



9.18.25

BCHS Parent News



Upcoming Dates:

9.23 - Senior Cap & Gown meeting during FLEX

9.26 - Homecoming Parade & Game

9.27 - Homecoming Dance

10.7 - Picture Retake Day (a.m.)

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. Help us help you by connecting ahead of time!

Homecoming Dance

A few important reminders for students attending the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, September 27, 2025.

- **Student ID:** All students must have their student ID to enter the dance.
- **Guests:** Must be pre-approved and have a valid photo ID to enter the dance(guest forms were due this afternoon).
- **Entry Time:** Doors open at 8:00 PM. No entry after 9:30 PM.

For students without an ID: If your student did not attend registration and still needs a student ID, have them contact Mrs. West at cwest@bchsk12.net or visit her at the Information Desk (2nd floor commons). Please be aware there is a \$5 fee to get a new ID printed.

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

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting our students.

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. . .

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.**

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 or 616-878-6635.

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.

SAN 2026 Apple Pie Sale

The Annual BC Senior All Night Apple Pie Sale has begun! Seniors will be selling Apple Pies thru Oct 1st. 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

[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
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.

Updated Honor Cords Requirements

As a reminder, BCHS has made adjustments to the GPA requirements for students to receive honor cords at graduation. All changes were made after reviewing historical grade data and determining the percentage of BCHS students who meet the criteria.

All changes are being phased in so each freshmen class enters high school knowing the requirements to earn honor cords. Please see the tables below for a summary of the requirements:

Class of 2026 and Beyond	
Summa Cum Laude	4.0 or higher
Magna Cum Laude	3.85 - 3.99
Cum Laude	3.75 - 3.84

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.

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

616-878-6639

Medication Form

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* - *began August 28th from 3:30-5:30pm*

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

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, 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

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.

World Language Adventure Trip

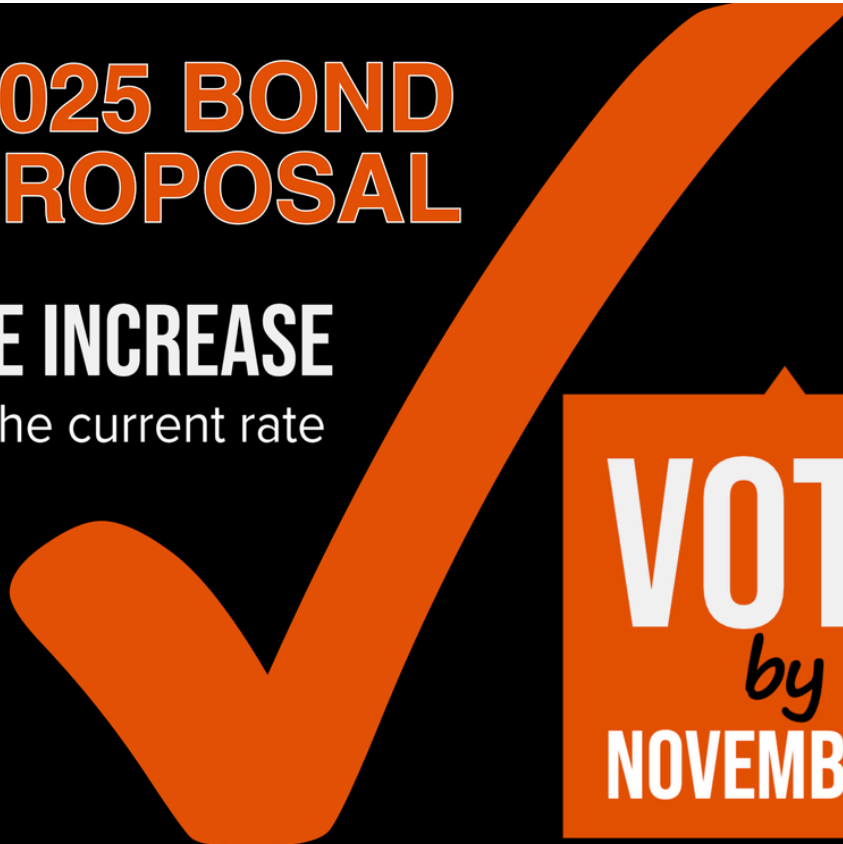
Any student who would like to enroll on our tour in 2026 or 2027 should contact Sr. Domeier, Sra. Sibalwa or Sra. Showers today. We have fun adventures planned to Peru, Mexico and Europe. Enroll by September 30 to receive a discount.

Athletic Website: [Byron Center Bulldogs](#)



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!