



Byron Center Public Schools
MARSHALL ELEMENTARY

October 10, 2025

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Teachers have already sent out sign-ups for PTC directly to parents. You will schedule your conferences with your child's teacher. If you need to make a change to your scheduled time, please contact the teacher directly.

- Tuesday, October 21 from 5:00-8:00pm
- Thursday, October 23 from 1:00-4:00pm and 5:00-8:00pm.
- We have switched our grading to Semesters - Report cards will come home in January.
- There will not be a separate conference sign up for Art, Music or PE. The teachers will be available during PTC times if you'd like to stop by their rooms.

We look forward to this time to discuss your student's progress with you. Here are some helpful hints for a successful conference:

- **Be on Time** - Plan to arrive a little early. Teachers work hard to stick to the 15 minute time allotted, so arriving and leaving on-time keeps everyone on schedule.
- **Be a Team** - Partnering with your child's teacher helps you both to provide consistent support for your child.
- **Prepare Questions in Advance** - Coming with specific questions will help make the most of your time together.
- **Keep Teachers Informed** - Let your child's teacher know about any situation at home that may affect your child's school work (such as a death in the family, a new baby, or a change in daycare arrangements, etc.)
- **Take Notes & Leave with a Plan** - Taking notes will help you remember what was discussed and what was agreed upon.

Book Fair ([Scholastic Book Fair](#))

The Scholastic Book Fair will be coming to Marshall on October 20-24. The book fair will take place during normal school hours that week and will also be open during Parent/Teacher Conference hours on Tuesday, October 20 and Thursday, October 23.

You will find information on how to set up an E-Wallet account so you don't have to send your student to school with cash. There is also the option to shop online and have the books delivered to your home. This would be a great opportunity to shop for and hide books that are going to be Christmas presents! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Conley.

vconley@bcpsk12.net.

MAPS Message

A huge **THANK YOU** to all of our amazing Marshall families and community sponsors for supporting our annual Fund Run! With your generosity, we raised over \$42,000! Your support helps us fund many fun events and school activities throughout the year.

Next up Conference Week! MAPS will be providing dinner and lunch for our teachers, but we could use some help with desserts and drink donations. Please sign up to donate [here](#).

Also, keep an eye out for the flyer that went home about our first annual Donuts with Grown-Ups! Please return forms as soon as you can, we can't wait to celebrate with you!

~The MAPS Team

Halloween Classroom Parties

Just a friendly reminder that all Halloween costumes should be school appropriate. Please leave all weapons and dangerous props at home. Please refrain from choosing gruesome costumes. This is school policy. DK-4th grade costumes can be worn to school. However, please have kids with inflatables bring their costumes in their backpacks.

- **Classroom Parties:**

Approved classroom volunteers will provide a fun filled Halloween party for your students in their classrooms.

- ❖ **DK/Kindergarten & 1st grade: classroom parties 9:15-10:00am** (K-1st students can be signed out after the party & parade, but can NOT attend older sibling classroom parties)

- ❖ **2nd-4th grade: classroom parties 10:30-11:15am**

- **Halloween Parade: (10:15-10:30am)**

Parents/Guardians are welcome to view our Halloween parade in the playground behind the school. Feel free to park on either side of the building and proceed to the playground area. Students will exit the building on the East side and proceed to the West side along the sidewalk behind the Library.

- **Please plan on normal end of day schedules (bus/car rider).**

If your student needs to be picked up (large or fragile costume), please plan to be in the car rider line with your pink sheet. We ask that you come from Byron Center Avenue to line up for car riders, please do not turn left in the parking lot. ****We do not want to swarm the office with a large amount of student pick-ups at the end of the day. Thank you.****

School Photo Retakes

Monday, October 27 will be Marshall's picture retake day. Please bring your original set of photos with you to your retakes. The office does have extra photo forms if you need one, please let us know and we'll send one home with your student.

Half Day Pick-up Reminder...

Thursday, October 23 is a half day of school. School will be dismissed at 12:00pm. Car riders will begin at 11:45am. Please line up from the West (Byron Center Ave) and join the line, please have your pink sheets out. Thank you!

BCHS Career Speakers

Byron Center High School is looking for individuals from the community, who would be willing to come in and talk about their careers with a group of our Senior English Students as they look towards their next step after graduation. We set aside 25 minutes (1:25 PM - 1:50 PM) on Tuesdays and Thursdays for career presentations. If you or anyone you know would be interested, please contact Pam Gillespie at pgillespie@bcpsk12.net or 616-878-6635 for more information.

