

Byron Center West Middle School Newsletter



A Note from Mr. Vydareny

This Week's Top Three:

1. We are looking forward to seeing parents and guardians next week for parent/teacher conferences! This is a great opportunity to connect around the start of the year. As a reminder, please continue to check Powerschool and Schoology for more daily updates!
2. Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 21st as our 8th Grade students will be participating in the PSAT that morning. The school schedule will remain the same, but 8th grade students will be testing that morning while 7th grade students go through other academic rotations.
3. Our Art and STEM students enjoyed their field trip last Friday to the Gilmore Car Museum. It was a great day of learning and exploring for our students!



Things to Know

School Pictures

To order a **PICTURE PACKAGE**, please use the link: <https://inter-state.com/flyerentry/0657HCF>

To order a **YEARBOOK ONLY** (no picture package), please use <https://inter-state.com/YearbookEntry/0694JV>

Ski Club

Are you interested in joining the Ski & Snowboard Club? Sign-ups open November 2! See the [link](#) for all the details!

Senior All Nighter Fundraisers

It's APPLE PIE TIME! September kicks off the annual SAN Apple Pie Sale. Please help us raise money to provide a safe and fun celebration for our 2027 seniors. Order now through October 8!

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/san2027-apple-pie-fundraiser>

Attendance

Please remember to notify the school if your child will be absent, arriving late, or leaving early.

- Attendance Line - 616-878-6511
- Attendance Email - westattendance@bcpsk12.net

Student Cell Phones

Students are to leave their cellphones in their lockers at all times. If your student needs to use his/her cellphone during the school day, he/she may do so in the main office.

Dress Code

Please help us by reviewing the dress code with your child ([Student Handbook](#)). Students will be asked to change or call home if they are out of dress code.

PAW Update (Parents at West)

PAW is West Middle's parent board. They support the school, staff, and students through many different projects and events throughout the course of the year. For more information: BCParentsAtWest@gmail.com.

Parent and Student Resources

Links to many middle school resources can be found at <https://www.bcpsk12.net/middle/parent--student-resources/>

Information can also be found under the Helpful Links tab on our website at <https://www.bcpsk12.net/middle/>

October

	Upcoming Dates		
	Tuesday October 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● FLEX Day● Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7 pm	
	Thursday October 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● FLEX Day● Student Council Meeting 7:30am● Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7 pm	
	Tuesday October 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● FLEX Day	
	Wednesday October 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Newspaper Club Meeting 7:30am	
	Thursday October 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Picture Retake Day● NJHS Meeting 7:30am	
	Wednesday October 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● PSAT Testing - 8th grade am	



THE 2ND ANNUAL

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: Friday, October 16th, 2026

Time: 5:00-7:00p.m.

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

Free event for all ages. Chili cook-off entry and sampling fees apply.

\$20 entry fee for each team

\$5 to sample chili (day of 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 may be submitted by an 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 (suggest 2 crockpots so we won't run out)
- Participants are encouraged to decorate their 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 in the following categories:

- People's Choice (Best Overall Chili)
- Where's The Beef? (Vegetarian or Non-Beef Chili)
- Not Your Mother's Chili (Most Unique or Unusual)