



10.16.25

# BCHS Parent News



## Upcoming Dates:

10.17 – Senior Cap & Gown Orders Due

10.18– SAN Apple Pie Pick Up in Cafeteria @ 10am–1pm

10.27 – Paying for College Presentation in VSFAC @ 6pm

10.28 – Fall Choir Concert in VSFAC @ 7pm

10.29– PSAT/NMSQT

10.30 – String Fling Orchestra Concert in VSFAC @ 7pm

10.31 – ½ Day

11.8 – BCFAB Craft Show

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## National Honor Society

Applications for the National Honor Society went out last Friday October 10th via mail carrier. If your child is a sophomore, junior, or senior with a 3.5 GPA or higher they should have received one either Tuesday or Wednesday in the mail. (If your child is already a member they will not be receiving one). If the application has not shown up please contact Mrs. Parrish at [kparrish@bcpsk12.net](mailto:kparrish@bcpsk12.net) so she can get one to you. The deadline to turn in the applications is **Friday October 24th at 8:00 am**. Failure to turn in the application by this time will jeopardize your child's chances of getting accepted. If your child is not interested in applying they do not need to fill out the form.

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## Helping Your Student Succeed:

Good sleep makes a big difference in focus, mood, and grades. Here's a quick guide for parents to help teens build healthy sleep routines: [Quality Sleep Habits for High School Students](#)

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## Attendance Notes

To report your student's absence or upcoming appointments, please call us in advance @ 616-878-6610 or send us an email [bchsattendance@bcpsk12.net](mailto:bchsattendance@bcpsk12.net). Help us help you by connecting ahead of time!

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## **Homework Support (HWS) Update**

Thank you to all of our parents for helping support students by making time after school to get caught up on missing assignments. Your partnership makes a big difference!

This school year, we've added peer-to-peer tutors to our Homework Support program and it's been a huge success in helping students who need a little extra guidance. Currently, we have been offering homework support for all freshman courses and math courses. Starting in Quarter 2, we're excited to expand and include this support to our sophomores.

We encourage students and parents to:

- Check PowerSchool regularly to stay informed about missing assignments and academic progress.
- Encourage students to connect with their teachers for extra help when needed.
- Remind students to check their email for important Homework Support updates.

Together, we can help students stay on track and build strong study habits!

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## **Lost & Found Reminder**

If your student has misplaced an item, be sure to have them check our Lost & Found located in the 2nd Floor Commons with Mrs. West. It's a great first stop for locating lost belongings! Please note that we don't keep items for long. Anything left in the bin for more than a week or two will be donated or discarded. Encourage your students to take a quick peek if they're missing something!

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## **Email Reminder**

Please remind your student to check their email every day. This is how most information is communicated to them such as club updates, dance guest forms, Homework Support/Detention notices, mail pick up, etc. . .

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## **Career Speakers and Mock Interviews**

BCHS English teachers are looking for individuals willing to share information about their careers with our senior English students. We want our students to have the opportunity to explore a wide range of professions before they graduate from high school. Our goal is for our students to learn about your journey toward your profession, what a typical day looks like, and your reflections on your job as they consider these careers for themselves.

All career presentations take place during our FLEX time on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:25 PM – 1:50 PM from September – December.

We are also looking for help with the Mock Interviews our seniors will be participating in. If you have interviewing experience, we invite you to join us as we aim to give our students a professional interview experience.

If you are interested in speaking with some students about your career or participating in our Mock Interviews, please contact

Pam Gillespie at [pgillespie@bcpsk12.net](mailto:pgillespie@bcpsk12.net) or 616-878-6635.

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### **Junior and Senior Parents:**

Local military recruiters are able to request student information for our junior and senior classes. This includes their first and last name, home address, phone number and school email. We are required to provide that information unless you opt your student out. This was an option labeled, "Release Directory Info", which you were able to select during the registration process. If you already selected "no", you do not need to do anything further. If you are unsure, or want to change your "yes" to a "no", please complete our Google form using [this link](#) by Friday, October 31st. If you have any questions, please email Pam Gillespie at [pgillespie@bcpsk12.net](mailto:pgillespie@bcpsk12.net).

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### **From the Counseling Office**

Byron Center High School Counseling Department is offering a "Paying for College" presentation in the Van Singel Fine Arts Center for seniors and their family members next Monday, October 27th from 6-7 pm. This 30 minute presentation will be hosted by Grand Valley State University and the content is applicable to all colleges (community college, private, public and trade schools). They will cover how to pay for college and apply for financial aid using FAFSA. We hope you can make it!