WatchDOGS

WatchDOGS sign-up link is ready to go! Use the [link](#) and choose a day to visit during our lunch/recess time with your student(s). The office will provide a schedule with your student lunch/recess times. If you have any questions, please contact: meattendance@bcpsk12.net (Kathy Lee). You MUST have a completed/approved ICHAT before your chosen date.

Water bottles

We've had a large number of students forgetting to bring their water bottles to school. The office only has a small supply of cups. Please remind your child to pack their water bottles for each school day. Thank you for your help!

Zumba

Zumba Kids! A fun, fitness based after school club is now at Marshall Elementary! No class the week of Thanksgiving (7 week session over 8 weeks) Class time: After school to 4:45. [Zumba at Marshall Flyer](#), [About Zumba Flyer](#)

Start: Thursday, October 30th

Location: Cafeteria

End: December 18th

Grades: K-4th

LINKS Shirts

LINKS shirts for sale! Benefits from the shirts will go towards the following: Community outings, LINKS lunch and Learns- snacks/ materials, and adaptable equipment. Thank you and we appreciate your support! ~LINKS Team

Shirts are \$15 for each.

Order forms: [LINKS Student Order Forms](#)

BCPS Bond

Byron Center Public Schools has a bond proposal on the ballot in the upcoming November 4 election. The district's bond would enhance academic learning environments, fine arts spaces and athletic facilities, while also supporting districtwide technology upgrades and improvements to the transportation center. For more information about the bond proposal, please visit the district's website.



Marshall Calendar

Oct. 14 - 1st Grade Smoke House
Oct. 20 - FUNd Run Top Earners Event
Oct. 21 - PTC 5-8pm
Oct. 23 - **Half Day** - Dismissal 12:00pm
Oct. 23 - PTC 1-4pm, 5-8pm
Oct 27 - Picture Retake Day
Oct. 28-29 - Hearing & Vision Rescreening
Oct. 30 - 1st Grade Field Trip
Oct. 31 - **Half Day** - Dismissal 12:00pm
Oct. 31 - Halloween classroom parties
Nov. 3 - Donut Event (A-K)
Nov. 8 - BCFAB Craft Show 9am-3pm
Nov. 10 - Donut Event (L-Z)
Nov. 20 - Kinder Dental Screening
Nov. 26-28 - **No School** (Thanksgiving)
Dec.1-5 - LINKS Inclusion Week
Dec. 10-12 - Holiday Shop
Dec. 22-Jan. 4 - **No School** (Holiday Break)

BYRON CENTER VARSITY
DANCE TEAM

**SPRIT
CLINIC**

Work on dance skills with the varsity
dance team **followed by a fun
performance for families at 11:45 am!**
NEW THIS YEAR, the dancers will get a
FREE t-shirt and a sweet treat in
addition to all the other fun!

\$35
/ PERSON

NOVEMBER 8

9:00 - 12:00 PM
BROWN ELEMENTARY GYM
8064 BYRON CENTER AVE

DEADLINE TO GET A SHIRT
WOULD BE TO SIGN UP BEFORE
OCTOBER 24!

Dance - Spirit Clinic

Come dance with the Byron Center Varsity Dance Team! We are hosting a SPIRIT CLINIC on Saturday, November 8. Reach out to bchsdanceteam1@gmail.com with any questions. Please see the flyer below the calendar.

VAN SINGEL YOUTH THEATRE 2025
Presents:

**PRINCESS
WHATSERNAME**



Get your tickets to Princess Whatsername!
October 24-25, 2025

BYRON CENTER HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE 2025
Presents:

TRAP

Get your tickets to TRAP!
November 14-15, 2025


**BC
BRAWLERS**

**Brawlers
BASICS**

BOYS GRADES 1-4 NOV 6, 13, 20
6:00-7:15PM MARSHALL ELEMENTARY GYM

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME – BEGINNERS ENCOURAGED!
JOIN US FOR THREE FUN-FILLED NIGHTS OF LEARNING AND
IMPROVING THE FUNDAMENTALS OF LACROSSE.
WHETHER YOU'RE BRAND NEW OR LOOKING TO SHARPEN YOUR
BASIC SKILLS, THIS IS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO GROW YOUR
GAME IN A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT.

