BYRON CENTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Nickels Intermediate School

Friday Office Communication

November 20, 2026

Important Information:

Attendance Line:

To notify the school of your student's absence, late arrival, or planned early dismissal, please call the office at 616-878-6400 or email nickelsattendance@bcpsk12.net. If you reach our voicemail, kindly leave a detailed message on our attendance line, that includes your name, your student's full name, the reason for their absence, and their expected arrival or departure time. Thank you for your assistance! Nickels website

School Hours:

Full Day: 7:55 am - 2:45 pm

Half Day: 7:55 am - 11:05 am

Office hours:

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

Phone number: 616-878-6400

Upcoming Dates

Nov:

Nov. 24th - NO Forte

Nov. 25th to Nov. 27th - Thanksgiving Break - NO School

Dec:

Dec. 1st - Forte 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Dec. 2nd - Art Club 2:50 - 3:45 pm

Dec. 2nd - Forte 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Dec. 4th - Key Card Sales End

Dec. 4th - 3 Mile Holiday Forms Due

Dec. 7th - MAP testing begins

Dec. 8th - Bulldog Growl 2:50 pm - 3:45 pm

Dec. 8th - Forte 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Dec. 9th - Forte 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Dec. 11th - Forte Field Trip - 11:05 am - 6:00 pm

Dec. 15th - NO Forte

Dec. 16th - NO Forte

Cooler Weather Gear:

As the weather turns colder please have your child dress warmly for recess (sweatshirt, pants, winter coat, gloves, hat, boots and snow pants). Students do go outside unless the temperature/wind chill is below Zero. Thank you for your help in this!

Lost and Found:

Please have your student check the lost and found for any missing items. All unclaimed items left in the lost and found, as of January 8th, will be donated to Buist Community Ministries. Parents are also welcome to come and look in the lost and found after school between 3:00 pm and 3:30 pm.

Bulldog Growl:

November Edition

District Calendar 26/27:

26/27 District Calendar

District Calendar 27/28:

27/28 District Calendar

6th Grade Holiday Activity @ 3 Mile Project - 12/17/26:

6th Grade Permission Form - Permission forms are due by 12/4/26

5th Grade Holiday Activity @ 3 Mile Project - 12/18/26:

5th Grade Permission Form - Permission forms are due by 12/4/26

Toys for Tots:



Returning Student Registration:

Returning Students Registration letter: Please use the snap code on this letter to complete your students returning to school registration. 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.

ReturningStudents Registration Link

26/27 6th Grade Sports Information:

http://bcwestmsathletics.com/

26/27 Middle School Sports Informational Flyer

Hand2Hand Online Sports Auction:

From November 30–December 6, turn your love of sports into an opportunity to make a difference for local kids! The **Game Changers Auction** features sports memorabilia, tickets and one-of-a-kind experiences, with every winning bid helping provide nutritious food to students across West Michigan.

Proceeds support Hand2Hand's mission to ensure local children have access to food over weekends and extended school breaks when school meals are unavailable.

Explore the auction and place your bids: **Game Changers Auction**



Hand2Hand:

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We would like to offer your student the opportunity to participate in a program at Nickels Intermediate called “Hand2Hand”. This program helps provide a student with food/snacks for the weekends!
Here’s how Hand2Hand will work: At the end of the week students who are signed up will receive a minimum of 10 food items in a black school logo drawstring bag that will be provided at the first week of participation (subsequent weeks will be a plastic bag). These food items will be a combination of breakfast, snacks, lunch and/or dinner items. While the food items are meant for the student, they can be shared among the family as well. (Please note: if your student or another family member has food allergies it will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian to check the contents of the backpack each week to ensure the food doesn’t contain ingredients which could cause an allergic reaction).
There is no cost to participate! If you sign your student up to receive Hand2Hand, they will continue to receive the weekly bags each week.This opportunity is being provided by Corinth Reformed Church in Byron Center. To learn more about Hand2Hand, please visit their website: h2hkids.org.

