

# Perspective

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*BYRON CENTER*  
**CHRISTIAN**  
*SCHOOL*



# *Congratulations* GRADUATES

The Class of 2020 had a school year and graduation like none before them. This group of students had 8th grade altered by the COVID-19 pandemic, but they still were still able to conclude their school year together online.

On the evening of June 4, we celebrated the graduating class, the work they have done at BCCS, and most importantly, the work God has done in their lives. Each of the 8th-grade teachers spoke to the students at graduation and left them with this challenge: “As you move into high school, you will be faced with joys and successes, as well as sorrows and failures. But through it all, remember God’s faithfulness and your place as a witness for His glory in His story. Know that you will always find encouragement and love from your teachers at BCCS. You will always be OUR students.”



This school year was filled with great joy, but also great sorrow. However, we were able to rely on God’s faithfulness through it all. It is our deep hope and prayer that our students will continue to find their place in God’s story and live in a way that glorifies God!



# Celebrating YEARS OF SERVICE

We continue to be blessed by our many dedicated teachers and staff. This year, we recognize the following staff members:

- 5 Beth Kiekintveld | Jill Schrotenboer | Rod Schutte | Amy Trifan | Cami VanderPloeg | Tod Van Doeselaar | Aubrey VanWylen | Shawn Visser
- 10 Mary Gronsman | Clay Lubbers | Leah Wychers
- 15 Cathy Clousing | Missy Walters
- 20 Tom DeBlecourt | Carol Veltema | Deanne Wilson
- 25 Kristin VanWieren
- 30 Cindy Coffey

## Saying FAREWELL

We say good-bye to the following teachers and staff this year. Thank you for the many years of dedicated service!

Sheri Groelsema - Kindergarten | Aubrey Van Wylen - 4th Grade | Deb Burgess - Paraprofessional | Jane Boomsma - Paraprofessional | Anna Drews - PE

## BCCS FOUNDATION

If you would like to partner with BCCS to help ensure future generations of BCCS students receive an excellent Christian education, please consider a donation to our Foundation. Call the office at 878-3347 for giving instructions. Thank you in advance for partnering with us to impact the world for Christ!

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Margaret Hop  
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Gord Klunder  
Gertrude Schreur  
Anna Van Der Heide  
Henriette Visser



# Building a FOUNDATION PRESCHOOL

We are excited to announce a new program at BCCS for families. We desire to partner with parents to provide educational opportunities that fit the needs of students, but also meet the needs of parents. Starting in the 2020-2021 school year, we will offer a full-day preschool class as another preschool option. We know that this appeals to families who otherwise may need daycare or whose children would benefit from more time in the classroom.

In BCCS's full-day preschool, student success will look like each individual child developing academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually under the guidance of a loving, certified preschool teacher. The program will meet the needs of the whole child in a safe, fun-filled, Christ-centered environment.

Full-day preschool students will learn through play and choice activities. They will participate in individual, small group and large group lessons and activities. Daily routines will include outdoor play, indoor play, inquiry time, instruction time, read-aloud, snack and lunch, rest time, extra-curricular classes and much more! The teachers will help promote and nurture each child's creativity, independence, curiosity, and God-given abilities.

For more information about any of our preschool programs, visit us online at [bccs.org](http://bccs.org) or contact Andy at 878-3347 or [reidsma@bccs.org](mailto:reidsma@bccs.org). Your child belongs here!

## PRESCHOOL CLASS OFFERINGS

### **PRESCHOOL-3** (3 by 9/1 and potty trained)

Tuesday/Thursday: 8:30 - 11:30 AM

### **PRESCHOOL-4** (4 by 9/1 and potty trained)

Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 8:30 - 11:30 AM

Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 12:30 - 3:30 PM

Tuesday/Thursday: 12:30 - 3:30 PM

### **FULL-DAY PRESCHOOL** (3 by 9/1 and potty trained)

Monday-Friday: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Tuesday/Thursday: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM



*All preschool students will have the opportunity to utilize before- and after-school care as well. Before-school care will be available from 7:30 to 8:30 AM and after-school care will be available from 3:30 to 5:30 PM.*

# Investing in THE FUTURE

## KINDERGARTEN



The goal of kindergarten at BCCS is to help children grow in their love for the Lord and in their ability to become life-long learners. For the 2020-2021 school year, BCCS will offer full-time kindergarten, part-time kindergarten and progressive kindergarten. All three kindergarten sections are designed to meet the needs of individual students in the class as children grow into confident, independent learners.



Each kindergarten class will provide students with exposure to all subject areas and offer co-curricular classes such as art, Spanish, music, PE and more. Kindergarten teachers will focus on developing early literacy skills using a balanced literacy approach that includes the Daily Five, reading workshops, and 6 + 1 Traits of writing. Our hope is that growth in reading, writing, and communication will foster success in all subject areas. Students will also have access to their own playground, full gymnasium, imaginative classroom, active playroom, library, media center, and other educational support services.

