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2024

Board of Education Meetings

August 8, 8:30am

(Special Meeting at Haworth Center)

August 19, 6:30pm *(Regular Meeting)*

Sept 9, 6:30pm *(Regular Meeting)*

Sept 23, 5:15pm *(Special Meeting)*

Oct 7, 6:30pm *(Regular Meeting)*

Oct 21, 5:15pm *(Special Meeting)*

Nov 4, 6:30pm *(Regular Meeting)*

Nov 18, 5:15pm *(Special Meeting)*

Dec 2, 6:30pm *(Regular Meeting)*

Dec 16, 5:15pm *(Special Meeting)*

Check www.bcpsk12.net board page
for meeting specifics and locations.

*Work Sessions will be scheduled
as needed.*

*Upon request at least ten (10) days
prior to a meeting, the District shall
make reasonable accommodations
for a person with disabilities to
be able to attend and participate.
Contact the Facilities Director at
616.878.6100.*

*There is a time for public
participation during a meeting as
indicated in the agenda.*

*Official minutes are available and
stored at the administration office.*



The Class of 2024



This special edition of BC Connection is one of my favorites, because it celebrates our seniors. The most impressive part of our graduating seniors is their many accomplishments made possible through hard work and commitment throughout their years here at Byron Center Public Schools. Our motto in BC is Helping Students Build Success Stories. Thank you seniors for the countless hours and dedication that you have put into your high school career. I have enjoyed watching you all reach success throughout your time in BCPS whether that be in the classroom, on the stage or on the field. Along the way you have made Byron Center so proud.

Having the privilege to walk across the stage and earn a diploma is no easy task, your hard work has paid off. This takes so many people in your life to help make this happen. From teachers, to coaches, parents, grandparents or friends who have been there with you through it all. It really does take everyone to make the wonderful celebration take place.

You have a complete understanding of what it takes to be committed to a goal and the effort that it takes to complete that goal. Throughout your entire school career you have pushed yourself so many times to get to where you are today, continue that drive and you will have a bright future ahead.

I wish you all the best and look forward to seeing what your future holds!

Kevin Macina, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools



TOP SENIOR PROFILES

Byron Center High School proudly recognizes the Class of 2024 Top Seniors!

These students have achieved the highest academic standings amongst their peers. They have succeeded with college-level courses through Advanced Placement classes at the high school or Dual Enrollment classes through a local college.

Congratulations to the 2024 Top Two Grads!

Valedictorian



JOHNNY HA is the 2024 Byron Center High School Valedictorian. He is the son of Hung Ha and Tranh Tran. Johnny was a member of the National Honor Society, the International Music Appreciation Club, AUA Club, Environmental Club, Debate Club, Chess Club and Science Olympiad. He volunteered as a tutor at BCHS, as a Kent District Library Teen Crew member and with Toys for Tots. He is an AP

Scholar with Distinction and a National Merit Commended Scholar. He attended Washington Close Up, is a class representative, a summer tennis coach and played JV tennis for three years. Johnny has been awarded The College Board National Rural and Small Town Recognition Award and the U of M Club of Grand Rapids Scholarship, which he will use while attending the University of Michigan to double major in biomedical engineering and computer science.

Salutatorian



ANDREW HILL is the 2024 BCHS Salutatorian. He is the son of Scott and Renee Hill. Andrew was a member of the National Honor Society, Scouts BSA Troop 250, Order of the Arrow Brotherhood and Mackinac Island Scout Service Program. He was on the varsity swim team, the cross

country team and USA Swimming for three years. He was a D2 State Qualifier and a Michigan Ultra Qualifier in swimming. Andrew is an AP Scholar with Distinction, a National Merit Scholarship Finalist and earned the Global and Michigan Seals of Bilingual Proficiency in Spanish. He plans to pursue a biomedical engineering degree at the University of Michigan.

