstanding Achievement Award - Lilly Bauer
- MSBOA Scholar Instrumentalist - Nolan Bolt

*** Congratulations to our young musicians!

BCCS Events and Activities Highlights

Monday

- No school in honor of Memorial day

Tuesday:

- Jazz Band Practice
- Mid-High After-School Tutoring

Wednesday:

- K-5 Summer Program Forms Due
- Kindergarten FT to Critter Barn
- Walk-A-Thon Pancake Breakfast

Thursday

- 3rd Grade FT GR Public Museum
- Jazz Band Practice
- After School Tutoring

Friday

- Mid-High After School Sports
- BCCS Band to Play National Anthem at the Whitecaps

In closing.... The culmination of this week was the K-5 Field day. Mrs. Arringdale, our resident rapper...“ you had to be at the graduation ceremony”), did an outstanding job organizing a well-orchestrated series of six stations /activities around a pirate’s theme. The stations, located at various locations in and around the building, included water and carnival games, a craft and photo booth, a decoding game, a scavenger hunt and the students ended the day with a refreshing popsicle. Needless to say, a good time was had by all. A note of appreciation to all the parents, former students, faculty and staff members who help serve as our station leaders. You could not ask for a better day and a more well-received event for the BCCS school community. Thank you Mrs. Arrindale and crew!!! Finally, in observance of Memorial Day, I share a collective note of appreciation and honor to those who have lost their lives serving our country. For those traveling this weekend, please be safe, and a special wish for a most enjoyable holiday weekend to all members of the BCCS Educational Community. MK