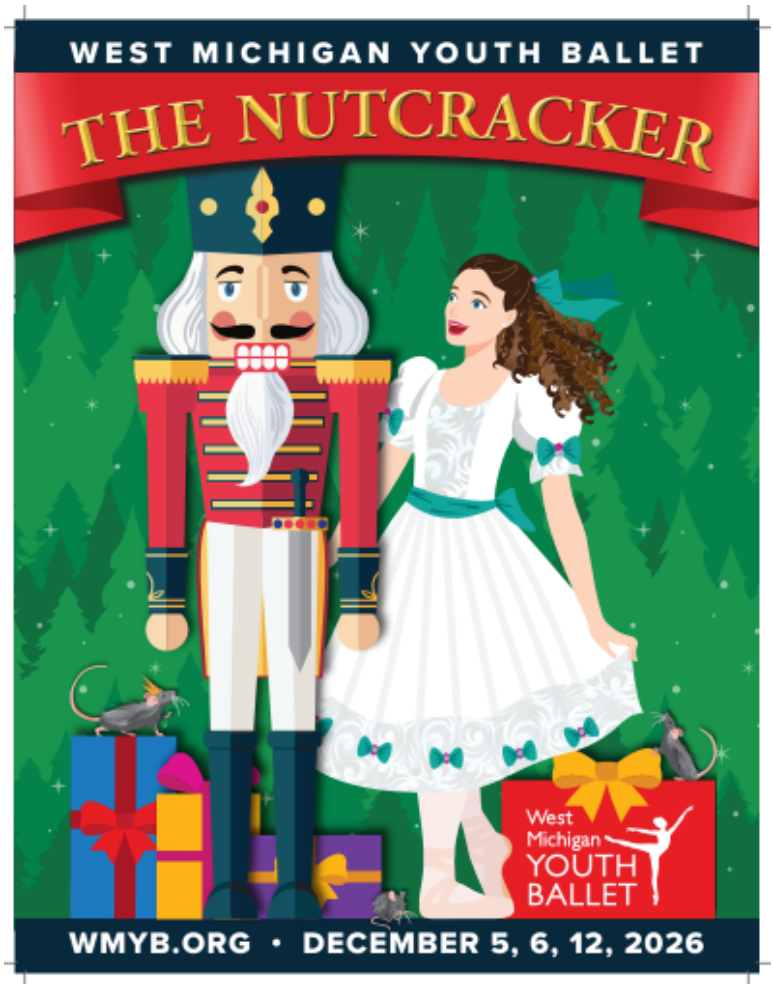
Fill out form HERE.

COME SEE PUFFS! 🦡🎭

Get ready for a whole lot of laughs, unexpected friendships, and magical mayhem! *PUFFS* follows seven years at a school of magic through the eyes of the students who aren't exactly the chosen ones. It's hilarious, heartfelt, and full of surprises!
We're also partnering with local bookstore **Rolling Rabbit Books** for a pop-up bookstore during the performances! Browse a fun selection of books about magic and wizards, with 25% of all book sales donated back to our theatre program!
Performance Dates:
November 20 at 7:00 PM
November 21 at 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Tickets: vsfac.com/puffs
Check out the trailer: HERE
Come enjoy the show and take home a little extra magic!
Stay in the Spotlight! Be the first to hear about upcoming shows, special events, and everything happening at the Van Singel Fine Arts Center. Sign up at vsfac.com/patron

Byron Center Public School students are auditioned members of West Michigan Youth Ballet and will be performing in *The Nutcracker* ballet. We are happy to welcome families from your schools and appreciate your support in allowing us to share performance information.



