



# BYRON CENTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Helping Students Build Success Stories



**Robert L. Nickels Intermediate**

Nickels Intermediate School  
Friday Office Communication  
August 22, 2025

## Important Information:

### Attendance Line:

Please call the attendance line at 616-878-6400 or email [nickelsattendance@bcpsk12.net](mailto:nickelsattendance@bcpsk12.net), if your student will be absent, running late, or needs to be picked up for an appointment during the school day. If we are unable to answer, please leave us a detailed message with your name, the name of your student, the reason for the absence, or the time your student will be arriving or need to be picked up for an appointment. Thank you for your help in this.

### [Nickels website](#)

### School Hours:

Full Day: 7:55 am - 2:50 pm

Half Day: 7:55 am - 11:10 am

### Office hours:

Monday - Friday: 7:30 am - 3:30 pm

Phone number: 616-878-6400

## Upcoming Dates

### Aug:

Aug. 25th - Nickels Open House 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Aug. 27th - First Day of School! Welcome back students

Aug. 29th - Sept. 1st - No School - Labor Day

### Sept:

Sept. 3rd - School Photos

Sept. 12th - Nickels Fall Fundraiser Starts

Sept. 12th - 6th Grade Orchestra Students - Parent Instrument Rental Night at Nickels 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Sept. 25th - FIT is hosting a Nickels Volleyball night - more details to come

Sept. 26th - Homecoming Parade - More details to come

### Nickels Family Open House 8/25 from 4:30 - 6:00 pm:

We hope that you will join us on August 25th for our parent and student open house. This is a drop-in style open house, so feel free to drop by anytime between 4:30 - 6:00 pm to meet your homeroom teacher, see your classroom, receive a welcome packet and get a feel for where you'll be going on the first day of school.

### Homeroom Informational Letter:

Homeroom informational letters were mailed home last week, if you have not received your student's homeroom letter, please call the office at 616-878-6400. Thank you!

### Returning Student Registration:

Returning Students Registration letter: Please use the snap code on this letter to complete your students registration by the first day of school. This letter replaces the paper demographic form you may have completed in previous years. Please log in and review the information and update emails, phone numbers or other information as necessary. If you have multiple households, only one household is required to complete the online information.

### [Returning Students Registration Link](#)

### Forte:

*Forte!* is a fun and engaging choir experience for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students who love to sing, perform, and want to learn more about their voices. Students who join this ensemble will be expected to demonstrate a passion for singing, a commitment to excellence, and a desire to be a part of a team. *Forte!* is an after-school choir that meets on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in the Nickels Intermediate School Choir Room from 3:00-4:00 P.M. **Transportation is not included.** Please see attached flyer for more information: [Forte Informational Flyer](#)

### Transportation:

If your bussing needs differ from last year please see the attached Child Care [Link](#). **Please only fill this out if your child bussing needs have changed.** If you have any questions please contact transportation at 616-878-6496. Routes will be announced the week before school starts via School Messenger.

### **Byron Center Sports Passes Available For Purchase:**

Passes will be available for purchase in the Athletic Office (8500 Burlingame Ave.). Normal office hours will be from 8:00am - 2:00PM for purchase. (Lunch from 12:00-12:30). These passes can be used at all regular season MS and HS home events.

Adults \$50

Students \$25.00

Family Max payment of \$150.00

Cash or Checks payable to BCPS. If you have any additional questions please feel free to reach out at 616-878-6642.

### **Suggested supply list for the 25/26 school year:**

[5th Grade Supply List](#)   [6th Grade Supply List](#)

### **6th Grade Band/Orchestra:**

If you are a 6th grade Nickels Family member inquiring about how to obtain an instrument, please use this QR code! This should take you to a folder that includes all information about getting an instrument. I am hoping this will help you!



### **District Calendar 25/26:**

[25/26 District Calendar](#)

### **District Calendar 26/27:**

[26/27 District Calendar](#)

## **Family Involvement Team - FIT:**

We are excited to kick off another great year with the Nickels Family Involvement Team (FIT)! Here's a glimpse of what we have planned and how you can participate:

### **Upcoming Events:**

- 5th Grade Harvest Parties: Celebrate the season with fun-filled harvest parties.
- Monthly Classroom Leadership Lunches: Encouraging leadership and community in our classrooms.
- Fall & Winter Family Tailgates: Join us for family fun at our seasonal tailgates.
- Reading Month Celebrations: Engaging activities to foster a love of reading.
- And Much More! Stay tuned for more events listed on our Facebook page and in weekly office communications.

**Support Our Amazing Staff:** FIT organizes appreciation events and surprises for our incredible staff throughout the school year. Our staff is the best, and we love to let them know it!

