



# BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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BCCS Newsletter 1/10/25

Dear Parents/Guardians of BCCS K-12 Students,

Thank you all for the warm welcome as I join the Byron Center Charter School community! It has been a wonderful first week, and I am already inspired by the enthusiasm, dedication, and kindness I have seen from our students, staff, and families. Over the coming weeks, I look forward to getting to know more of you and continuing the tradition of excellence that makes BCCS a "small but mighty school."

Together, I am confident that we will achieve great things for our school and community. Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions, concerns, or simply to introduce yourselves—I value open communication and look forward to getting to know all of you.

Thank you for entrusting me with this opportunity to lead and grow alongside you all.

Warm regards,

John Krajewski  
Chief Administration Officer/Principal  
Byron Center Charter School

**Reminder: Half Days next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for all students K-12. Dismissal is at 11:15am on January 15, 16, and 17.**

## Schoolwide Mid-Year Testing

- BCCS Mid High Exams -
  - January 15th Hour 1st and 6th
  - January 16th Hours 2nd and 5th
  - January 17th Hours 3rd and 4th
- PLEASE NOTE: KCTC students need to stay at school until their normal release time.
- 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 F & P (Fountas and Pinnell) Reading Assessments.

## Game Night

- BCCS is Hosting a Game Night for K-5 Students Wednesday, January 29, 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.
- Forms are available on reverse side of information sheets, in the office or parents can access and print off forms [HERE](#)
- Forms are due by Tuesday 1/28

## Blood Drive

- Our second blood drive of the school year is coming up quickly! It will be held on Wednesday, February 5 from 1 until 5 p.m. in the 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](mailto:bemmelkamp@byroncentercharter.org).*

## Student Awards and Recognitions: December - Joyfulness

### Elementary

Asher Iganze, Rosalina Vasquez, Abbey Buck, Naviah Short, Viviana La Fata, Ubaldo Castillo, Natasha Olson, Kent Smith, Henry Weincek, Hazel Covert, Torrance Heintz, Grant Smith, Simon Apotheker, Kate Gallup, Mason Guzman, Cecilia Rios, Jayden Leon, Nora Gillissen, McKenzie Minnie, Gia Hockenberry

### Middle School

Alice Bylsma, Aidan Heintz, John Duncan, John Ganka, Adam Palasek, Allyson Houghmaster, Leila Hubbel, Iva Covert, Miriam Apotheker, Addyson Coffey, Hannah Bunnell

### High School

Tate Anderson, Lia Franson, Cooper Kruger, Grace Duncan, Lazaro Maldonado, Max Ayon, Dominic Stratton, Nick Dies, Cooper Kruger, Ella Franson, Hanna Peterson, Ellie VanDussen, Annika Emmelkamp, Torstin Edwards, Gloria Gomez-Velasquez, Tori DeVries, Elina Wiersma, Liam Borsk,

### Student of the Month

K-2 - Emily Higley  
3-5 - Oliver Hill  
6-8 - Aidan Heintz  
9-12 - Braedon Duncan

