BCCS FAMILY NEWSLETTER

September 25, 2018

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Byron Center Christian School

October 5
SOS Day
(**S**erving **O**ur **S**avior)

October 24-26
No school (TfT training and Teachers' Convention)

October 26
End of first quarter

November 7 and 8
Parent Teacher Conferences and Book Fair

November 9
No school

CHAPEL SCHEDULE - Friday, September 28

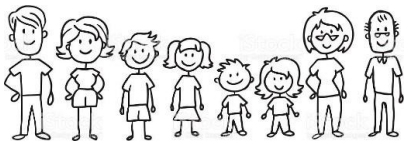
Grades 6-8: 8:00 am, multi-purpose room
Grades 1-5: 9:40 am, multi-purpose room

PICTURE ORDERS

School picture orders were due last week Thursday. If you forgot to turn in your order, tomorrow, Wednesday, September 26, is your final opportunity! Send the order in with your child or bring it to the office by the end of the day.

FAMILY DIRECTORIES

The family directory was sent home with your youngest student yesterday. Be sure to check their backpack or folder.



PARENTS' CLUB CORNER

CLIP, SAVE and TURN IN... Did you know that during the 2017-2018 school year BCCS made over $1,000.00 from Boxtops for Education, Family Fare receipts and Coke Rewards? And this year we

have the potential to make even more money, but we need your help! If you could please clip/save the BOXTOPS for EDUCATION coupons, TYSON CHICKEN labels, your FAMILY FARE receipts, and the bottle tops and codes from 12 and 24 packs of COKE PRODUCTS, then turn them in at either the East or West Campus office, we will be on our way to making money for our school–it's that easy! The funds raised from these programs go toward buying various items for our classrooms, so everyone wins!

- **Moms in Prayer** - Are you interested in trying Moms in Prayer? If so, please bring your Bible and join us in praying for your child(ren), school, and staff on Monday mornings at 8:40 am. On Monday, October 1, we will be meeting at the East Campus in the multi-purpose room. We'll be praying for staff members Sheryl Fredricks and Michelle Helder and board member Steve Marcusse. Questions? Call Kristin Veltman at (616) 277-1110 or email her at kkveltman@gmail.com.
- **SOS Day -** Are we being paid to serve?
  Serving Our Savior (SOS) is an event overflowing with blessings. Most importantly, it is an opportunity for ALL our kids – from our youngest 5-year-olds through 8th grade – to experience the joy of serving and recognize the imminent need for our lives to reflect God's love by actively DOING acts of service in His name.
  It is also a fundraiser, and that sometimes rubs folks the wrong way. Do not be confused! We do not expect our students to be "paid" for serving. We have simply improved on a previous fundraiser. We used to have the Fall Walk fundraiser, which was essentially just an hour of walking around town, signing t-shirts, and eating ice cream. We decided to redeem a fundraiser empty of meaning and turn it into something that has the potential to actually change the hearts and lives of our students and those in our community. When you sponsor a student, you are ultimately supporting the mission of Byron Center Christian School: to prepare students for lifelong service in God's kingdom.
  This year's event will take place on Friday, October 5. We ask for your prayers that we will be a blessing to those we serve, that this will be a successful fundraiser, and that God will be honored by what we do.
  Last year we were able to raise over $27,000 to help purchase various classroom supplies, assist with general school repairs, and provide tuition assistance. Your student (JK-8th) has received a donation envelope. We are asking that your family/child ask for donations from family, friends, grandparents, etc., to help raise money for school. Remember, every gift counts no matter the size!! Please prayerfully consider these donations so that with them we can BLESS OTHERS through Serving Our Savior.
- **Room Parents Needed -** Thank you to those who stepped up to fill in some of our openings: Rachel DeHaan for Mrs. Clousing's class, Missy Haverdink and Rachel Weiss for Mrs. VanWylen, Jen Rysdam for Mrs. Klomp, and Kim Hesselink for Mrs. Helder. We still have some opportunities for you to be involved! The following teachers still need room parents:
- Mr. Lubbers (8th grade): **NEED 1**
  Mrs. Gortsema/Mrs. Drews (PE): **NEED 1**
  Mrs. Bergsma (art): **NEED 1**

SOS DAY DRIVERS/VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help/drive for our upcoming SOS day of service. A confirmation letter has been mailed to those parents chosen to help. Please note that we need a few more drivers for 4th and 8th grades. If you can help, please contact Betsy Feyen at 723.2389 or bfeyen81@hotmail.com.