GAVIN BOOM is the son of Scott and Laura Boom. Gavin was a member of the National Honor Society, Environmental Club and Debate Club. He was a class representative and an AP Scholar with



Distinction. He played freshman and JV football for two years and club hockey for six years. Gavin has earned multiple awards and scholarships including The College Board National Rural and Small Town Recognition Award. He will be attending Michigan State University's Honors College to pursue degrees in both mechanical engineering and political theory and constitutional democracy.

MILES VANDAM is the son of Matthew VanDam and Janine Proctor. Miles was a member of the National Honor Society, the Principal's Advisory Group and the Ski Club. He played the cello in the BCPS orchestra for six years. He was part of the cross country team for five years and track team for two years. Miles is an AP Scholar with Distinction and a National Merit Commended Scholar. He is planning to attend Purdue University where he will major in professional flight.



CECILIA PELL is the daughter of David and Jolene Pell. She was involved in sideline cheer and competitive cheer for two years and played in the orchestra for three years. She is an AP Scholar with Distinction. Cecilia plans to attend the University of Michigan in the fall to study biochemistry.





AUBREY LAROBARDIERE is the daughter of Matthew and Cynthia Larobardiere. Aubrey was a member of the National Honor Society, Science Olympiad, AUA Club, Chess Club, Theatre Club, Orch-Extra Club, Pride Pack and Be Nice. She volunteered as a member of the Kent District Library Teen Crew, a BCHS Tutor, School Supply Santa and in various ways at her church. Aubrey has been a part of BC's Chamber Orchestra and Jazz Band as well as the Saint Cecilia Philharmonic Orchestra and the Grand Rapids Symphonette. She was a state qualifier for indoor track and field, competed in outdoor track and field for four years and basketball for one year. Aubrey is an AP Scholar with Honor and a National Merit Commended Scholar. She was awarded the Byron Center Chamber of Commerce Scholarship and the Bite Cancer Foundation Scholarship. Aubrey will be attending Purdue University to study special aeronautical engineering.



CAMERYN BOERMAN is the daughter of Scott and Shelly Boerman. Cameryn was a member of Pride Pack. She was in choir for six years including BCHS' highest level choir group, Vocal Expressions. She played volleyball for two years and softball for four years. Cameryn is an AP Scholar with Honor and earned a Michigan Achievement Scholarship. She will be attending the University of Michigan to pursue a degree in data science or statistics.



ELIZABETH FREDRICKSON is the daughter of Jon and Katherine Fredrickson. Elizabeth was a member of Science Olympiad for two years and volunteered for the Byron Center Fine Arts Boosters. She played the flute in the Wind Ensemble for four years, was a Color Guard for four years and served as a stage crew member for three theater productions. She received multiple first and second division rankings at Regional and State Solo and Ensemble. Elizabeth is an AP Scholar with Honor and plans to attend Michigan State University.



KENDALL FUNK is the daughter of Brandon and Jessie Funk. Kendall was a member of the National Honor Society, Principal's Advisory Club and Pride Pack. She attended Washington Close Up and was a discussion leader. She played JV basketball, JV softball and varsity basketball for one year. Kendall is an AP Scholar with Honor and received The College Board National Rural and Small Town Recognition Award, the Michigan Education Association Scholarship and the U of M School of Nursing Merit Scholarship. She wants to pursue a nursing degree at the University of Michigan.



SHARLEY BILOT is the daughter of Brian and Rebecca Bilot. Sharley was a member of the National Honor Society, BC Knitting Club, Be Nice, BC Spin Club and Science Olympiad. She has volunteered for Spectrum Lanes, Kent District Library and the Byron Center Fine Arts Boosters. Sharley was a four year member of the marching band and concert band. She was a color guard section leader and participated in the Wind Ensemble for three years. She participated in cross country, bowling and track and field for four years and was All-Conference for bowling. She is an AP Scholar with Distinction and a recipient of the BCHS Principal's Award. Sharley is planning to attend college in the fall.