Key Card Sale:

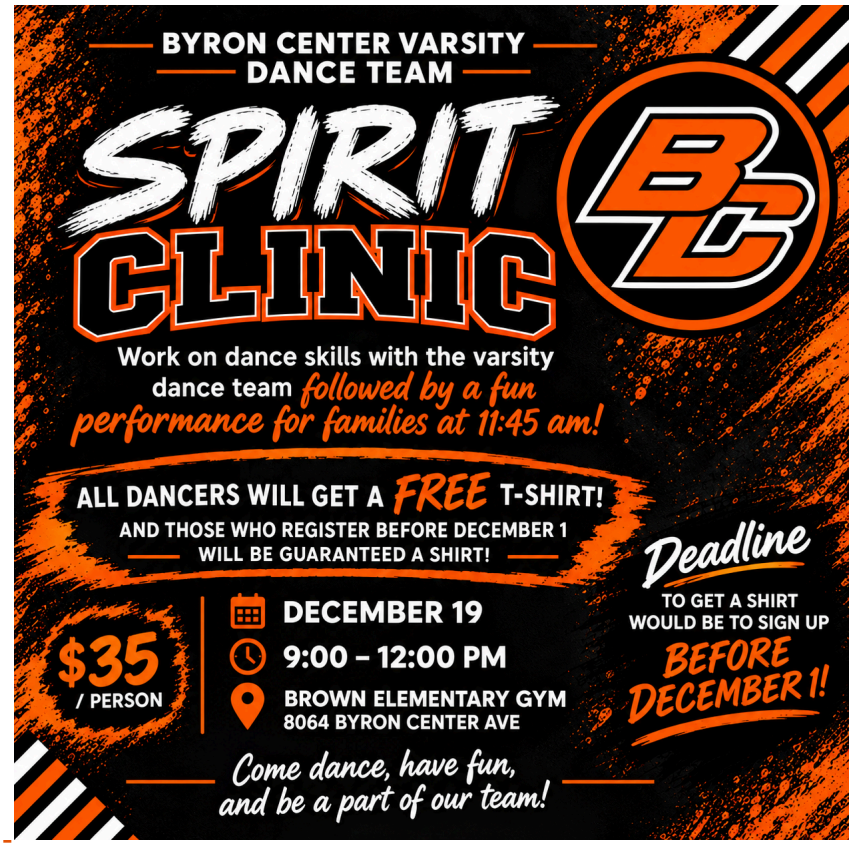
Our Annual Key Card sales have begun. 50% of the Sale Proceeds goes to our Nickels Students. For the 5th grade students, the sale proceeds go towards the 5th grade class end of the year Field trip and Holiday party. For the 6th grade students, the sale proceeds go towards their Holiday party and individual student accounts to help with their end of the year Field trip. Your student will bring home a sample for you to review and to show to family and friends. If you're not interested in the key card book, please send the book bag back to school. Thank you for Supporting Nickels! Sale Ends December 4th.

Key Card Flyer

Varsity Dance Team Clinic:

Come dance with the Byron Center Varsity Dance Team! We are hosting a SPIRIT CLINIC on December 19 at 9:00am. It will be held at the Brown Elementary gymnasium and the Byron Center Varsity Dancers will be running it! Sign up by December 1 to guarantee a free shirt!

