

# BYRON HIGH SCHOOL

MONTHLY NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER - 2023-2024



## **Byron Winter Activities Registration**

- Winter Sports Registration opened on October 2, 2023
- Winter sports parent and coaches meeting (PAC) is November 2, 2023 at 6:00pm in the BHS Scheels Gymnasium with team meetings to follow.

Phenomenal Families looks forward to hosting a "Girls Night" on Thursday, November 16, 2023 @ 6:15pm in the HS Commons. This event is catered towards the mother and daughters of Byron Families grades 7-12 who participate in activities. The night will consist of family workshop time, food and a keynote speaker from Premiere Sports Psychology. Alexandra Wulbecker-Smith from the University of Minnesota will provide insight and advice to student athletes and their parents regarding exploration on who they are in and out of sport and to help them achieve their personal, academic and athletic goals. This event is free to attend but all families must RSVP attendance through Hometown ticketing, click [here](#) to register. Additional information can be found on the team websites:

[Basketball, Boys](#)      [Basketball, Girls](#)      [Dance Team](#)  
[Gymnastics](#)      [Hockey, Girls](#)      [Hockey, Boys](#)  
[Wrestling](#)      [Adaptive Floor Hockey](#)      [Alpine Team](#)

## **Post Prom Donation Request**

The parents of the Byron High School Junior Class are organizing a Post Prom Party at Chip Shots following prom on Saturday, April 27, 2024. The objective of this party is to provide a drug and alcohol-free night of fun in a healthy and safe environment.

The success of this party is not possible without the support of the community. At this time, we are asking you to consider supporting this event through monetary donations or gift cards to be used as a prize during the event. Please consider gift cards to Kwik Trip, Scheels, Amazon, Caribou, Chipotle, Culvers, Target, etc., or any of our great local businesses.

If you decide to partner with us, please drop off donations to the Byron High School office or send them to Byron Post Prom P.O. Box 11 Byron, MN 55920. Checks can be made out to 'Byron Post Prom'. If you have any questions, please contact us, Co-Chair Kristine Ihrke at [ckihrke@gmail.com](mailto:ckihrke@gmail.com) or Michelle Strain at [mstrain@charter.net](mailto:mstrain@charter.net).

## **Counselor's Corner**

Click [HERE](#) for information pertaining to::

- ASVAB Testing
- Junior Testing
- 2024-2025 Class Registration for Current 9th-11th Graders
- Freshman & Sophomore Student & Parent Planning Meeting
- PSEO Informational Meeting
- College/Military Visits
- Counseling Website
- Save the Date: Upcoming Events

## NOVEMBER EVENTS

**Thurs. Nov. 2nd**  
**6:00pm**

Winter Sports Parent/Coaches Meeting  
BHS Gym

**Fri. Nov. 17th**  
**7:00pm (Cast A)**

BHS Fall Production  
BMS Auditorium

**Sat. Nov. 18th**  
**4:00pm (Cast B)**  
**7:00pm (Cast A)**

BHS Fall Production  
BMS Auditorium

**Sun. Nov. 19th**  
**12:00pm (Cast A)**  
**3:00pm (Cast B)**

BHS Fall Production  
BMS Auditorium

**Wed. Nov. 22nd-Fri. Nov. 24th**  
**No School**  
Thanksgiving Break

**Thurs. Nov. 30**  
**7:00pm**

**BHS Winter Band Concert**  
BMS Auditorium

# IMPORTANT DATES FOR BHS FAMILIES



**August 14** - 1st day of practice for Fall sports  
**August 22** - New Student Orientation 9:00-11:00am  
**August 23** - Freshman Orientation 11:30am-2:30pm  
**August 23** - BHS Welcome Back Night 3:00-6:00pm  
**August 28** - First day of school  
**September 4** - No School; Labor Day  
**September 11** - Homecoming Week Begins!  
**September 16** - Homecoming Dance 8:00-11:00pm  
**September 18** - Flu Clinic 8:00-10:30am  
**September 26** - Picture Retakes  
**September 27** - BHS Conferences 3:30-6:00pm  
**September 27** - Junior Parent/Student Meeting  
(3:45-4:45pm or 5:00-6:00pm - BHS MPR)  
**September 29** - FLEX FRIDAY/ No New Homework Weekend  
**October 2** - Jostens Senior Meeting 2:30-3:00pm (Graduation Info)  
**October 10** - Academic Awards Ceremony 7:15-8:00am (BHS Gym)  
**October 11** - PSAT Test for 10th & 11th Graders 8:00am  
(Must have pre-registered last Spring)  
**October 19** - FLEX FRIDAY (Thursday)  
**October 27** - End of 1st Quarter  
**October 30** - NO SCHOOL

