

Byron Center

West Middle School

Newsletter



This Week's Top Three:

1. Art and STEM classes had a visit from BC TV this week. Students had the chance to experience the equipment, learn about volunteer opportunities, and make career connections for the future. Thank you, BC TV!!
2. FLEX started this week! This is a 35-minute dedicated time that occurs on Tuesdays and Thursdays at West in which students can receive additional contact time with staff. Both staff and students have the option of selecting a FLEX that they most need to be a part of.
3. Next week is Homecoming Spirit Week. Monday - Pajamas; Tuesday - Camo/USA; Wednesday - Hawaiian/Tropical; Thursday - Power Outage; Friday BC Day. Please remind students that outfits still need to follow our dress code!



**A Note from
Mr. Vydareny**

Sincerely,

Mr. Kris Vydareny

Principal, West Middle School

Things to Know

B.E.S.T. (Bulldog Enhancement & Support Time)

B.E.S.T is a supervised opportunity to work on homework, study, or read before school, Monday - Thursday from 7:30 am - 7:50 am. Any and all students are welcome to attend.

FLEX Days

Starting Tuesday, September 16, we will have FLEX every Tuesday and Thursday. FLEX is a time built into the school day for teachers to provide remediation and intervention to students based on classroom data. Students are allowed to sign up to see a teacher from whom they need help and teachers will request students based on need. There will also be extension opportunities available as the year progresses. Any student who is not assigned to a specific teacher is in the gym or cafeteria reading silently. FLEX is an important and helpful time for both teachers and students. We will be taking time on Tuesday to explain FLEX to all students before jumping in on Thursday.

Missing Paperwork and Payments

If you have not yet completed the SnapCode and/or orientation paperwork for your child, please do so at your earliest convenience. Students who have not paid the Technology Fee, will not be allowed to bring their chromebooks home.

P.E. Class

Our P.E. classes are held outside when the weather cooperates. Please make sure your child is prepared with appropriate clothing for cooler weather.

Ski and Snowboard Club

This is a club for 5th through 12th grade students who enjoy hitting the slopes together. This prepaid club transports students to and from BCHS and Bittersweet Ski Resort six Tuesdays in January and February. Sign up and payment information will come later in October. Space is limited. An option to meet at Bittersweet (no bus transportation) will be available for those that prefer to meet there. Please see the [information document](#) for details.

Byron Center WyldLife

Parents and Guardians! Your son or daughter is invited to Byron Center WyldLife on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month! WyldLife is the middle school group of Young Life, and is a place where students can build friendships with other students from Byron Center West Middle, as well as caring adults who show up and enter their world to show them they matter. All students are welcome! For questions, or to find out more, you can follow Byron Center WyldLife on instagram (@ByronWyldLife) or reach out to the Young Life office at grswyl@gmail.com.

PAW Update (Parents at West)

We cannot believe our first full week of the school year is official!! We hope you and your families are getting back into the swing of things.

We would love to start off the year strong by stocking the teachers' lounge with snacks and drinks to help them get through the days. If you would like to help us do that, please look through the sign-up genius and choose an item. If you'd like to help but don't have time to shop, that's ok too. There are some slots available for donations, and we will shop for you! Click here for the Sign Up Genius link: [West Middle Parents: Stock the Staff Lounge](#)

Thank you!

(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. If you would like more information please

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/>

Athletics

Fall sports (Girls Volleyball, Boys Tennis, Football and Cross Country) are now in full swing. Please check out the links below for more information about school sports.

- Athletic Information / Schedules - <https://bcwestmsathletics.com>
- Sign Up / Pay to Play - <https://byroncenter-mi.finalforms.com>

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 their cellphone during the school day, they can 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.

Next Week @ West

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| Monday September 22 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Slumber Party (wear your pjs) ● B.E.S.T. - 7:30 am |
| Tuesday September 23 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Brave Contributor (wear camo or USA) ● B.E.S.T. - 7:30 am |
| Wednesday September 24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hawaiian Day (wear something tropical) ● B.E.S.T. - 7:30 am |
| Thursday September 25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Power Outage (wear dark colors) ● B.E.S.T. - 7:30 am ● Student Council Meeting - 7:30 am |
| Friday September 26 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BC Friday (wear orange and black) ● Art/STEM Field Trip to Gilmore Car Museum ● BC Homecoming Parade - 5:30 pm |

Upcoming Dates

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| October 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NJHS Meeting - 7:30 am |
| October 7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent-Teacher Conferences - 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm |
| October 9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student Council Meeting - 7:30 am ● Parent-Teacher Conferences - 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm |
| October 10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8th Grade Band @ BCHS Football Game - 5:30 pm |
| October 15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Picture Retake Day |

HOMECOMING 2025



Slumber Party
Wear your PJs



Brave Contributor
Camo or USA



Hawaiian Day
Wear Beach Gear



Power Outage
Wear all dark clothing



BC Friday
Wear BC Gear

Daily **PRIZE** for the most spirited
7th and 8th grade student!



2025 BOND PROPOSAL

NO TAX RATE INCREASE

projected from the current rate



VOTE
by
NOVEMBER 4

Let's Stock the teacher's lounge

WE WOULD LOVE TO START OFF THE SCHOOL YEAR BY STOCKING
THE TEACHERS LOUNGE WITH SOME OF THEIR
FAVORITE DRINKS & SNACKS!!

FEEL FREE TO PLEASE USE THE SIGN UP GENIUS TO SEE WHAT
ITEMS YOU COULD PURCHASE OR FEEL FREE TO JUST GRAB
SOMETHING YOU THINK THEY WOULD ENJOY!!

PLEASE SEND ITEMS TO THE OFFICE, NOTING "PAW" ON THEM.

thank you





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2025-2026 school year

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24, 2025

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orders will be donated to the Sports Boosters.



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