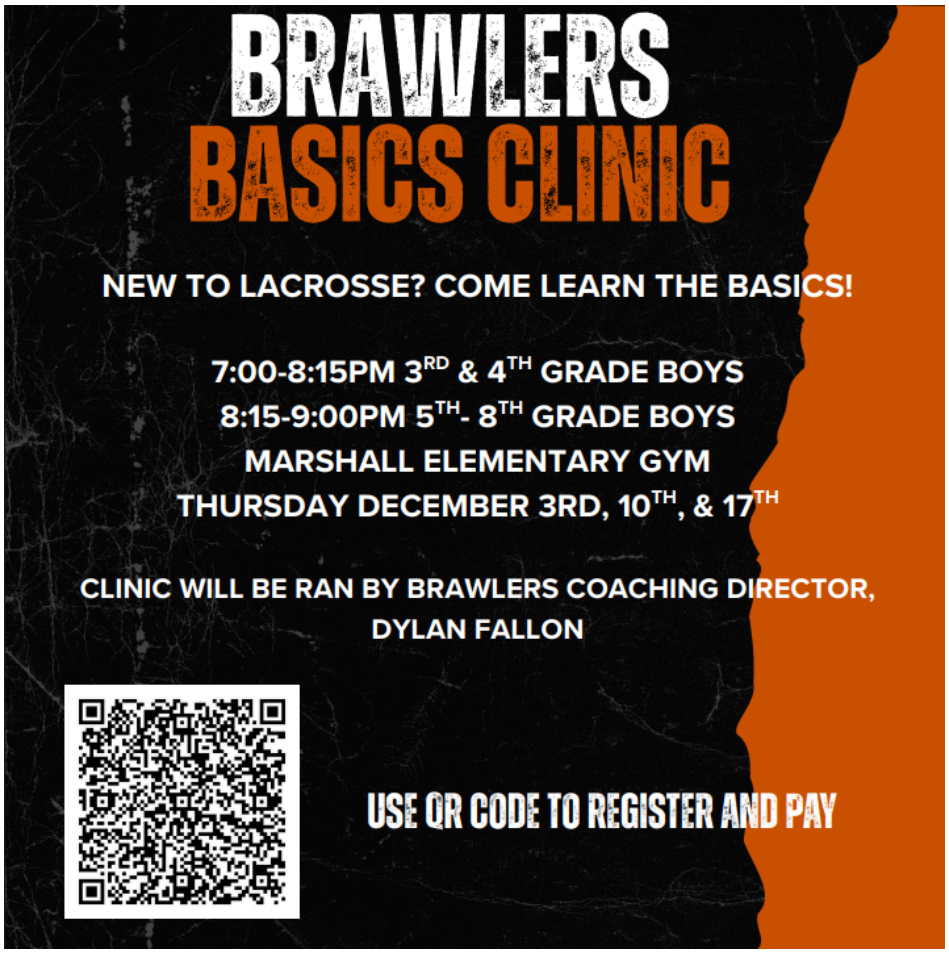
You can sign up by clicking HERE. Please reach out to bchsdanceteam1@gmail.com with any questions.



Girls Lacrosse Drop Ins K - 8th Grade:

Drops in for girls lacrosse has started and will run through December 14th from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. Please see attached flyer for more details:

Girls Lacrosse Flyer



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 8:00 am - 2:00 pm 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 616-878-6643

Breakfast and Lunch are FREE for K-12 BCPS students during the 2026-2027 school year!

Second meals and a la carte items are not included and must be purchased separately.

To support both your family and your school, please complete the free and reduced meal application if you believe you qualify! Students who qualify receive discounts on sports fees, testing fees, and may also become eligible for EBT cards. Online applications for the 2026-2027 school year are currently accessible and can be **found on the district's website.** For adding funds for student meals or creating a new account, please use the **Meal Magic Family Portal.**

Lunch Menu: November Lunch Menu December Lunch Menu

Fresh Baked Cookies will be available every Friday for purchase ~ If your student would like to purchase one, they are $1.00 each.