SENIOR Scholarships & Awards

Barry Afienko – Grand Rapids Community College
BCHS Art Award

Addison Alexander – Grand Canyon University
Senior Class Representative

Elijah Allan – Grand Valley State University
GVSU Academic Scholarship

Lilia Alvarez – Grand Rapids Community College

Paige Bailey – Grand Rapids Community College

Caroline Baker – Grand Valley State University

Jax Balkon – Grand Rapids Community College

Maggie Banks – Belmont University
Belmont Academic Scholarship, Van Singel Fine Arts
Foundation Scholarship, BCHS Performing
Arts Award

Madison Barnard – Grand Rapids Community College

Samuel Barrix – Central Michigan University

Lauryn Baumgardner – Baylor University
Baylor Academic Scholarship

Ayla Bayes – The Salon Professional Academy

Rylie Beadle – Grand Rapids Community College
Michigan and Global Seals of Bilingualism for Spanish

Brooklyn Beauch – Purdue University
Purdue Athletic Scholarship, National Honor Society,
MHSAA Scholar Athlete Award, Michigan Swimming
Leadership Award

Drew Belinski – Ferris State University
FSU Dean's Scholarship, Atlas Molded Products
Scholarship

Makenzi Bennett – Trinity Christian College
Trinity President's Honor Scholarship, Trinity
Volleyball Scholarship, Michigan and Global Seals of
Bilingualism for Spanish, BCHS Service Award,
LINKS Award

Rachael Bessert – Central Michigan University
CMU Maroon and Gold Merit Scholarship,
Science Olympiad

Sharley Bilot – Undecided
Academic Scholarships, AP Scholar with Distinction,
National Honor Society, BCHS Principal's Award,
Science Olympiad

Aiden Bischoff – Grand Rapids Community College

Mackenna Bissonette – Michigan State University

Zander Bobeldyke – Cutlerville Fire Department

Cameryn Boerman – University of Michigan
Michigan Achievement Scholarship, AP Scholar with
Honor, BCHS Math Award

Alessandra Bontomasi – Grand Valley State University

Gavin Boom – Michigan State University
MSU Honors College Scholarship, Professional
Assistantship at MSU, Atlas Molded Products
Scholarship, National Rural and Small Town
Recognition Award, AP Scholar with Distinction,
National Honor Society, BCHS Science Award, Senior
Class Representative

Emma Boucher – Grand Valley State University
GVSU Laker Scholarship

Sydney Boucher – Michigan State University
Academic Scholarships

Lauren Bowman – Michigan State University
Merit Scholarship

Breanna Boyer – Ferris State University

Aiden Bregg – Ferris State University

Jayden Brock – Aquinas College
Athletic Scholarship

Mical Bronkema – Goodwill Training Facility

William Brooks – Grand Rapids Community College
Kate Brumbelow – Adventures in Missions

Barbara Surine Memorial Scholarship

Keegan Buer – Buer Well Drilling

Marizela Bujanda-Concepcion – Gap Year
Versiti Leader for Life Award

Adeline Butts – Grand Rapids Community College

Kian Cahall – Michigan State University
Michigan Achievement Scholarship, National Honor
Society, BCHS Art Award for Photography, Senior
Class Representative

Reagan Cappon – Oral Roberts University
Oral Roberts Quest Whole Leader Scholarship

Emma Carlson – Central Michigan University

Joel Castro – Construction

Devin Champlin – Work
BCHS Physical Education Award

Alyson Chapin – Mid Michigan College

Xander Cheng – University of Mississippi

Austin Ciccarelli – Work
Buist Foundation Scholarship

Alisia Coipel – Michigan State University
Merit Scholarships

Katelyn Cole – Michigan State University
Academic Scholarships

Caleigh Collard – University of Iowa
Iowa Academic Scholarship, Iowa Athletic
Scholarship

Trista Cridler – Aquinas College
Aquinas Merit Scholarship, BCHS English Award

Tyler DeBois – Grand Valley State University

Faith Denning – Grand Rapids Community College
The Golden Apple Award – KCTC Teacher Academy

Avery DePagter – Aquinas College
Aquinas St. Albertus Magnus Scholarship, Aquinas
Athletic Scholarship