## KINDERGARTEN CLASS OFFERINGS

### FULL-TIME KINDERGARTEN

Monday - Friday: 8:35 AM - 3:30 PM

### PART-TIME KINDERGARTEN

Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 8:35 AM - 3:30 PM

### PROGRESSIVE KINDERGARTEN

Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 8:35 AM - 3:30 PM

Add Tuesday in November: M/T/W/F

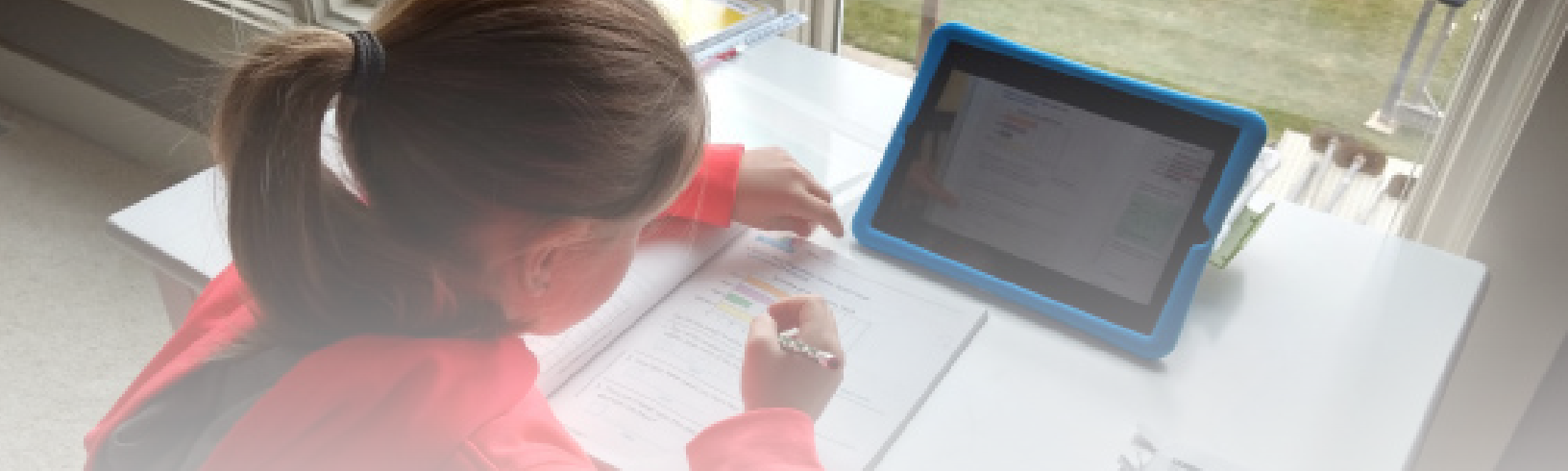
Add Thursday in March: Monday-Friday

### BUSING

Available AM & PM (within BC school district)

### AGE REQUIREMENT

5 years old by 9/1



## COVID RESPONSE—*Together* WE ARE BCCS

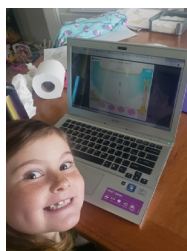
This spring, our community and world were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. It affected not only schools but also businesses, churches, family life and so much more. In March, we were required to transition to online learning and finished our school year that way.

There were many emotions, reactions and opinions to the pandemic response, stay-at-home orders, and health issues. However, at BCCS we were able to make decisions based on what was best for our students. The situation also revealed why Christian education is so crucial. In the worst of times, parents and teachers continued to work together to ensure students were loved, were able to learn, and were able to continue to grow into the children God created them to be. We all have the same goal in mind, and that is to ensure each child receives an excellent education that is rooted in God's Word and prepares each individual for lifelong service in God's Kingdom.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, students may not have done projects perfectly, learned every math lesson, or memorized as many spelling words, but the most important learning continued. Our students learned to find the positives in difficult situations. Our students learned to persevere more than ever before. Our students learned that they should always show the love of Christ to others, even when life is not going the way they want. They learned that sometimes life is hard and we must rely on Christ for strength. They learned all this and more from their parents and teachers working together.

In-person instruction cannot be fully replaced, but we were blessed by dedicated staff and parents.

## NOW MORE THAN EVER, TOGETHER, WE ARE BCCS.



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Check out our Facebook, Instagram or School Blog for daily updates on everything that happens at BCCS!



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AN EXCELLENT EDUCATION, ROOTED IN GOD'S WORD,  
preparing them FOR LIFELONG SERVICE in God's Kingdom.

## NEW VISUAL REPRESENTATION

Byron Center Christian School is excited to share the new visual representation of our school. We have always been a Christ-centered community, focusing on the growth and success of the whole child, but our hope is that our new logo will better represent our school to this community.

The "B" with a cross through the center represents Christ as our center. The portion of the cross extending below the "B" indicates that faith is the foundation of everything we do at BCCS. Since 1917, we have been providing a high quality, Christ-centered education and we look forward to continuing to do that for many years to come!

