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# BCHS Parent News



## Upcoming Dates:

10.13 & 10.15 – Parent Teacher Conferences 4–7pm

10.17 – Senior Cap & Gown Orders Due

10.28 – Fall Choir Concert in VSFAC @ 7pm


10.30 – String Fling Orchestra Concert in VSFAC @ 7pm

10.31 – ½ Day

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## Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held in person on Monday, October 13 & Wednesday, October 15 from 4:00–7:00 pm by appointment only. Sign ups are available now, but close on October 10 @ 3:00p.m. School Bookings will reopen on Tuesday, October 14 from 8:00a.m.–3:00pm for any conference times still available for Wednesday evening. Book your teacher conferences using this link and info:

 [SchoolBookings](#) use code: ghrqc

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## Phone Policy Community Survey

We are now in year two of our revised phone policy and we would like your feedback! We are seeking input from students, staff, and the community on their overall satisfaction with how phones are managed at BCHS. Please complete the survey below by Friday, October 10th.

[Community Survey](#)

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## National Honor Society

Applications for the National Honor Society will be going out by this Friday October 10th via mail carrier. If your child is a sophomore, junior, or senior with a 3.5 GPA or higher they should receive one by next week Wednesday at the latest. (If your child is already a member they will not be receiving one). If the application does not show up by then please contact the head of NHS, Katherine Parrish, via e-mail at [kparrish@bcpsk12.net](mailto:kparrish@bcpsk12.net).

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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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## 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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## Career Speakers

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. If you are interested in speaking with some students about your career, please contact Pam Gillespie at [pgillespie@bcpsk12.net](mailto:pgillespie@bcpsk12.net) or 616-878-6635.

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## KCTC Program Visits

All 10th and 11th grade students received an email regarding upcoming visits at KCTC. If they would like to visit they have a google form that needs to be filled out! **If they hope to attend KCTC next year, a visit is required prior to requesting enrollment in March.**

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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

On Tuesday, September 23, Seniors attended a class meeting where we discussed ordering their cap & gown for graduation. It may feel early, but planning ahead is key to making sure everything is ready for their big day. Jostens has provided the link below to order online. There are many package options to choose from. Their basic package is \$52 and that includes the following four items needed for the ceremony: gown, cap, tassel and stole. If your student is planning on using a sibling's or former students' gown, please make sure they are the same size.

**Orders are due by Friday, October 17th.** 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 Apple Pie Sale

The Annual BC Senior All Night Apple Pie Sale has begun! Seniors will be selling Apple Pies thru Oct 10. They will assemble and distribute them Oct 18th. Pies can be picked up at the school cafeteria Sat 10/18 from 10am-1pm. Pies are \$15 each or 3/\$40. Please connect with a Senior OR email [bcsan2026@gmail.com](mailto:bcsan2026@gmail.com)

[Apple Pie Order Form](#)

**BCSAN2026**

**APPLE PIE SALE**

**DELICIOUS HOMEMADE APPLE PIES**  
**1 for \$15 or 3 for \$40**  
**Made by Us for You**



PLEASE HELP THE 2026 BYRON CENTER SENIOR ALL NIGHT COMMITTEE RAISE MONEY TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND FUN CELEBRATION FOR OUR SENIORS. YOU CAN BUY/SELL APPLE PIES FOR YOURSELF, FAMILY, FRIENDS, CO-WORKERS OR COMMUNITY FOR TODAY, FOR THE HOLIDAYS OR DONATE A PIE TO BUIST FOOD PANTRY. ALL PIES ARE HANDMADE WITH MICHIGAN APPLES, FRESH AND READY TO BAKE THE DAY OF PICK UP OR FREEZE AND BAKE TO EAT LATER.

PURCHASE THRU ANY BCHS SENIOR OR EMAIL US AT [BCSAN2026@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BCSAN2026@GMAIL.COM)  
PAYABLE BY CHECK TO BCSAN or CASH

Pick-up at BC High School Cafeteria  
Saturday, Oct 18th 10am – 1pm  
Any pie not picked up will be donated.

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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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## **BCHS 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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## **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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**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!**