Addison DeVos – Central Michigan University
CMU Maroon and Gold Merit Scholarship, MHSAA
Scholar Athlete

Jack DeVries – Grand Canyon University

Monica Diaz – Rockford University
Rockford Founder's Scholarship

Noah Dolan – Grand Rapids Community College
Global Seal of Bilingualism

Sydney Dyer – Ferris State University

AJ Dykstra – Cornerstone University
Cornerstone Presidential Scholarship, Cornerstone
Athletic Scholarship, Michigan and Global Seals of
Bilingualism for Spanish

Macie Elzinga – Bowling Green State University
BGSU Athletic Scholarship

Cittali Esparza-Salvador – Northern
Michigan University
United Bank Community Dedication Scholarship,
Brink Wood Products Scholarship, Michigan and
Global Seals of Bilingualism for Spanish, BCHS Service
Award, Senior Class Representative

Peter Feldott – Michigan Technological University
Michigan Tech Academic Scholarship

Connor Ferguson – Michigan State University
Academic Scholarships, Michigan
Achievement Scholarship

Andrea Fosdick – Davenport University

Elizabeth Fredrickson – Michigan State University
AP Scholar with Honor, Science Olympiad

Kendall Funk – University of Michigan
U of M School of Nursing Merit Scholarship,
Michigan Education Association Scholarship,
National Rural and Small Town Recognition Award,
AP Scholar with Honor, National Honor Society,
BCHS Social Studies Award

Jacob Gibson – Grand Rapids Community College
National Honor Society

Kaylie Goeman – Michigan State University
Merit Scholarship, Byron Center Chamber of
Commerce Scholarship, National Honor Society,
Michigan and Global Seals of Bilingualism for Spanish,
BCHS Service Award

Emely Gomez Hilario – Grand Rapids
Community College

Nicolas Gonzalez – Michigan State University

Natalia Gonzalez Lopez – Grand Rapids
Community College
Merit Scholarship, First Generation Award

Abigail Googe – Michigan State University
Merit Scholarship, National Honor Society, Michigan
Global Seals of Bilingualism for Spanish

Levi Green – Liberty University
Liberty Academic Scholarship, Liberty Early Deposit
Award, Gaines Chamber of Commerce Scholarship,
National Honor Society

Brooke Greenman – Grand Valley State University
GVSU Award for Excellence Scholarship

Lucas Groendyke – Grand Valley State University
GVSU Laker Scholarship

Johnny Ha – University of Michigan
U of M Club of Grand Rapids Scholarship, Merit
Scholarships, Brink Wood Products Scholarship,
National Rural and Small Town Recognition Award,
National Merit Commended Scholar, AP Scholar with
Distinction, National Honor Society, BCHS Social
Studies Award, Science Olympiad, BCHS Science
Award, Senior Class Representative

Carolyn Haney – Grand Valley State University
GVSU Award for Excellence Scholarship

David Hartman – Michigan State University

Ben Heagle – Calvin University
Calvin Knollcrest Scholarship, BCHS Physical
Education Award

Isabelle Helmus – Grand Rapids Community College

Kailen Herin – Grand Rapids Community College

Ronan Hiemstra – Grandville Region III
Transition Center

Andrew Hill – University of Michigan
Merit Scholarship, National Merit Finalist, AP Scholar
with Distinction, National Honor Society, Michigan
and Global Seals of Bilingualism for Spanish, Versiti
Leader for Life Award, Eagle Scout Award, BCHS
Foreign Language Award for Spanish, BCHS Science
Award, BCHS Service Award

Leila Himmelein – Grand Valley State University
Academic Scholarship

Calvin Hoozee – Van Eck Auto Body

Kenzie Hoff – Lake Superior State University
Lake Superior Distinguished Scholarship, Versiti
Leader for Life Award, National Honor Society

Natalie Holmes – Grand Rapids Community College
Global Seal of Bilingualism for German

Sophia Holverstott – Michigan State University
MSU Athletics Scholarship, Kelsey's Law
Scholarship, BCHS Art Award

