



9.11.25

# BCHS Parent News



## Upcoming Dates:

9.19 – Senior Table

9.23 – Senior Cap & Gown meeting during FLEX

9.26 – Homecoming Parade & Game

9.27 – Homecoming Dance

10.7 – Picture Retake Day (a.m.)

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## Dance Guest Forms Available

Guest forms for the Homecoming dance are now available in the main office. Students who plan to bring a guest from outside of BCHS must complete and return the form by September 18 @ 3:00 pm. Please note that incomplete, faxed or late forms will not be accepted.

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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

At BCHS, we believe that building strong habits of work completion is an important part of preparing students for success both in high school and beyond. Homework and practice assignments allow teachers to check for understanding and provide additional support when needed.

To help students stay on top of their learning, we are continuing our **Homework Support (HWS) program** with a few updates this year. While the program will feel familiar, the process for how students are assigned has been improved to make it more consistent and timely.

How Homework Support Works:

Students who have missing assignments in PowerSchool may be assigned to Homework Support.

Parents/guardians and students will receive an email notification if a student is assigned.

Students will have until 2:15 pm on the day of Homework Support to turn in their missing assignments. If all missing work is submitted, they will not need to stay.

Homework Support meets on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:55–3:55 pm** in room 303 and is supervised by staff. Our goal is to have tutors available to help students with concepts they struggle with.

Transportation home is the responsibility of the student and family.

Why This Matters:

The purpose of Homework Support is not punishment—it is an opportunity for students to get caught up, receive help, and build stronger study habits that lead to long-term success. Our goal is fewer missing assignments, stronger learning, and more confident students.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Assistant Principal Jason Schut [jschut@bcpsk12.net](mailto:jschut@bcpsk12.net)

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting our students.

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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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### **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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### **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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### **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.

### Fall PSAT/NMSQT

BCHS will be offering the digital PSAT National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test the morning of Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 8:00AM to any interested junior. Students will have a chance to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program and other awards. The test is optional and free of charge. All juniors will still take the SAT in the spring. To sign up, please use [this link](#), or have your student stop in the Counseling Office. **The deadline to sign up is 3:00 PM on Friday, Sept. 19.** If your student receives testing accommodations, they will use the same accommodations they were approved for last year. If you have any questions, please email Pam Gillespie at [pgillespie@bcpsk12.net](mailto:pgillespie@bcpsk12.net). We are excited to offer this opportunity to our students!

For more information about the qualifying scholarship program: [PSAT/NMSQT Scholarship Pro](#)

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### Medication Reminders

Just a few quick reminders regarding medications at BCPS...

1. Students may NOT carry any medications (prescription OR over the counter) on their persons with the exception of approved emergency medications.
2. BCPS does NOT provide stock medications such as tylenol, ibuprofen, etc. You must provide these for your students if needed.
3. ALL medications must be delivered by a parent/guardian to the main office/school nurse and must include a signed medication consent form (\*\*INCLUDE LINK HERE)
4. All medications must be in their original container and clearly labeled with student name, DOB, and dosage instructions. We cannot accept expired meds or meds in baggies/envelopes/etc.
5. OTC medications require parent signature only and PRESCRIPTION medications require both parent AND authorized physicians signature.

Please contact our District School Nurse for any additional questions:

Lisa Vander Veen, RN

[lisavanderveen@bcpsk12.net](mailto:lisavanderveen@bcpsk12.net)

616-878-6639

### [Medication Form](#)

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### Theatre Club

We're kicking off an awesome new year of theatre, and we don't want you to miss a thing! Whether you've been on stage before or you're just curious to try it out, theatre is for YOU.

We'll be sharing all theatre updates, events, and opportunities through our Theatre Club group on the [BAND](#) app - that's how we'll keep everyone in the loop. So make sure you join today!