RECEIVE A LACROSSE STICK TO KEEP!
JUST BRING WATER, WEAR TENNIS SHOES, AND COME
READY TO LEARN!

\$40 PER ATHLETE

USE QR CODE TO REGISTER AND
FOR PAYMENT INFO.
REGISTRATION CLOSING OCT 24

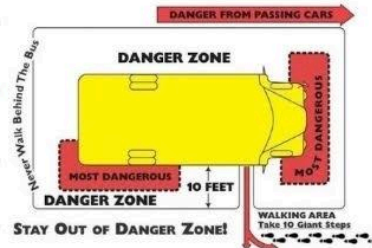




OCTOBER 20-24

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK

SPIRIT DAYS TO PROMOTE SCHOOL BUS SAFETY



Mon

Wear all Red day!

A school bus acts as a traffic signal when its lights are activated. Red flashing lights and extended stop arms indicate the bus has stopped and children are getting on or off. All cars must stop and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop-arm is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving, before they can start driving again.

Tues

Safety yellow or orange day!

Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Cars should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicle. Remember, it's not just the bus that people need to have their eyes on – but the surrounding area too. Children are waiting to board or get off the bus and are near our roadways.

Wed

Mismatch shoes or socks day!

Remember you should NEVER walk behind a school bus. If you must cross the street in front of the bus, be sure to place yourself at least ten feet — five giant steps — in front of the bus before crossing. This keeps you out of the danger zone of the school bus.

Thurs

Wear your sunglasses to school!

When entering or exiting the bus be sure to look both ways upon entering the roadway. Even when you see the driver put their paddle up indicating it's safe to cross, it's always smart to be extra cautious and look once more. Always have your eyes watching for traffic not following laws, your bus driver is trained to keep you safe but it takes your help to ensure a safe stop!

Fri

Crazy hair or hat day!

Running after the bus is crazy! You should arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. Traffic can make morning times vary, we try our best to be there within 5 minutes before or after our published route times. NEVER chase the bus, your bus driver cannot see you! Instead, if you need a ride then please have a parent call the transportation department and we will see how we can help get you to school safely that day.



Byron Center Public Schools

We are always looking for smiling faces to add to our fleet, stop in or call us if you think you have what it takes to be a BC Bus Driver! We would love to discuss opportunities available to you!

FIRE UP THE FLAVOR: COPS, TRUCKS, AND CHILI



Join members of the Kent County Sheriff's Office and Byron Center Recreation for a night of "touch a truck" (police cruisers, fire trucks, ambulances, and more), plus games, crafts and chili!



EVENT DETAILS

Date: October 17th, 2025

Time: 5pm-7pm

Location: Byron Center Recreation
2120 76th St., Byron Center

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Free event for all ages
(except for chili cook off)

\$20 entry fee for each team

\$5 sampling chili
(day of the event)

To register for the chili cook off
call 616-878-1998 or stop in to
the community center.

CHILI COOK OFF

Think you have the best chili?
Here's your chance to prove it!

Rules

- Each entry can be created by either individual or team
- Each entry will be provided half of a 8 foot table for serving and display
- Each entry must be fully cooked, hot and delivered in a crockpot
- Participants are encouraged to decorate your area
- Participants are encouraged to name your chili
- Judging will be done by attendees for the People's Choice and law enforcement will be judging the other categories
- Prizes will be awarded by categories (see below)

Categories

- Peoples Choice (Best Overall Chili)
- Where's The Beef? (Vegetarian or Non-Beef Chili)
- Not Your Mother's Chili (Most Unique or Unusual)
- All in the Name of Chili (Best Name)



Byron Center Sports Boosters



REVERSE RAFFLE PARTY

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

The Byron Center Sports Boosters 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

- 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	\$600	200	\$500
60	\$150	210	\$150
70	\$150	220	\$200
80	\$150	230	\$150
90	\$150	240	\$300
100	\$300	250	\$600
110	\$200	260	\$300
120	\$200	270	\$500
130	\$150	280	\$600
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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BC BRAWLERS

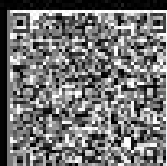
BOYS YOUTH LACROSSE

COMING SOON TO

BYRON CENTER

BOYS GRADES 1ST - 8TH
ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

FOR UPDATES



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