



# BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Greetings Parents/Guardians!

Congratulations to the students who were nominated for the March's character traits

## **Courtesy and Respect Elementary**

Nora Gillisen, Andrea DeRidder, Harper Veldheer, Genesis Stowers, Iliana Domingo-Velasquez, Nehemiah Torres, Orion Warner, Asher Beute, Liam Stratton, Angela Palasek, Melanie Donegan, Josiah Miller, Lillian Lubbers, Brian Vandusen, Colton Cutler, Gideon Torres, Aubrey Fisch, Zach Miller

## **Grades 6-8th**

Aidan Heintz, Iva Covert, Gracie Pike, Leila Hubbell, Gracie Pike, Laura Shrontz, Hannah Bunnell, Symone Brown, Leah Barker, Mayson Meyers, Torstin Edwards, Jedaiah Armour, Grace Duncan, Nolan Bolt, Lia Franson, Jayden Johnson, Amelia Schmidt, Evie Timmer

## **Grades 9-12th**

Sophia Hockenberry, Elina Wiersma, Torstin Edwards, Christa Frank, Ian Emmelkamp, Amelia Pike, Tyler Ganka, Westley Kruger

## **Student of the Month**

K-2 - Asher Beute  
3-5 - Seraphine Malecki  
6-8 - Addelyn Hubbel  
9-12 - Annika Emmelkamp

## **Calendar Reminders**

- **No School Friday: 4/4**
- **Spring Break: 4/4 - 11**
- School Resumes 4/14
- Enrollment Forms Due 4/15
- PSAT and SAT 8-11 grade 4/16 & 4/17
- 2025-26 Kindergarten Roundup/ Open House 4/17
- April 18th, Friday - K-5 Grandfriends Day
- April 24th GSRP Open House 4:15-5:45 pm
- April 25th GSRP Open House 9:00-11:00 am

## **State Standardized Testing Grades 3-12**

Important Notes: Testing begins at 8:00 AM, so please have students at school by 7:45 AM. Each student needs to bring a fully charged Chromebook, chromebook charger, chromebook case and an approved calculator for this test.

### April 16th

- 8th Grade - PSAT

### April 17th

- 9th Grade - PSAT
- 10th Grade - PSAT
- 11th Grade - SAT
- **12th grade students do not have school at BCCS on April 17th, but are expected to attend KCTC**
- **11th grade students** will be dismissed from school late morning (around 11:30 AM) for the remainder of the day after the test is completed

### April 22nd

- 3rd-7th ELA M-Step
- 8th & 11th Science M-Step

### April 23rd


- 3rd-7th Math M-Step
- 8th & 11th Social Studies M-Step

### April 24th

- 5th Grade Science M-Step

### April 29th

- 5th Grade Social Studies

**2025-26 School Year Calendar** The BCCS BOE approved the 2025-26 School Calendar...it's official...  2025-2026 Calendar - Board Approved.pdf

### K-5 Grand Friends/Special Guest Day.

Information was sent home with K-5 students today and can also be found at this [link](#)  
Please have information turned in by the deadline of April 14, and please be respectful of the number of participants (**no more than two per family**) because of our parking restrictions.... sorry.

Date: Friday, April 18th

Times:

- K-2 9:00-10:15
- 3-5 12:30-2:00



### Counselors Corner - Drivers Needed!

The high school students will be spending a couple days in May volunteering at our local state parks. We are in need of parent drivers to help transport students and chaperones while we are at the parks. We will be doing light maintenance work. On both days we will leave school at 8:15 and be back by 2:45pm.



- May 7 - 10th and 11th Grade - Saugatuck State Park
- May 8 - 9th and 12th Grade - Holland State Park

If you are interested in helping out, please let me know [hcraivino@byroncentercharter.org](mailto:hcraivino@byroncentercharter.org)

## 2025-26 GSRP PreSchool Open House

BCCS parents and guardians are encouraged to consider the GSRP Preschool program for 4 year olds, and are asked to share the open house information with prospective families. GSRP has been a welcome and wonderful addition to BCCS. The open house will be held on the BCCS campus. Please share this flyer with your friends and family [GRSP Open House](#)

### Dates

- Thursday April 24 from 4:15-5:45 pm
- Friday, April 25 from 9-11:00 am

### Blood Drive

Our last blood drive of the school year is coming up in mid-April (Wednesday, April 16 from 1-5 p.m. in the gym). If you're interested in donating, please sign up using [this link](#) or, you can email Mr. Emmelkamp your preferred time. If you have any questions or are interested in donating but unsure, feel free to check out [this video](#) or contact Mr. Emmelkamp @ [bemmelkamp@byroncentercharter.org](mailto:bemmelkamp@byroncentercharter.org) **We'd love to get to at least 20 pints and we need your help!!! Feel free to share with family and friends.**

As always, thanks for your support!



## BYRON CENTER Chamber of Commerce

Once again, the Byron Center Chamber of Commerce is asking for your help in selecting nominees for Educator of the Year. We have changed as we realize that it takes so many people to educate our children, and to prepare them for the future.

Please consider nominating an educator from our school by filling out the google form in the link below!. Winners of the award will be honored at a luncheon on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSev0f4J7K7FzRQLEW\\_4fr37LTvv5\\_bsBFTYoV6fMcg9W1mKmw/viewform?usp=header](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSev0f4J7K7FzRQLEW_4fr37LTvv5_bsBFTYoV6fMcg9W1mKmw/viewform?usp=header)

**Our lost and found is growing, please make sure to stop by and see if there is anything that belongs to your family. We will be donating it at the end of April.**

**Have a great Spring Break! We look forward to seeing everyone on April 14th!!**