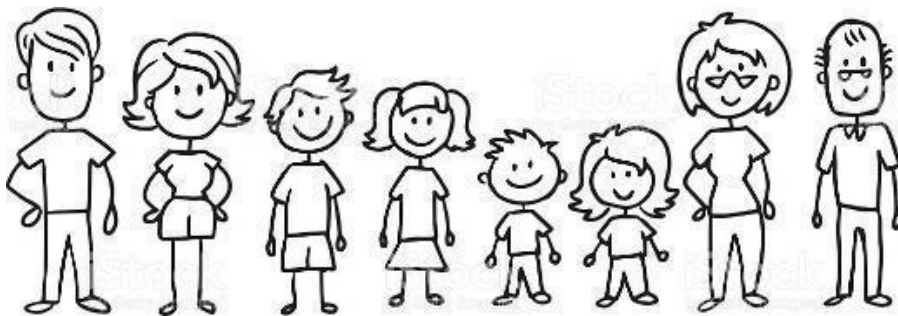




Parents' Club

2023-2024



The purpose of the BCCS Parents' Club is to organize, staff, and support the committees of the school which promote fellowship, provide encouragement, and perform services. We also raise and distribute funds that provide special class programs, materials, and educational items to BCCS that are above and beyond the cost of tuition.

What is Parents' Club?

Parents' Club organizes and supports the committees which promote fellowship, provide encouragement, and perform services for our school. In addition, we oversee the distribution of raised funds to provide special classroom programs, materials, and educational items that tuition is not able to cover. **Giving to support these efforts is completely optional.**

Who makes up Parents' Club?

Each of you, having a child enrolled at BCCS, is automatically a member of our Parents' Club. A board of nine volunteers lead the Club. To communicate with the members of Parents' Club, the board will include information in the weekly family newsletter; everyone is invited to attend the Parent's Club meetings, and, additionally, you are always welcome to contact any of us at any time.

How can I become involved with school through Parents' Club?

You may be asked from various Parent's Club committees to help with an activity at school. In addition, throughout the year, we are pleased to provide several opportunities for you to share your talents and abilities, be it raising funds, providing services, promoting fellowship, or offering encouragement, all for the betterment of our school.

Attached is a list of the current Parents' Club committees and descriptions. In the Spring, please prayerfully consider each of these committees and indicate which committee(s) you would like to be involved with when you complete the online enrollment process.

We are blessed with a friendly, cooperative school community that works together to make projects efficient, enjoyable, and successful. Although most of our events are optional, please keep in mind that greater participation inevitably leads to a stronger, more cohesive school environment and culture. We will not mandate your time or your contributions.

Who are the Officers for the 2023-2024 school year?

Holly Twiest, President 616.340.7651
Heidi Brouwer, 2nd Yr. President 616.862.5904
Michelle Volkers, 1st Yr. President 616.890.5926
Katie Ezinga, Treasurer 616.560.0145
Jill VanStraten, 2nd Yr. Treasurer 616-560-5653
Ashley Spaanstra, 1st Yr. Treasurer 616.437.4925
Julie Emelander, Secretary 616.485.8719
Emily DeLeeuw, 2nd Yr. Secretary 616.212.6411
Erin Barrett, 1st Yr. Secretary 562.201.9951

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEES

Auction

The Auction Committee organizes all facets of the annual auction. Duties include soliciting donations, advertising, setting up the event, collecting monies, securing volunteers, and providing refreshments. The auction takes place in the spring. The committee meets as needed, usually 6-8 times before the event.

Date of Event: Friday, April 19, 2024

Commitment: 3-year term

Chairpersons: Betsy Timmer, Kim Hesselink, Rachel Wierenga

Members:

Michael & Rachel Wierenga ('24)

Scott & Kim Hesselink ('24)

Jim & Jen TenBrink ('25)

Steve & Kelly VanDerHeide ('25)

Andrew & Krista Heemstra ('26)

Dan & Allie Maring ('26)

Jordan & Betsy Timmer ('24)

Ed & Robin Haaksma ('25)

Rick & Mackenzy Roosien ('25)

Kyle & Becky Potgeter ('26)

Adam & Sarah Nieuwkoop ('26)

Max & Allie Zemaitis ('26)

Box Tops for Education; Amazon Smile

Each family is encouraged to participate in "Box Tops for Education" simply by downloading the app and scanning paper receipts or submitting digital receipts. All participating products will be recognized and tracked for our school's earnings.

Amazon Smile is also used to generate donations for BCCS. Amazon Smile has the exact same low prices, vast selection, and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com but allows shoppers to choose an organization to designate donated funds to. Designate Byron Center Christian School as your charity and bless our school while you shop!

With the money raised from these programs, we have been able to buy various items for our school.

New Life Thrift Store

BCCS partners with other South Suburban Christian Schools to generate financial resources at the new Life Thrift Store on Division Avenue. The Small Working Group Leaders solicit volunteers to staff several shifts for the months assigned to our school. This committee serves as a liaison between our school, the store, and the Small Working Group Leaders.

BCCS Assigned Months: August '23, December '23, May '24, August '24

Chairperson: Michelle Volkers

SERVICE COMMITTEES

Room Parents

For internal purposes to support the teachers and classroom specific activities. The goal is for this person to support BCCS staff in a variety of ways. This volunteer will also assist with a few SET team activities.

