



9.25.25

BCHS Parent News



Upcoming Dates:

9.26 - Homecoming Parade & Game

9.27 - Homecoming Dance

10.1 - Count Day

10.7 - Picture Retake Day (a.m.)

10.13 & 10.15 - Parent Teacher Conferences

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:** Students who do not attend BCHS must be pre-approved and have a valid photo ID to enter the dance.
- **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 (HWS) Update

As part of our Homework Support process, parents will receive an email from the HWS team if their student has missing assignments.

- If a student turns in the assignment by **2:15pm on their scheduled HWS day (Tuesday or Thursday)**, they will not be required to attend that session.
- Parents can help by checking PowerSchool regularly for missing assignments to see if their student needs to stay for that afternoon.
- Students are encouraged to inform their teachers when late work is turned in so it can be updated in PowerSchool and no longer marked as “missing.”

Thank you for supporting this process as we work together to keep students on track with their learning.

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. . .

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.

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 through SchoolBookings will be available through a link in the October 2 Parent News.

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.**

From the Counseling Office



Pathfinder - the FREE online career exploration tool - helps you walk through different career and education pathways



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.

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 or 616-878-6635.

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

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 BUISH 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.

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

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.

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!



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 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.

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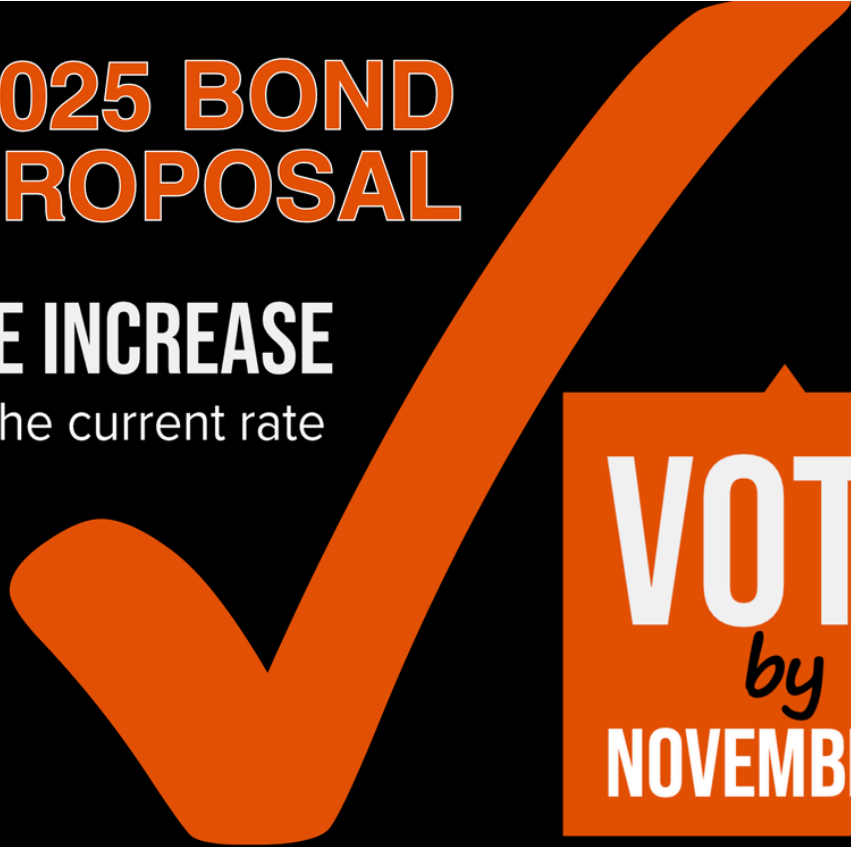
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2025 BOND PROPOSAL

NO TAX RATE INCREASE

projected from the current rate



VOTE
by
NOVEMBER 4

IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A BULLDOG!