### **[Counseling Newsletter](#)**

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### **Parents of Seniors**

Please refer to the [Important Dates For Seniors](#) document for all senior event information, dates and times. This will be updated as needed to provide you with the most current details.

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### **Cap and Gown Orders**

Senior cap and gown orders are due on Friday, Oct. 17. The basic package for \$52 which includes the following four items needed for the ceremony: gown, cap, tassel and stole, can be ordered using [this link](#). If your student is planning on using a sibling's or former students' gown and stole, please make sure they are the same size. If your student only needs a cap and tassel, please order using [this link](#). If they need the tassel only, please order using [this link](#). You will still be able to order after Oct. 17, but at some point they do increase the price. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Gillespie at [pgillespie@bcpsk12.net](mailto:pgillespie@bcpsk12.net) or 616-878-6635.

### **[Byron Center High School | Cap & Gown Info!](#)**

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### **SAN 2026 Registration Form [Class of 2026 Senior All Night Registration Form](#)**

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### **Ski and Snowboard Club:**

A club for 5th through 12th grade students who enjoy hitting the slopes together. This pre-paid club transports students to and from BCHS and Bittersweet Ski Resort six Tuesdays in January and February.

Sign up and Payment information will come late October. Space will be limited.

An option to meet at Bittersweet (no bus transportation) will be available for those who prefer to meet us there.

See the [information document](#) for details.

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### BCHS Spirit Store

The Spirit Store is open ONLINE for business! Please visit [BCHS Spirit Store](#) or use the QR code below to make your purchase. Orders are typically filled within 2 business days. Go BULLDOGS!



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### BCCHS Theatre



November 14 @ 7:00 pm

November 15 @ 2:00 & 7:00 pm

Tickets on sale now! To purchase, visit [vsfac.com/trap](https://vsfac.com/trap)

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### VSFAC Youth Theatre Tickets



Join the Van Singel Youth Theatre's amazing 3rd-5th grade students for *Princess Whatsername*.

It's a laugh-out-loud adventure packed with music, magic, and all your favorite storybook characters (with a twist!).

Performances: October 24th at 7pm & October 25th at 3pm and 7pm

Tickets: [vsfac.com/princess](https://vsfac.com/princess)

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## Celebrating Fine Arts in BC

To learn more on how the arts impact our students here in Byron Center, enjoy this short video

[Celebrating Fine Arts in BC](#)

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## BCFAB Craft Show

[BCFAB Craft Show Flyer](#)

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## Yearbooks

There are still many yearbooks waiting to be picked up from the 24-25 school year. If you ordered a yearbook for your student last year, please encourage them to stop by Mrs. VanderLaan's room #505 before or after school to pick it up. If you still want to order a yearbook for the 25-26 school year, you can do so by visiting [Byron Center High School Yearbook 25-26](#)

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## Bulldog Power Update for Student Athletes from Coach Joe:

In order to keep the HIGH standard of success in ALL of BC's athletic programs, we need to keep BulldogPower a priority in the off-season. Many of you are wrapping up your Fall season or getting ready for the post season, and, if you are not in BulldogPower class, we would like to see you consistently in Off-Season BulldogPower to prepare for your next Winter/Spring Sport.

The schedule for Off-Season Lifting is:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3:30pm-4:15pm.

Please make every effort to attend EACH session in order to MoveWellMoveStrongMoveFast and stay athletic throughout the year.

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**Athletic Website:** [🌐 Byron Center Bulldogs](#)



## Byron Center Sports Boosters



# REVERSE RAFFLE PARTY

Union Pavilion- Railside Golf Club| *November 8, 2025*

The Byron Center SportsBoosters would like to invite you to our Reverse Raffle Party. Doors will open at 6:00 and the raffle kicks off at 7:00. There will be appetizers, beer and wine along with a cash bar. You can expect a fun time with friends as we celebrate our community and the athletes we are there to support. All proceeds will go towards our Byron Center Athletic Programs. There will be 31 cash prize winners (see table below) and 100's of other prizes for other draws. We are also excited to announce that we will be hosting the BC basket silent auction this year.. All of our teams are putting together amazing baskets and prizes that you can enter to win! There will be plenty of other fun happenings like chance ticket drawings, and other side games that will happen throughout the evening. Only 300 raffle tickets will be sold. Get your ticket for a chance to win...