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**November 17-19** - BHS Fall Musical  
**November 22-24** - NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING  
**November 30** - BHS Winter Band Concert 7:00pm (BMS Auditorium)  
**December 6** - BHS Conferences 3:30-6:00pm  
**December 6** - Freshman/Sophomore Parent Meeting  
(3:45-4:45pm or 5:00-6:00pm - BHS MPR)  
**December 8** - FLEX FRIDAY/No New Homework Weekend  
**December 12** - BHS Winter Choir Concert 7:00pm (BMS Auditorium)  
**December 25-January 1** - NO SCHOOL - WINTER BREAK  
**January 5** - FLEX FRIDAY  
**January 11** - End of 2nd Quarter  
**January 12-15** - NO SCHOOL

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**February 14** - BHS Conferences 3:30-6:00pm  
**February 16** - FLEX FRIDAY/No New Homework Weekend  
**February 19** - NO SCHOOL - President's Day  
**March 8** - FLEX FRIDAY  
**March 14** - End of 3rd Quarter  
**March 15-22** - NO SCHOOL

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**April 1** - NO SCHOOL - Staff Development Day  
**April 9** - ACT  
**April 24** - BHS Conferences 3:30-6:00pm  
**April 26** - FLEX FRIDAY/No New Homework Weekend  
**April 27** - Prom 6:00pm - Somerby  
**May 5** - National Honor Society Induction  
**May 6** - BHS Spring Band Concert 7:00pm  
**May 14** - BHS Spring Choir Concert 7:00pm  
**May 17** - FLEX FRIDAY  
**May 24** - End of 4th Quarter/LAST DAY OF SCHOOL  
**May 24** - GRADUATION - BHS Gymnasium 7:00pm

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR BHS FAMILIES



## **What are BHS Flex Fridays?**

Flex Fridays are school days. They are not days off. The Flex Friday dates are chosen intentionally as the Friday after conferences (at mid-quarter) and the Friday before the end of a quarter so that students can have targeted intervention time and enrichment opportunities that take place inside and outside of the school building. If a student has any F's, is missing work, has detention time or is invited in by a teacher, the student is *REQUIRED* to attend on a Flex Friday. If a student does not show up and is required to attend, the absence will be marked as unexcused.

During the 1st quarter we had 284 students in attendance at the mid quarter Flex Friday. We had 272 students in attendance for the end of quarter Flex Friday.

**Attendance** - If your student is going to be absent from school please notify the school by using our attendance email address [bhs.attendance@byron.k12.mn.us](mailto:bhs.attendance@byron.k12.mn.us). You can also report an absence on the BHS homepage under the Spotlight section.

**Infinite Campus Portal** - The Infinite Campus portal is your tool to stay connected to your student's education. If you have not taken the time to set up your Parent Portal please contact the office and we can assist you in setting that up. You should be using your own portal, not your students. As parents, you may receive different notifications and messages than your child will. To access Infinite Campus from a computer follow this path:

Byron Public Schools

Parents and Guardians

Infinite Campus

Then enter your username and password.

To access Infinite Campus on a tablet or smartphone you will need to download the Infinite Campus app, then enter our District Id, which is **XJLZDW**.

**New Infinite Campus URL**

**BHS Daily Announcements** - Our BHS Daily Announcements can be found on the Byron High School Homepage under Quick Links (right hand side of webpage). These announcements are updated periodically throughout the day. They contain information about important upcoming events and any changes to sports and activities. Announcements are shared with the students at 2:30pm daily. There is also a School Announcements section on the **BHS home page** for important updates and announcements.

**District Calendar** - The district calendar can be found on the District homepage, under the About Us drop-down channel - **2023-2024 Calendar**.

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**Lunch Reminder** - Byron High School is a closed campus for lunch.

## **Important Information Links**

**Flex Fridays**

**Attendance Procedures**

**Student Dress & Appearance**

**Cell Phone Procedures**