

BYRON HIGH SCHOOL

MONTHLY DECEMBER NEWSLETTER - 2023-2024



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conferences at BHS will be held Wednesday, December 6th, from 3:30-6:00pm. Teachers will be holding both virtual and in-person conferences, by invitation only. Please use the email that was sent from your student's teacher as your invitation.

Giving Back Fundraiser:

Once again the Giving Back Fundraiser was a success!! Thank you to all who donated items and/or money.

Charities that benefited from this fundraiser:

Byron Food Pantry & Community Closet
Rochester Youth Services
Rochester Women's Shelter
Ronald McDonald House

Also, a special thanks goes out to Matt Kaderly, Ryan Radke, Shelly Bielen, Andrew Petersilie and Danielle Gavin for all your hard work!!

BHS New Grade Weighting Policy for 2024-2025

On Monday, November 20, 2023, the School Board approved a new grade weighting policy that will be implemented the 2024-2025 school year. Please click [HERE](#) for information regarding this new policy. If you have any questions regarding grade weighting, please contact the Counseling Office at 507-775-2301.

Counselor's Corner

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

- 2024-2025 Class Registration for Current 9th-11th Graders
- College Credit Courses
- ASVAB
- Junior Testing
- MCIS
- Seniors/Parents-FAFSA
- Local Scholarships (for BHS Seniors)
- PSEO Meeting

DECEMBER EVENTS

Wed. Dec. 6th
3:30-6:00pm
BHS Conferences

Wed. Dec. 6th
3:45-4:45pm or 5:00-6:00pm
Freshman/Sophomore
Parent Meeting
BHS MPR

Friday, Dec. 8th
Flex Friday/No New
Homework Weekend

Tues. Dec. 12th
7:00pm
BHS Winter Choir Concert
BMS Auditorium

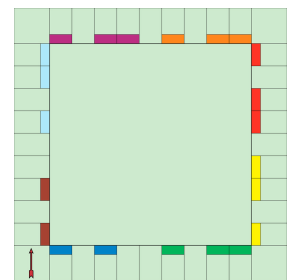
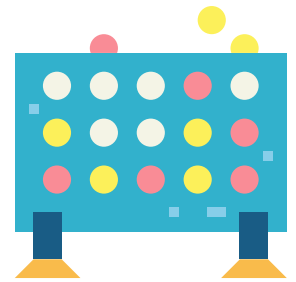
Mon. Dec. 25th-Mon. Jan. 1st
No School
Winter Break



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR BHS FAMILIES

Student Council Game of Giving!

It's time for the 3rd Annual Game of Giving!!! What's on your kiddo's wish list this year? A cool new sweatshirt, a fancy toy, or maybe even a flashy scooter! As we gear up for this holiday season, we encourage you to think about our friends who are spending the holidays in the Mayo Clinic Pediatric Unit. Being able to play a game is one of the few ways the children at the Clinic get to feel like kids amidst their battles with health issues. In an effort to control the transfer of germs, when a child picks out a game, they must take it with them. This means the Clinic is in constant need of game donations. The Byron High School Student Council is hosting a game drive for the Children's Hospital. We will accept **NEW card games, board games, dice, any appropriate kids game, Legos, Play-Doh, or checks made out to Byron High School.** While you are out fulfilling your child's wishlist, stop and buy a game for donation! We highly encourage you to donate and spread the word. The more holiday smiles, the better! Spending the holidays in the hospital is incredibly difficult, and your donation could truly make a difference. Let the games begin!!!



When: December 4th - December 22nd

Where: Your donations can be dropped off at the high school, middle school, intermediate school, primary school, community ed. building, Fareway, or Healthy Start between 7:30 and 3:30 Monday-Friday.

What: NEW board games, card games, dice, single or multiplayer games, Legos, Play-Doh, etc. We also accept checks made out to Byron High School.

Who: Children ages 0-18 who are spending the holidays in the hospital. Your generosity will bring a little holiday cheer to the kiddos, and their families, who are going through immense hardships this season.

Flex Friday December 8th

BHS will have a Flex Friday on December 8th. Students could be invited by one or more of their teachers to come into the school in order to get intervention time and enrichment opportunities BUT any student that would like to come in and meet with their teachers on that day are more than welcome! We will follow a regular school day schedule so for instance, if the student wants to visit with their 2nd block teacher they will need to come in during that time frame. If your student was not invited nor voluntarily wants to come in on a Flex Friday, they do not have to report to school.

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

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

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

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. 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