### **How to Get Involved:**

- **Donate:** We accept cash, checks, or online donations. Visit our fundraising page to contribute and help us reach our goal.
- **Become a Sponsor:** Own a business and want to support our students and teachers? Consider sponsoring Nickels FIT. Various sponsorship levels are available. Click here to fill out our Sponsor Interest Form or email [admin@nickelsfit.org](mailto:admin@nickelsfit.org) to get started.
- **Volunteer:** We love volunteers! Keep an eye on our Facebook page for signups or email [admin@nickelsfit.org](mailto:admin@nickelsfit.org) to let us know you're willing to help. Whether you join a committee or volunteer for an event, there's a spot for you! [\*\*FIT Informational Flyer\*\*](#)

### **Meet the 2025-26 FIT Board:**

Kristi Maines- President

Andrea Wiltrakis- Vice President

Lauren Brock- Treasurer

Stay Connected: Like us on FACEBOOK for the latest updates and event information. Let's make this year the best one yet!

## ***How You Can Help...***



### **DONATE DIRECTLY!**

WE ACCEPT CASH, CHECK, OR YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE! JUST VISIT OUR FUNDRAISING PAGE, SELECT YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM, AND DONATE! SHARE OUR PAGE WITH YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS TO HELP US REACH OUR GOAL! PLEASE VISIT [WWW.GIVEBUTTER.COM/FIT2025](http://WWW.GIVEBUTTER.COM/FIT2025) OR SCAN THE QR CODE.



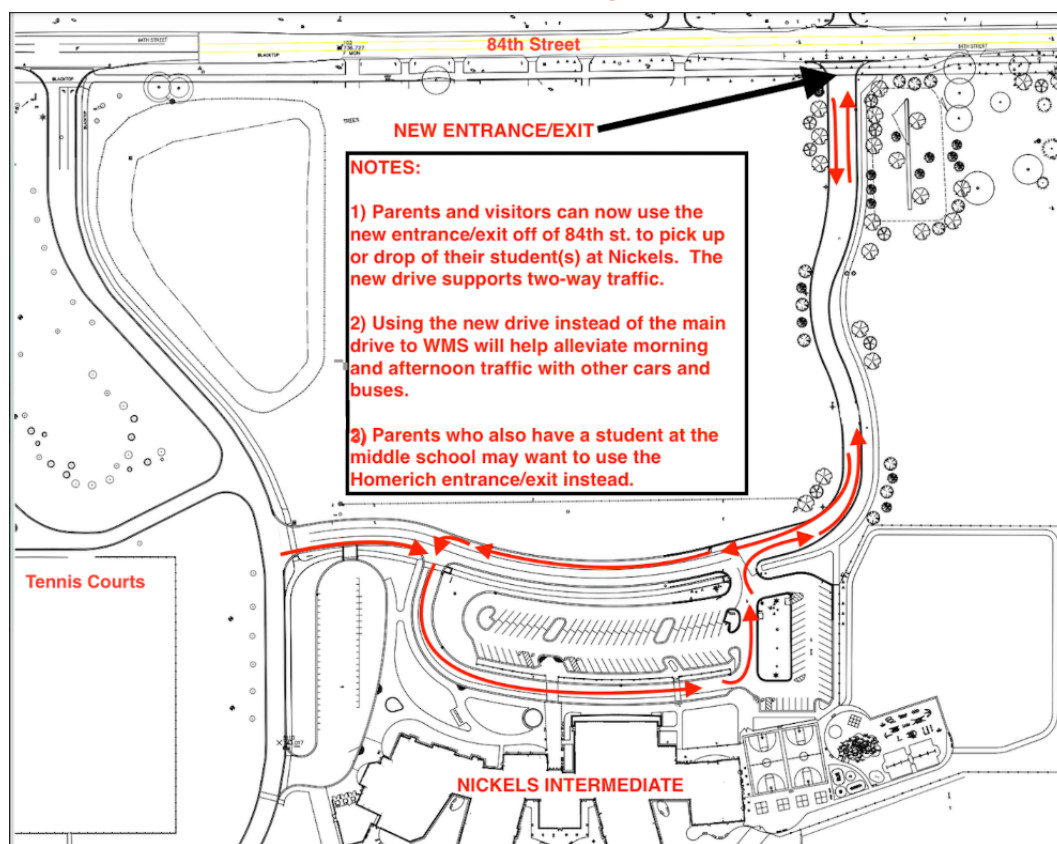
### **BECOME A SPONSOR!**

DO YOU OWN A BUSINESS AND LOVE TO SUPPORT STUDENTS & TEACHERS? PLEASE CONSIDER SPONSORING NICKELS FIT! THERE ARE MANY SPONSORSHIP LEVELS TO CHOOSE FROM. SCAN THE QR CODE OR EMAIL [ADMIN@NICKELSFIT.ORG](mailto:ADMIN@NICKELSFIT.ORG). TO GET STARTED!