SOS Day Parent Volunteers:

1st – Jongekrijg: Tammy Tiscareno, Jen Rysdam
Coffey/Wilson: Andrea Sal, Katie Miedema
Vredevoogd: Diann Fisk, Jenni Ewing
2nd – Battjes: Jill Thull, Karley Burgess
VanWieren/Kooyer: Nora DeMots, Beth Lindhout
VanSolkema: Lisa Marcusse, Anna Wierenga
3rd – DeVries: Jenifer Youngs, Kerri Maas
Campbell: Holly Jonker, Amber Tiller

SOS Day Parent Drivers:

4th – Sievers: Stephanie VanderLaan, Stephanie Burgess, Heidi Brouwer, Katie Miedema
VanWylen: Jill Pitsch, Jeanette Anderson, Chriss Prium, **NEED 1 MORE DRIVER!**
5th – DeVries: Kim Burgess, Amy Stanek, Kelly Wolthuis
Klomp: Teresa Boes, Lisa Kooyer, Kristin Veltman
6th – Musch: Angie Leedy, Mary Berkenpas, Betsy Feyen, Rachel Weiss
Grimm: Sarah Boomstra, Mandi Palmbos, Sarah VanderHart, Roger Tiller, Jane Boomsma
7th – DeBlecourt: Lisa Poll, Olivia Huisman, Tina Vink, Heidi Vanderlaan, Stephanie Smith
Hofman: Susan Bailey, Katie Miedema, Cheryl Feddema, Lori Wycoff, Rachel Francisco
8th – Harbor House: Laura Darter, Janel Dykstra, Michele Michmerhuizen, Kate Bruinsma
WAR: Barb Bouma, Cindy Kooistra, **NEED 2 MORE DRIVERS!**

VISITOR/VOLUNTEER SIGN-IN EXPECTATIONS

If you are dropping something off to your child and will be in and out of the building in less than 5 minutes, please let the office staff know why you are there before proceeding into the building. If you are a visitor or have a meeting here at school and will be in the building for more than 5 minutes, please fill out the yellow visitor sticker and wear it throughout your visit. Sign out by recording the time as you leave. If you are a volunteer, please sign in on the volunteer sign-in sheet with your name, date, time and reason you are here and take a gold volunteer lanyard. When finished, please sign out by putting the time out on the sheet and return the lanyard. Thank you for your help in keeping our building secure.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS

We are in need of adults to help facilitate our Middle School Small Groups this year. Some of our 8th-grade students will be group leaders, and they will need assistance from adults overseeing the discussions. We also need a couple of "substitute" leaders to step in if someone has a conflict on one of the dates. If you are excited in reading about this and want to possibly be a part of it as an adult leader or substitute, please contact Rod

Schutte, Spiritual Life Coordinator, for more details. Dates are: October 5, November 2, November 30, February 1, March 8, April 26, and May 17.

PARENTS OF 1ST-5TH GRADERS

Some of the students in grades 1-5 have been choosing to bring Pokemon cards from home to play with on the playground during recess. While we prefer students to be active during recess time, we also realize that this can provide a fun alternative activity and great social connection for some kids. However, please be aware that teachers cannot be responsible for "trades," lost cards, or the general condition of the cards.

PICKING UP AT THE EAST CAMPUS

If you pick your child up at the East Campus at the end of the day, please pull as far forward in the pickup line as possible before allowing your child to climb on board. This will allow more cars to be loaded at once and hopefully shorten the wait time for everyone. Thanks so much!

WEST CAMPUS PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Most of the remaining open dates for lunchtime playground duty at the West Campus are Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If you are available on those days of the week, would you consider helping fill the remaining openings? Or if you are already scheduled on other days but are available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and don't want to take extra days, would you consider trading your day for an open one? Perhaps we would have more success finding volunteers for these open spots if we had different days to offer. Please email Linda at vankooten@bccs.org with any dates you can take or trade. It is very important that we have all of these spots filled so our children are safe. The times you would be needed are 12:25-1:15 pm on Monday-Thursday and 11:45 am-12:30 pm on Friday.

PK-K playground: Oct. 9, 10, 17, 23 and 31; Nov. 6 (2 volunteers needed), 26 and 28; Dec. 4 (2 volunteers needed), 5, 14, 18 and 19; Jan. 9, 15 and 16

ART CORNER

1. Mrs. Bergsma's ArtPrize Challenge: While at ArtPrize, take a photo of your child or children by the following: 1) an artwork that has a bird in it, 2) an artwork made from recycled items 3) an artwork that is kinetic (has a moving part), 4) an artwork with a furry animal, 5) an artwork that has something red in it. Send your pictures to bergsma@bccs.org. You may also text the pictures to me at 616-914-3148. Please be sure to label the pictures with the category. One category per artwork please. Each person who completes the challenge will receive an "art prize." Prizes will be passed out in the middle of October. Check out previous year's participants: Mrs. Bergsma's Art Prize Challenge.

2. Join the BCCS & DCS ArtPrize Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/pages/BCCSandDCSArtPrizeGuide/ 1604212543139514. I try to post pictures of fun artwork to go see and to share information about events that I think are kid friendly.