Examples include:

- *Teacher help*
- *Field trip support*
- *Classroom events*
- *SET/class gift coordination*

Commitment: 1-year term

Small Working Group Call Leaders

Small Working Groups are the framework Parents' Club relies on to coordinate our school's volunteer efforts. Calls or emails will be made to 30-35 people in groups no more than three times a year.

Contact: Julie Emelander (Parents' Club Secretary)

Kitchen Committee

The Kitchen Committee keeps the kitchen organized, clean and all equipment/supplies in working order. They frequently coordinate with other committees that need to use the kitchen throughout the school year.

Commitment: 2-year term

Chairperson: Suzi Miedema

Members: Judy Shear

Book Fair

This committee organizes, coordinates, and obtains volunteers for the Scholastic Book Fair that takes place in the fall during parent-teacher conferences.

Date of Event: October 16 & 17

Commitment: 2-year term

Chairperson: Glenna Miedema

Members: Cami VanderPloeg

The Snackin' Club

This committee was created to spread joy and excitement to our kids throughout the school year. They plan and distribute fun treats for the entire student body on a regular basis throughout the school year.

Chairpersons: Brandi Engen
Jennifer Hoeksema
Kerri Kalkman
Betsy Timmer

Members: Valerie Mulder	Shari Getz
Erin Fennema	Youngsun Shin
Tracy Pipping-Mann	Felicia Warners
Tara McMillin	Julie Hapner
Lisa Sytsma	Kelly Grimm

Shuttle Bus Facilitators

This committee helps our students learn how to make any necessary morning bus transfers at local public schools to the shuttle buses that will take them to BCCS. Facilitators are used for the first week of bus service.

Chairperson: Beth Lindhout

Members: Kelly Burke	Rachael Reimink
Nina DeGroot	Holly Twiest
Tara Pavlovic	Felicia Warners
Janet Prins	Stephanie Terborg
Tessa Jessee	Becky Potgeter
Lauren Hageman	

Green Thumb Committee

This committee arranges and maintains seasonal flowers and/or wreaths at the entrances of both campuses to help create a cheerful and warm welcome.

Commitment: 3-year term

Chairpersons: Julie Damstra & Wendy Onderlinde

Members: Jodie Gritter

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEES

Children's Christmas Shoppe

The Christmas Shoppe Committee buys gifts that children in grades K-5 can re-purchase for their families at Christmas time. This is a great event for children to be able to do their own holiday shopping; gift wrapping is available, and volunteers are on hand to assist children as needed. The Christmas Shoppe is for the enjoyment of the children and is not meant to be a fundraiser.

Date of Event: Friday, December 1, 2023

Commitment: 3-year term

Chairpersons: Katie Timmer

Members: Tracy Pipping-Mann Kami Potjer
 Suzanne Popma

Community Coordinators

This committee helps connect families in our school by hosting or coordinating three to five grade level events each school year. This committee works together to brainstorm ideas and then organize quite simple events. Members would be supported by a school staff person to help coordinate and communicate. The intent is to provide each grade with a few connection events each year to build community.

Examples include:

- *Picnics, Playground activities*
- *Pool Parties*
- *Sledding*
- *SCHS Football Game Attendance*
- *Moms Night Out*

Commitment: 1-year term

Chairperson: Andy Reidsma

Members: K - Tara McMillin
 1 - Julie Johnson
 2 - Sarah Lin/Katie DeFouw
 3 - Jodie Gritter/Allyson Vriesman
 4 - Val Kemper/Jennifer TenBrink
 5 -
 6 -Lori Nieuwbeerta

Family Fun Night

The Family Fun Night Committee organizes the annual school-wide Family Fest. Responsibilities include organizing games, purchasing prizes, and establishing a volunteer schedule.

Date of Event: March 1, 2024

Commitment: 3-year term

Chairpersons: Kassie Paradowski
Halsey VanKampen

Members: Jill Snyder	Lori Gortsema
Megan Kortering	Andrea Toth
Tara McMillin	Kelly VanDerHeide
Samantha Schantz	Michael Fortuin
Kelly Grimm	Rachael Reimink

Grandfriends' Day

This committee helps facilitate the activities that happen on this special day for everyone! Events on this day include coffee, classroom visits and lunch.

Date of Event: April 25, 2024, for East Campus
West Campus date: Nov. 2 & 3, 2023

Commitment: 3-year term

Chairpersons: Brandi Engen and Jen Hoeksema

Members: Jessica Economos	Jessica McClellan
Janet Prins	Kassie Paradowski
Kelly Copeland	Halsey VanKampen
Kerri Kalkman	Rebecca Fortuin
Becky Hart	Ashley Spaanstra
Lindsey VanDyken	Suzzy Post
Kelly Grimm	

Social Event/Fellowship Committee

The Social Events/Fellowship Committee plans and coordinates events, including the skating party, to promote community throughout the Byron Center Christian community.

Chairperson: Brandi Engen

Members:	
Kerri Kalkman	Kelly Grimm
Betsy Timmer	Jennifer Hoeksema
Lindsey VanDyken	Karli Franken
Suzzy Post	Alicia Coleman-Kennedy
Mackenzey Roosien	Sarah Nieuwkoop
Kelly Burke	Brittney Robrahn
Kassie Paradowski	Janet Prins

