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Important Dates

PRESCHOOL GRANDPARENTS DAY
11/14 - 11/15

5TH & 6TH GRADE CHRISTMAS
CONCERT
7 pm . 12/7 . South Christian Auditorium

CHRISTMAS BREAK
12/22 - 1/2

K-2 MUSICAL
6:45 pm . 1/8/18 . VanSingel Auditorium

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
6:30 - 8 pm . 1/10/18 . West Campus
(Future Students & Siblings Welcome)

WINTER BREAK
2/16/18 - 2/19/18

Perspective

Discover the Difference Fall 2017



Photo By Kate Bruinsma, BCCS Mom



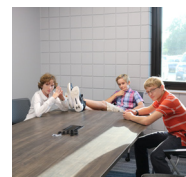
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It's A Celebration!

August 23, 2017
Chapel on the Hill & Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

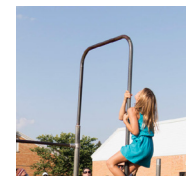
We enjoyed a beautiful evening of worship led by our 8th Grade Praise Team, introductions of new staff, commissioning of staff this school year, a heartfelt dedication by Matt Wieringa, and prayer by Pam Tillema. We concluded the service with "My Friends, May You Grow in Grace."

The multi-generational BCCS family of Doug & Lisa Sytsma cut the ribbon. Over 400 BCCS students, families and friends walked the halls to find their classroom and explored the new addition, which includes: a new office suite, teachers lounge, multi-purpose room, five additional classrooms, and an Educational Support Services suite, which includes a Sensory Room. We eagerly await the completion of our kitchen renovation in early November.



September 16, 2017
100 Year Anniversary Old-Fashioned Picnic

On a hot autumn evening, over 600 people attended the BCCS Old-Fashioned Picnic to celebrate 100 years of God's faithfulness to our school. A talented, hard-working committee co-chaired by Deb Burgess and Kim Burgess, and many staff, board members and BCCS family volunteers, made this a memorable night.



Photos By Sue Jonker, BCCS Mom

SAVE-THE-DATE

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Burgess Brothers Concert &
BCCS Open Houses

April 14, 2018
Heritage CRC

This evening will begin with the BCCS multi-generational Burgess family sharing their talent of singing with us. Following the concert, the West Campus will be open to tour, take photos and view memorabilia. We'll wrap up the evening at the East Campus, where you will be able to tour the new addition and satisfy your sweet tooth with an array of gourmet desserts and treats, along with a coffee bar.

WORSHIP SERVICE

7 PM, June 3, 2018
1st CRC of Byron Center

WE NEED YOU!

Please spread the word about these upcoming events.

We are seeking contact information for BCCS alumni, who may want to attend. Follow us on Facebook or call 616.878.3347 to be added to our email / mailing list.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES



Seated At Table From Left: ESS Teaching Staff Julie Seerveld, Sharon Baker, Kathy Fleet; From Left Back Row: Amy Trifan, Michele Vieu, Missy Sculley, Barb Franken, Jill Schrotenboer, Leah Wychers, Shawn Visser, Heather Dood, Melissa Postma, Deb Burgess

With each child being created in God’s image and being a reflection of Him in many ways, we get a broad spectrum of beautiful gifts and learning styles. At Byron Center Christian School, our goal is to help every child to work to their fullest ability.

Our school is blessed because of this great variety. With this in mind, we take a special approach to inclusive education.

The thing is, you might not ever notice the amazing work that our Educational Support Services (ESS) team does, because it is meant to blend seamlessly within the classroom.

Our desire is to educate parents on what an amazing benefit and blessing ESS can be to a wide range of students. ESS Director, Kathy Fleet, said last spring in the New Family Orientation, parents often take an apprehensive sigh when they get a call from her, thinking, “What’s wrong with my child?” If there is frustration in the home or at school for the student or parent concerning their education, ESS is a welcome set of eyes on each student.

Fearfully & Wonderfully Made

The analytical and intervention approach are all geared toward each student’s success. Anything that interferes with a student’s ability is covered by ESS. There are many factors, such as attention, anxiety, learning differences, physical and/ or social skill needs. This is why our team has a response to invention framework that includes four tiers. Intervention is simply the word used when ESS becomes involved with helping a student.

FOUR TIERS OF INTERVENTION

1. The ESS staff provide consultation to the general education teacher to assist with meeting student needs in the classroom (i.e. seating placement).
2. ESS staff design a more targeted approach for various students which could include a paraprofessional in the room. Progress is monitored.
3. When Tiers 1 & 2 have not met the needs, then a more intensive intervention is provided outside the classroom by a highly qualified teacher (one of the ESS staff). One example is Reading Recovery.
4. Students will have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) to include frequent and complete monitoring of all academics by ESS staff. Most of these students will have a full time instructional aide throughout the day to promote inclusion.

It is often thought that the current children placed in Tier 4 are the only children that our team services. However, there are approximately 75 students in their care.

Our ESS team meets with each teacher weekly to assess each plan in place and diligently reviews all of our students’ needs. Parents are contacted if a student requires Tier 2 involvement. If you feel that our team would be beneficial in helping your student succeed, the ESS team is here for you. An ESS plan can be initiated by our team or the parent. Our team creates individual plans to build on your student’s strengths, providing opportunities for them to develop strategies surrounding triggers that prohibit education for themselves or others, and they are always solution-finding in their approach.

As parents, you wonder if you are making the right choices for your child, and with an ESS partnership, you can feel more confident in how your child is doing at school. Discover the Difference of what Educational Support Services can do for your family.



Top: Mrs. Fleet leads a group of moms in simple steps on how to read to your child

Middle: First grade friends on recess

Bottom: A group of teachers enrolled in a course to be trained in Reading Recovery are observing a child reading to learn how to develop strategies to further student reading abilities. This one-way glass study room is a welcome addition in the new Educational Support Services suite.

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