



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Parent/Teacher Conferences: In person conferences are to be held Thursday, March 13th from 12:30 pm-8:00 pm, all students dismissed at 11:10am that day. Registration for next year will be handed out at conferences.. All parents/guardians are asked to attend. Conference sign up links coming next week!




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

March is Reading Month – Read Around the World!

Get ready for an exciting adventure as we celebrate **March is Reading Month** at BCCS! Our school-wide goal is to read a **whopping 40,000 minutes** by the end of the month. If we reach our goal, the entire K-12 student body will enjoy a **delicious ice cream party** on **March 31st!**

 **Reader of the Week:** Turn in your reading minutes every **Monday** for a chance to be chosen as your classroom's **Reader of the Week** and be entered into a special drawing!

 **Join the Fun!** Don't miss out on our [Reading Month Calendar](#) filled with **exciting activities** to keep the adventure going all month long!

Let's turn the pages and travel the world—**one book at a time!**  

Calendar Highlights

- March Ongoing Activities
- Reading Month - Coordinator Mrs. Berner
- Thursday March 13, Parent Teacher Conferences
 - **½ Day of School 11:15-20 am Student Release**
 - Grab-n-Go Lunches by Order
 - No After School Activities
 - PTO Book Fair 11:30 am -7:30 pm
 - Re-enrollment forms handed out for next year
- **Friday, March 14: No School**
- **Spirit Week** by Student Council Week of March 24 - Stay Tuned

Yearbook Art Contest

The yearbook class has started an art contest for the title pages for each section in the yearbook. There will be one winner per section:

- K-5 for the front title page
- 6-8 for the Middle School title page
- 9-12 for the High School title page

Entries are due by March 28. We are planning to announce winners at the Festival of the Arts on April 3rd.

Questions: Contact Mrs. Humes khumes@byroncentercharter.org



MS Spring Cross Country

We are just a few short weeks from kicking-off our Spring Cross Country season! Spring is a Middle School only season, so we welcome all returning and interested 6th-8th boys and girls to join us this Spring! Please fill out the permission slip to sign your child up, or shoot an email to jshanklin@byroncentercharter.org answering the questions on the form.

Please do so before March 17th (a week before our first practice).

-  **Spring 25 Cross Country Parent Letter**



Blood Drive

Thanks so much to everyone who participated in the blood drive the first week of February. Our goal was 14 pints and we were able to collect 15! We appreciate your support in helping our community save lives! Save the date: Our next blood drive is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16th from 1-5 p.m. We'd love to have more parents and family members sign up!

Nurse's Corner

Happy Friday BCCS! I've had a few of you ask questions about measles as we are seeing it more on TV and media. Please know that there have been *no confirmed cases in Michigan* at this time. However, many people are traveling for spring break over the next 4-6 weeks, so I wanted to at least provide you all with a fact sheet from Kent County Health Department that may answer most of the questions you may have at this time. [KCHD measles](#)

Additionally, influenza (and many other viruses) is still very much active in our schools and communities as it is every year at this peak time. We have had several cases over the last several weeks in our own school. [KCHD Influenza Fact Sheet](#)

Vaccination is a personal choice, but also one of the most effective preventative measures for preventing or minimizing the severity of both influenza and measles and many other illnesses as well as proper handwashing. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please always feel free to contact me via phone or email.

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Annual Education Report (AER) - We are pleased to present you with the AER, which provides key information on the 2023-24 educational progress for [Byron Center Charter School](#) (BCCS). The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, accountability, and teacher quality. You can find a copy on our website or stop by the main office for a copy if you are interested. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact John Krajewski, BCCS Chief Administrative Officer for assistance.

GVSU - Congratulations! We are pleased to share that the Charter Schools Office (CSO) has recommended Byron Center Charter School for a 5-year renewal of its charter contract! This became official at the February 21, 2025, meeting of the Grand Valley State University (GVSU) Board of Trustees. This is very positive for our school as this process has validated the great learning being accomplished by our students and the hard work and efforts of our staff!