Byron Center Charter School

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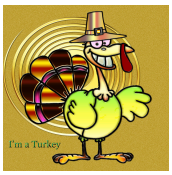
Good afternoon BCCS Community!

Blood Drive

We have another opportunity to make a difference **and earn another $500 scholarship** during our upcoming **Thanksgiving Week Blood Drive** on **Tuesday, November 24th**, from 1–5 p.m. We need at least 20 people to donate successfully. Please consider donating again or signing up for the first time. If you're willing, please use this link. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Mr. Emmelkamp at bemmelkamp@byroncentercharter.org Together, we can save lives!

KeyCard Sales

Help support 10/11th graders going to Washington D.C. during spring break, 2028! KeyCards are available for purchase for $30, providing discounts to hundreds of businesses like Red Robin, On the Border, Cold Stone, McDonalds, and Culver's. These books pay for themselves quickly. Contact a 10th/11th grader or Mr. Emmelkamp for more information.



Calendar Reminder:

November

- 24th - Blood Drive
- Culver's Night - Band Fundraiser
- 25 - 27: NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break

December

- 1st - Elementary Winter Music Program (Grades K-4th) at Godwin Heights
- 7th-15th - Candy Cane/Hot Cocoa Sale (Delivery 12/18) Buy a candy cane and/or a hot chocolate mix for $1 each! Orders will be distributed Friday, Dec. 18th.
- 10th - Winter Band Concert (Grades 5-12) at Godwin Heights
- 14th-18th - Spirit Week
- 16th - K-5 Holiday Shop

Culver's Band Fundraiser:

November 24th Support the Byron Center Charter School Band Department by dining at Culver's on November 24th from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at 500 - 84th Street SW! Enjoy delicious food while helping our talented band students raise funds for instruments and future performances. A portion of the evening's sales will go directly to our band program. Bring your family, friends, and appetite. We'd love to see you there!

First Quarter 6-8th Grade Honor Roll



All A - Fiona Bolt, Melanie Donegan, Leila Hubbel, Russell Lubbers, McKenzie Minnie, Natalia Rinvelt, Gideon Torres

A/B - Simon Apotheker, Theo Barker, Judah Beute, Aaron Commans, Godiva Covert, Colton Cutler, Amelia Dennis, Luna Gillikin, Raelynn Johnson, Jayden Leon, Lilly Miller, Zach Miller, Noah Nolander, Lydia Olson, Sanora Otis, Noah Sidlosky, Chase Smith,
Grant Smith, Liam Stratton, Jael Torres

First Quarter 9-12th Grade Honor Roll

All A - Miriam Apotheker, Micah Barker, Lilly Bauer, Nolan Bolt, Camden Cashman, Addyson Coffey, Annika Emmelkamp, Noah Fisch, Tyler Ganka, Sorren Gilliken, Addelyn Hubbel, Emma Marais, Grace Pike, Cody VanDussen, Ellie VanDussen, Zavian VanNoy

A/B - Max Ayon, Leiah Barker, Lexi Beverwyk, Jocelyne Brown, Lia Franson, Bryson Geers, Vanessa Huxford, Parker Johnson, Sophie Kremer, Amelia Pike



Menu Update:

Due to significant freight and driver shortages, rising fuel costs, manufacturing constraints affecting our food vendors, some menu items may occasionally need to be substituted. When changes are necessary, we strive to provide similar replacement items to keep meals as consistent as possible for students.

We will update our Nutrislice menu as changes occur and make every effort to provide accurate, up-to-date nutritional information, including carbohydrate counts. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility.

Remind Text Messaging



Snow is coming! BCCS notifies families of school closures and delays on Wood TV8, WZZM, and through our Remind App. All families are strongly encouraged to sign up for the REMIND text messaging system. BCCS uses REMIND for a variety of important communications throughout the school year. Instructions for registration were included in the annual information packet. If you need assistance, please email Mrs. Boersma at kboersma@byroncentercharter.org and request to have the application set up for you. Be sure to include the phone number where you'd like to receive messages. Stay connected — sign up today!

Looking Ahead:

December's character trait is Joyfulness



Joyfulness is not just feeling happy, but choosing to spread positivity in the way we live each day. Joyfulness can be practiced through small, intentional actions: greeting others with a smile, offering words of encouragement, or finding gratitude in simple moments. It means looking for opportunities to lift someone's spirits, whether by helping a classmate, sharing laughter, or showing patience when things don't go as planned. Joyfulness also grows when we celebrate achievements, big or small, and when we focus on what we *can* do instead of what we cannot. This month, let's challenge ourselves to bring joy into our routines: write a kind note, share a compliment, or take time to appreciate the beauty around us. By practicing joyfulness, we create a ripple effect, one joyful act inspires another, and together we build a community where positivity and kindness shine.

Spirit Week December 14-18th

Monday - Ski Lodge Day
Tuesday - Red and Green Day
Wednesday - Pajama Pants Day
(K-3 may wear full pajamas, grades 4-12 may wear pajama pants with a school appropriate top. For safety reasons slippers are not permitted.
Thursday - Sparkle/Bedazzle Day
Friday - Ugly/Festive Sweat Day
We love seeing our students participate in Spirit Days! Parents, thank you for helping your child join in the fun while following the appropriate dress guidelines for their grade level. 😊

Michigan's Secure Storage Law

Michigan's secure storage law went into effect Feb. 13, 2024 to help protect Michigan's youth and reduce firearm injuries. The law requires firearm owners to securely store firearms whenever minors are present or likely to be present. It also requires schools to share this information with all parents and guardians to support youth safety, injury prevention, and help parents, guardians and firearm owners understand and comply with the secure storage law.

Families, please use this link MDE Safe Firearm Storage Law Website to learn more about Safe Firearm Storage.