# \$15,000



## Raffle Tickets \$150 each



With the purchase of a raffle ticket you will get one entry into the party. You can add a guest pass for \$50. Without the purchase of a raffle ticket, entry will cost \$75.

Purchase online @  
[www.byroncentersportsboosters.org/spirit-store](http://www.byroncentersportsboosters.org/spirit-store)

- You do not need to be present to win. The drawing will be updated live online.
- More information about the Event and more chances to win coming soon on the BC Boosters website

### 31 Winning Draws

| Draw | Prize | Draw | Prize    |
|------|-------|------|----------|
| 1    | \$200 | 150  | \$500    |
| 10   | \$150 | 160  | \$150    |
| 20   | \$150 | 170  | \$200    |
| 30   | \$150 | 180  | \$150    |
| 40   | \$150 | 190  | \$150    |
| 50   | \$400 | 200  | \$500    |
| 60   | \$150 | 210  | \$150    |
| 70   | \$150 | 220  | \$200    |
| 80   | \$150 | 230  | \$150    |
| 90   | \$150 | 240  | \$300    |
| 100  | \$300 | 250  | \$400    |
| 110  | \$200 | 260  | \$300    |
| 120  | \$200 | 270  | \$500    |
| 130  | \$150 | 280  | \$400    |
| 140  | \$200 | 290  | \$1000   |
|      |       | 300  | \$15,000 |

\*\*Cash prizes subject to 300 tickets being sold. If less than 300 tickets are sold cash prizes and number of draws will be adjusted. Must be 18 years or older to enter raffle.

\*\*\*Must be 21 years or older to attend tailgate party

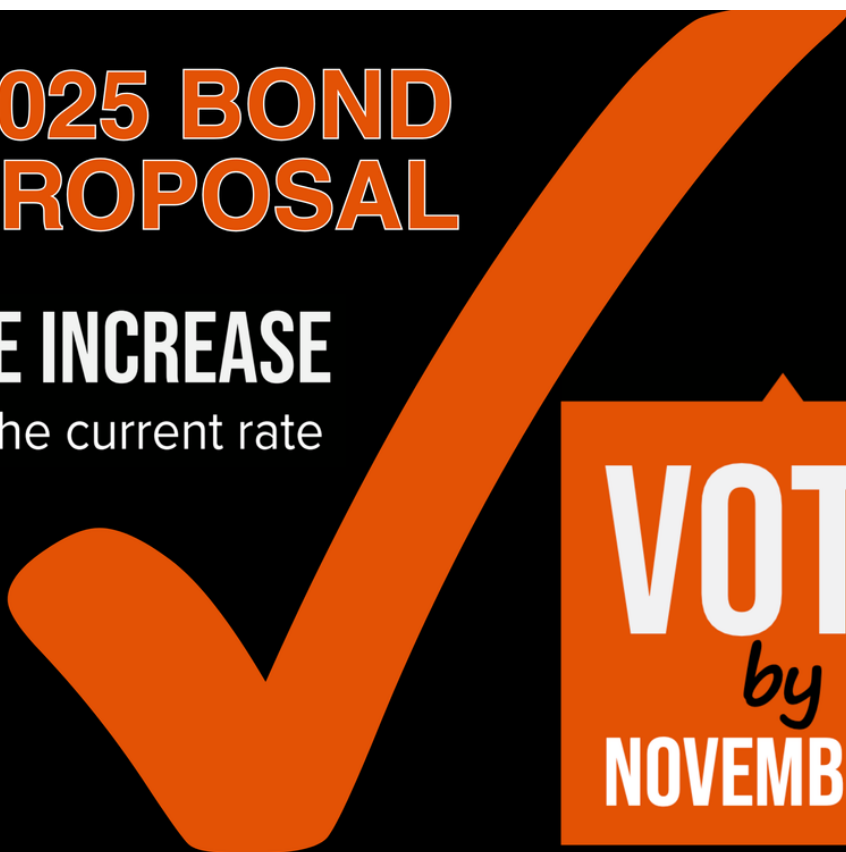
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# 2025 BOND PROPOSAL

## NO TAX RATE INCREASE

projected from the current rate



**VOTE**  
*by*  
**NOVEMBER 4**

**IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A BULLDOG!**