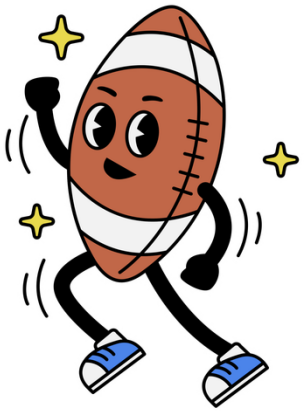
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DATES TO KNOW

Nov. 11 – Veterans Day assembly
Nov. 16 – PAC meeting
Nov. 25-29 – Thanksgiving Break

SCHOOL HOURS

8:30am -3:40 pm
8:22am - Bikers and walkers met at service entrance
8:25am- students released from cars.
3:25pm - bikers+walkers dismissed
3:30pm - Parent Pick Up dismissed

MENU

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU

THANKFUL

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Families,
As we move into November, I want to take a moment to share how incredibly proud I am of our students and staff. As you may have seen, our school was recently ranked #7 in Michigan on the U.S. News & World Report 2026–2027 Best Elementary Schools list for Michigan! An achievement like this only happens through the dedication of our talented staff, the hard work of our students, and the unwavering support of our families.
The growth taking place in our classrooms every day is truly inspiring, but none of it would be possible without your constant partnership. Your support is what empowers our students to thrive academically and build lifelong self-motivation.

How can you continue to support our school community? One of the most impactful ways is by prioritizing daily attendance. Being at school each day is vital because our lessons continuously build upon the foundational knowledge gained the day before. Beyond academics, consistent attendance ensures your child stays fully engaged in our classroom community, where they develop critical social and emotional skills alongside their peers.
Thank you for everything you do to support our school, our educators, and our student learning!

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VETERANS DAY

- Wednesday, November 11
- Refreshments for veterans and their families will begin at 9
- To register your family to join a veteran for refreshments before the assembly or to honor a veteran in memoriam, click this link.

2027/ 2028 CALENDAR

CHECK OUT THE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR NEXT YEAR.

SCREENINGS

Dental screening:

- This will be for kindergarteners only and will be conducted on december 2.
- Take a look at the parent resource page for more info.
- If you wish to opt out, provide a written request to csattendance@bcpsk12.net before 11/23

Hearing and vision testing:

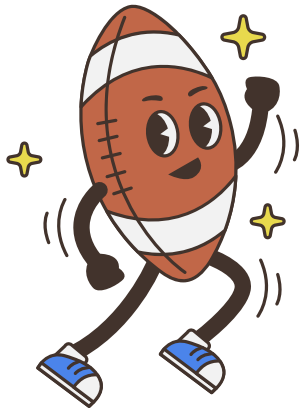
- November 19-november 23
- Kent county health department will be doing the screening
- If you have any special requests for your student, please reach out to csattendance@bcpsk12.net
- For more information, please see: Health Dept. Letter & Shunt/Implant Information



TOYS AND TRADING CARDS

- Please do not bring toys, trading cards or anything of high value to school as this can be distracting to others and can cause disputes
- For more information, feel free to check out the handbook.

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ATTENDANCE

- Absences need to be reported by 8:45 am
- You can report an absence to the office (616-878-6907) or email csattendance@bcpsk12.net
- State your child's name, and reason for the absence.

VACATIONS:

- Vacations need to be pre excused
- Parents need to pick up a pre-excused absence slip from the office at least 5 days before the scheduled absence.

EARLY PICK UP + APPTS

PARENTS SHOULD SEND AN EMAIL TO CSATTENDANCE@BCPSK12.NET IF A STUDENT WILL BE PICKED UP DURING THE DAY.

REMINDERS

Pond Table:

- first come, first serve
- only for your child plus one additional student if desired.
- no parties allowed
- please clean up after yourself.

Parent Pick Up Tags:

- If you need to order an additional pick up tag, please click this link
- Tags are $5 and payment can be made to the office.
- All tags will be delivered to the school and sent home with students.

End of Day Changes:

- any changes to the end of the day transportation needs to be communicated to the office by **3:00pm**

MEDICATION

- All medication must be brought to the office by a parent (includes cough drops)
- All prescribed medication being dispensed at school needs a medical permission form, filled out by the doctor.

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LEADER IN ME

Families as Partners

You are your student's first teacher—and one of the most important. Students do better in school and feel more confident when you are engaged in their learning.

School isn't the only place students learn. They also learn at home. That is why we want to work with you—not just on schoolwork, but to help your student grow in all areas. Let's be partners.

What does partnership look like? It's different for every family, and it doesn't have to mean being at school in person. Try one of these ways to stay connected and involved:



- Follow the school on social media for updates and celebrations.
- Check in with your student regularly about what is going well or what is hard at school.
- Respond to messages from teachers and ask questions when you have them.
- Talk about school in a positive way and show interest in your student's learning.

Partnership is also about sharing ideas. If you have a routine, habit, or family value that works well for your student, tell us about it! We want to learn with you—and from you.

Let's keep communication open and build a strong Learning Team together. With your support, your student can grow into the leader they are meant to be.



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Family Math Fun



The exhibition "*Points of Convergence: Where Math and Art Meet*" provides the backdrop for this free festival of engaging activities for students in grades 2-8 and their caregivers.



Saturday, November 14, 2026

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Kruizenga Art Museum, Hope College

Scan the QR code for more information and to register. Every student registered will receive a goodie bag or game!

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