## ***Volunteer With Us!***

WE LOVE VOLUNTEERS AND COULD NOT MAKE THESE EVENTS HAPPEN WITHOUT YOU!  
KEEP AN EYE ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES FOR SIGNUPS.  
**WE'VE GOT A SPOT FOR YOU!**

### Student Pick up and Drop off (New Driveway Entrance for Nickels) :



### **Dear Parents and Guests-**

The following diagram shows the directional flow of how pickup, drop-off, and parking will occur before, during and after school at Nickels Intermediate. Please note that the pickup/drop-off lanes directly in front of the building are one way and counter-clockwise. Students should exit to the sidewalk on the passenger side of your vehicle. Please be sure to pull forward if space allows along the curb. Once your student is safely dropped off, it is ok to pull out into the exit lanes. **Do not use the middle lane for entering Nickel's driveway.** Please continue to use the designated drop off/pick up loop when dropping off or picking up your student at school. **Please do not use the bus loop (west of the school), the main drive between West and Nickels.**

After school dismissal, students at Nickels will get on a transfer bus and ride it over to the bus rodeo (located at Heritage Elementary), students will transfer to their home bus at this location. In the past, some parents came to the bus transfer area (bus rodeo) to pick up their kids. We are asking that you avoid picking up your students from the bus transfer area. Our bus riders will load and unload buses on the far west side of the building in a separate and protected lot designated for this purpose. When picking up your student at the end of the school day please exit towards 84th street.

### **BCPS Food Service:**

We want to keep you informed about upcoming changes to school meal guidelines. All K–12 students at BCPS will continue to receive free breakfast and lunch through September 30, 2025. Beginning October 1, families should plan to pay for student meals unless state funding is extended.

The State of Michigan is currently working through the State School Aid Budget, and at this time, it is not yet known whether free meals will be provided for the 2025–26 school year beyond September 30, 2025.

Families who meet federal income guidelines may qualify for free or reduced-price meals. Applications can be [found on the district's website.](#)

If you need to set up an account or add funds for student meals, you can do so through the [Meal Magic Family Portal.](#)

We appreciate your understanding and will share updates as soon as more information becomes available.

[August Lunch Menu](#)   [September Lunch Menu](#)

### **25/26 6th Grade Sports Information:**

<http://bcwestmsathletics.com/>

[25/26 Middle School Sports Informational Flyer](#)

### **Dirt Dash:**

Countryside Elementary School is grateful for our ongoing partnership with Chapel Pointe Church. Through their support, several of our students benefit from caring one-on-one mentoring relationships that foster connection and growth. Beyond mentoring, Chapel Pointe continues to support and enrich our school community in a variety of meaningful ways.

Coming up soon, Chapel Pointe is hosting a Dirt Dash, a fun and unique summer event filled with exciting activities! It's a great opportunity for students and families to come together, enjoy some outdoor fun, and maybe even reconnect with school friends before fall.

Check out the link below for more information and the registration link. We hope to see you there!

<https://www.adventuresignup.com/Race/MI/ByronCenter/DirtDash>



### **Cell Phone Expectations and Consequences:**

Our policy states that all cell phones must be off and stored in a student's locker (or homeroom teacher's classroom) from 7:30-2:50 each day. This policy is a three strike system. Please review the consequences below with your student to ensure understanding of cell phone use at school.

#### **Cell Phone Policy (Electronic Device Policy)**

1st Offense – Device is taken away for the remainder of the day.

2nd Offense – Device is taken away, parents are called, and parents must come pick up device from school.

3rd Offense – Parent is called and device is banned permanently from the school for the remainder of the year.

Our goal with this policy is to help all students focus on learning throughout the school day. Thank you for partnering with us!

### **Nurses Corner:**

#### **Medication Consent Form 25/26**

Medication Policy Reminders:

1. If your student needs to take medication while at school they MUST have a medication consent form completed.

Prescription meds require BOTH a parent/guardian AND a physician signature. Over the counter (OTC) meds require a parent/guardian signature only. No student will be administered medication without the proper consent forms.

2. Please remember that students are NOT allowed to self carry ANY medications (prescription or OTC) per our district policy UNLESS it's an emergency medication and we have the appropriate forms completed and signed.

3. All medications must be stored in the office and brought to school by a parent/guardian. They must be in the original container with the appropriate label (and not expired). We will not accept any medications in baggies, envelopes, etc.

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