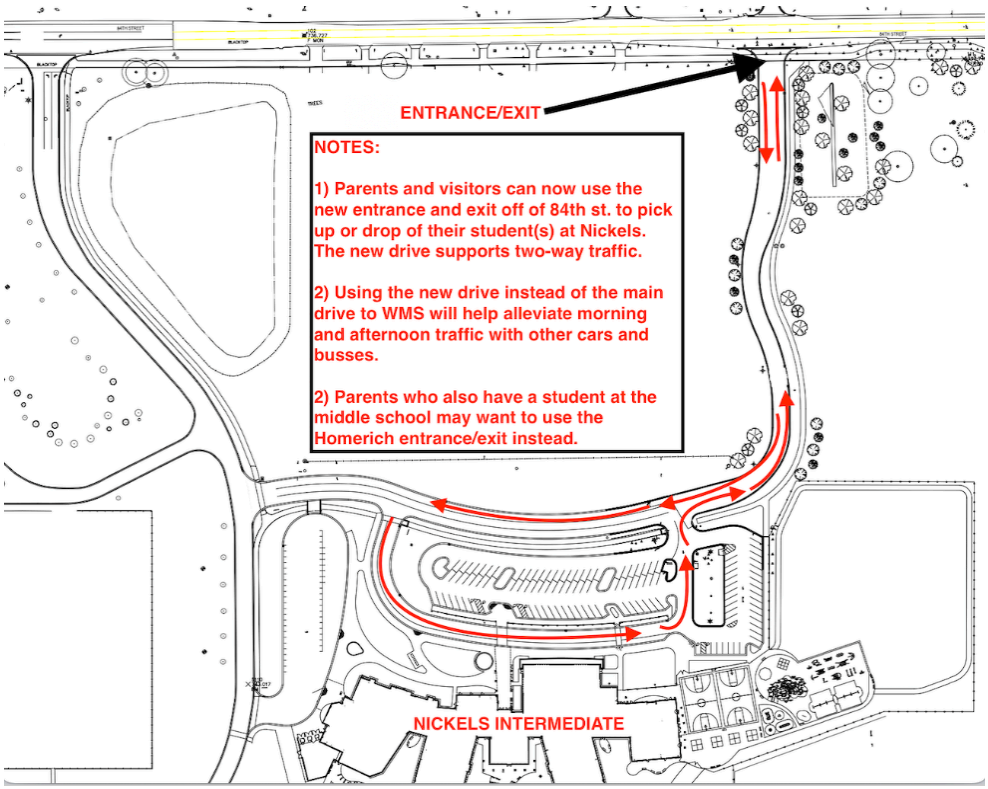
PowerSchool and Schoology:

These two platforms are PowerSchool and Schoology. We logged in to these at school this week and started exploring how we will use them in class. Below is the difference between the two.
PowerSchool - this is where grades are posted. If you are wondering what your child received on a formative, summative, or any other assignment, this is the site you should use. Missing assignments can also be found here.
Schoology - this is where the learning happens. If your child needs to find materials we use at school (study guides, homework, links to review games), this is the site you should use.
When you first log into Schoology, there will be an "Updates" page. I use this as an "online planner." If you need to know what homework, formative, or summative are coming up, this is the site to use.

Logging into Schoology

Directions on how to log in to Schoology and PowerSchool can be found in the folder you picked up at the open house. Along with this, below are links that may be helpful.
Parent Registration on Computer Parent Registration on Phone Student Login at Home

Student Pick up and Drop off for Nickels Intermediate:



Dear Parents and Guardians-

This is just a reminder to be very mindful of students and pedestrians during pick up and drop off time at Nickels. When we have snow and slick roads, along with less daylight it can make it even more challenging to ensure the safety of pedestrians, so we respectfully ask that everyone follow a few simple rules to help with this: Please be patient, do not speed, and drop your student off in the drop off lane closest to the curb and sidewalk.

- Please do not drop students off anywhere that requires them to cross any vehicle traffic flow.
- Please pull forward if space allows, but students can be dropped at any point along the curb before or after the main doors provided they exit on the curb for safety. Utilize the entire length of the sidewalk, rather than dropping students off directly in front of the main door.
- Please be careful when pulling out or merging to exit, as other cars may already be present and/or attempting to exit.

Thank you for your assistance! **Informational Video of the Drive to Nickels**

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 7:30-2:45 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 26/27 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.

Direct Phone: 616-878-6414 Fax Number: 616-345-1924.

Final - When to Keep Your Child Home From School.pdf