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

Times

12:25-1:15 M-Th, 11:45-12:30 F (PK-K), 11:50-12:25 (1-2), 12:20-1:00 (3-5),12:00-12:30 (6-8)

Wednesday, September 26

Erin Fischer & Lisa Sytsma (PK-K), Jessica Lyzenga & Sarah Rozema (1-2), Sarah Rozema (3-5), and Lori Wycoff (6-8)

Thursday, September 27

Heather Moes & Holly Twiest (PK-K), Anna Wierenga & Jodie Gritter **12:20-1:00** (1-5), and Janel Dykstra (6-8)

Friday, September 28

Kerri Maas & Robin Haaksma **11:45-12:30** (PK-K), Jill Snyder & Tara Buiter (1-2), and Joyce Jensen (3-5)

Monday, October 1

Ashley Spaanstra & Allyson Vriesman (PK-K), Beth Lindhout & Anna Wierenga (1-2), Chriss Pruim (3-5), and Carmen Diekevers (6-8)

Tuesday, October 2

Megan Longstreet & Kara Meyering (PK-K), Tracy Pipping-Mann & Heidi Brouwer (1-2), Heidi Brouwer (3-5), and Carla Fles (6-8)

Wednesday, October 3

Kami Potjer & Julie Johnson (PK-K), Tanya Tiesenga & Allison Alles (1-2), Allison Alles (3-5), and Olivia Huisman (6-8)

Thursday, October 4

Kelly Knoll & Jill Pitsch (PK-K), Andrea Sal & Lauren VanderLaan **12:20-1:00** (1-5), and Lisa Poll (6-8)

Friday, October 5

Lisa Hernandez & Julie Johnson **11:45-12:30** (PK-K), Kim Szczepanski & Jenni Ewing (1-2), and Sarah Tilchen (3-5)

COACH NEEDED

Coach needed for 7th grade boys' basketball. The season starts next month! Contact Mr. Hop for info or questions (hop@bccs.org).

FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES

Boys' Soccer
Thursday, Sept. 27: Heritage 7 at Byron Center
Monday, Oct. 1: Zeeland at Byron Center
Tuesday, Oct. 2: Byron Center at Heritage
Thursday, Oct. 4: Dutton at Byron Center
Monday, Oct. 8: Byron Center at Moline
Thursday, Oct. 11: Byron Center at West Side
Tuesday, Oct. 16: Byron Center at Hudsonville

8th Grade Girls' Volleyball
Tuesday, Sept. 25: Byron Center at Heritage
Thursday, Sept. 27: Byron Center at West Side
Tuesday, Oct. 2: Hudsonville at Byron Center
Thursday, Oct. 4: Byron Center at Dutton 2
Tuesday, Oct. 9: Hope at Byron Center
Thursday, Oct. 11: tournament

7th Grade Girls' Volleyball
Tuesday, Sept. 25: Heritage 2 at Byron Center
Thursday, Sept. 27: Heritage 1 at Byron Center
Tuesday, Oct. 2: Byron Center at Hudsonville 2
Thursday, Oct. 4: Dutton at Byron Center
Monday, Oct. 8: Zeeland 2 at Byron Center

Cross Country
Saturday, September 29: Allendale Falcon Invite
Thursday, October 4: Wayland Invitational
Saturday, October 6: Portage Invite (at Portage West Middle School)
Thursday, October 11: Sparta Speed Races
Saturday, October 13: Ottawa Kent MS Championship Meet (at the Eagles' Nest)

SOUTH CHRISTIAN 7TH & 8TH GRADE FOOTBALL

You are invited for an exciting evening of Sailor Football on Saturday, October 13, from 6 to 9 pm at Davenport University's Farmers Insurance Football Stadium (6201 68th St SE, Caledonia, MI 49316). The Sailors will be hosting Belding that evening with the 7th grade game starting at 6 pm and the 8th grade game starting at approximately 7:30 pm.

COME TO COFFEE BREAK

Let us serve you at Heritage CRC Coffee Break. We begin on October 9 at 9:45 am. Nursery provided for infants and toddlers, and children's programs for preschool and up. Fun, fellowship, and a look at God's Word. You are invited! Heritage CRC, 3089 84th St., 878-1992.

BOYS' BASKETBALL CLINIC

The South Christian boys' basketball coaches will once again be offering clinics at the high school (on 68th street) on Saturday mornings in November. The 5th/6th graders will go from 8:30 am – 9:45 am, and the 7th/8th graders will go from 9:45 am – 11:00 am. Here is a link to the clinic registration.

3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Hosted by Heritage Christian School

We would like to invite all 3rd -8th graders to get a 4-person team together for our tournament that will be held on Saturday, November 3. **The deadline to sign up is October 12**. You can find the form to sign up by going to the school's website www.heritageprschool.com. From there you will click on **FORMS,** and under that you will find a link for the 3 on 3 registration. If you have any questions you may call Tara Koole at 616-808-6237.

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