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN THEATRE CLUB](#)

What's coming up:

Weekly dance classes for *Newsies* – beginning August 28th from 3:30–5:30pm

Fall Play: TRAP – auditions the week of September 15

Don't miss out – join the group on [BAND](#) so you're always in the know!

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## Code Red Robotics

Code Red Robotics is looking for new students in grades 9–12 to join our FIRST Robotics Competition team! If you have a student interested in competitive robotics, being part of a great team, engaging in hands-on experience with a real world connection, while having tons of fun, please complete this [Information Request Form](#), and we will send you information about our schedule and what happens at Code Red. More information is also available on our website, [www.coderedrobotics.com](http://www.coderedrobotics.com), and in this [Flyer](#). If you would like to register for the team, please complete this [Registration Form](#). Any questions? Feel free to email Code Red Mentor Linda Baas: [lbaas@bcpsk12.net](mailto:lbaas@bcpsk12.net)

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## Travel meeting

Thursday, September 18 at 7:00 PM

BCHS 1st floor commons

Get details on upcoming trips to Peru, Mexico and Europe!

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## World Languages in BCPS

We are excited to offer two World Language options for students again this year! While there was some discussion last spring about discontinuing the German program, we are thrilled to announce that German is back at both BCHS and WMS. Students can start taking German as 8th graders and continue through their senior year up to AP German. Continuing the German program allows our students choice in their language learning. Please contact our German Teacher, Jessica Finkbeiner, if you'd like additional information on the program.

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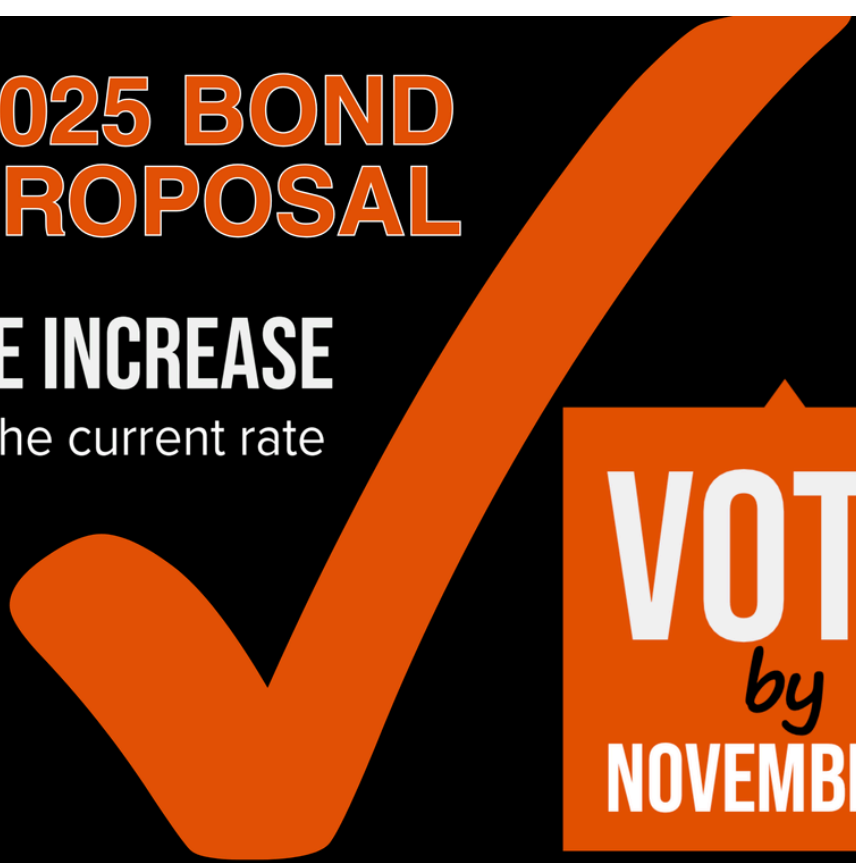
**Athletic Website:** [🌐 Byron Center Bulldogs](#)



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