



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Hello BCCS Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2024-25 school year. We are very excited to welcome each and every one of you back into the building on the 26th. We want to thank you in advance for your involvement in BCCS. Research is clear that students do significantly better when parents/guardians are actively involved in the lives of their students. We believe in our mission which is to empower students to reach their greatest potential by emphasizing personal connections, academic excellence, and positive character values. The educational landscape has been challenging these last few years but hope still exists. It is our honor to partner with all of you to have a successful 2024-25 school year.

Our modes of school-wide communication are via email, website and text messages. The following information is intended to provide you with valuable information for the 2024-2025 school year.

Opening of School Events

Family Orientation/Open House - Thursday, August 22

- 6:00-7:30: All School Open House
 - Meet and Greet Teachers and Staff
 - Obtain Opening of School Family Packets (one per family)
 - Provide 2024-25 BCC School Related Programs/ Services and General Information to Students and Families
 - New students please provide the office shot records and birth certificates for copy

First Week of School

- Monday 26th, ½ day – 8:00-11:15
- Tuesday through Thursday 27th – 29th, Full Days 8:00-3:00
- Friday 30th- Monday 2nd, No School – Labor Day Break

General Daily Schedule

- 7:35-7:55 Student Drop-Off – breakfast from 7:35-7:45
- 8:00 Classes Begin
- 11:15-11:45 Student Lunch Period
- 3:00 Dismissal

Class Lists – All grade level supply and course lists are located on the school website.

Parents/Guardians of any student needing assistance with purchasing any supplies may contact the school office.

Great Start Readiness Program – We are happy to continue our relationship with Kent Intermediate School District to house a 4 year old preschool program on our school’s campus. We encourage you to consider this program for your children and share this opportunity with friends and family. The services are free to eligible families and have a sliding scale for other participants. For more information contact GSRP at 616-447-2407

Important Forms

Several forms require annual parental signatures/acknowledgements. These forms will all be sent digitally via email by the school office (Mrs. Boersma). Parents/guardians are required to complete the acknowledgements, consents and related information digitally and submit. Please complete forms for all children in each grade level. These digital forms are as follows.

2024-25 Handbook Acknowledgement Handbook is available after board approval on the 20th via BCCS website under the parents and Students tab. Printed copies are available in the office as needed.

Acceptable Use Policy Signature Page: This is required for all students in grades 5th-12th. This does not pertain to K-4 students.

Concussion Awareness Acknowledgement

Medicaid Release to Bill Form - Allows schools to bill Medicaid for specific school related services. No impact of Medicaid recipients.

FERPA Requests to Withhold Directory Information: There are two request forms associated with this: one for BCCS (digital) and the other specific to GVSU (paper), our school’s chartering agency. The GVSU’s request to withhold Directory Information is a separate paper document located in the annual folder.

In closing,

We are excited about this upcoming school year! We still have limited openings in several grades and ask that parents/guardians encourage area friends and family members to consider our school as a viable option for their children. As Benjamin Franklin says “an investment in knowledge pays the best interest.” Thank you for being part of this investment!

David King

BCCS Chief Administrative Officer