Nate Hondorp – Jerry’s Body Shop

Allen Hoppe – Michigan State University
Global Seal of Biliteracy for German, BCHS Foreign Language Award for German

Sarahi Huerta – Grand Rapids Community College
Michigan and Global Seals of Biliteracy for Spanish

Paige Huizenga – Grand Rapids Community College

Emma Humphrey – Michigan State University

Bodin Hurley – Michigan State University

Sydney Irish – Grand Rapids Community College

Brady Jackson – Grand Rapids Community College

Faith Jager – Central Michigan University

Nicholas Jessee – Liberty University
Liberty Academic Scholarship, Liberty Champion Award Scholarship, Liberty Early Deposit Award, BCHS Applied Arts Award

Mason Joseph – Grand Valley State University
GVSU Scholarship, Discover Manufacturing Scholarship, BCHS Applied Arts Award

Landon Jurmo – Grand Valley State University
GVSU Academic Scholarship, Michigan Achievement Scholarship

Isabella Kalbfleisch – Ashland University
Ashland Academic Scholarship, Ashland Athletic Scholarship, BCHS Service Award

Josiah Karnehm – North Greenville University
North Greenville Presidential Academic Scholarship, Lacrosse Athletic Scholarship

Nathan Kelley – Grand Rapids Community College

Jacquelyne Khuu – DePaul University
DePaul Academic Scholarship

Brayde Kietzman – Grand Valley State University
GVSU Laker Scholarship

Grace Kimberly – Western Michigan University
WMU Bronco Gold Scholarship, Van Singel Fine Arts Foundation Scholarship, National Honor Society, BCHS Performing Arts Award, BCHS Service Award, LINKS Award

Olivia Koster – Western Michigan University
WMU Bronco Merit Scholarship, National Honor Society, Versiti Leader for Life Award, BCHS Service Award

Andrew Kroft – Ferris State University
Michigan Achievement Scholarship

Makenna Lange – Kendall College of Art and Design
Kendall Dean Scholarship

Ellie Lanning – Western Michigan University

Aubrey Larobardiere – Purdue University
Bite Cancer Foundation Scholarship, Byron Center Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, National Merit Commended Scholar, AP Scholar with Honor, National Honor Society, BCHS English Award, Science Olympiad, BCHS Service Award, Versiti Leader for Life Award

Owen LaTour – Grand Canyon University

Peyton Lee – Grand Rapids Community College

Holden Leifer – University of Wisconsin-River Falls
UWRF Falcon Soar Scholarship, Gaines Township Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, BCHS Math Award

Madison Leifer – University of Wisconsin-River Falls
UWRF Falcon Soar Scholarship, BCHS Math Award

Jonathon Lennon – University of Tampa
Academic Scholarship, National Honor Society, BCHS Service Award

Breanna Liverance – Davenport University
Davenport Achievement Scholarship

Juan Lopez Zamudio – Calvin University
Calvin Merit Scholarship, Bite Cancer Foundation Scholarship, United Bank Community Dedication Scholarship, Advocates for Latino Student Achievement in Michigan Education Scholarship, Safe Haven Ministries Young Leaders Against Violence Scholarship, Michigan and Global Seals of Biliteracy for Spanish

Nghi Luu – Michigan State University
Michigan Achievement Scholarship

Vienna Luu – Michigan State University
Academic Scholarship

Emma Maas – Hope College
Hope Distinguished Artist Award, Legacy Scholarship

Gabriela Martinez-Rivera – Grand Rapids Community College
Michigan and Global Seals of Biliteracy for Spanish

Taylor Masselink – Grand Rapids Community College

Adalyn Mata – Albion College
Albion Presidential Scholarship, Albion Senior Visit Scholarship

Lilianna McAvoy – University of Wisconsin-Green Bay
UW-Green Bay Athletic Scholarship

Isabelle McDowell – Grand Rapids Community College

Darin McKendry – Calvin University
Calvin Dean Scholarship

Kylah McQueen – Ferris State University

Lily Medalen – Trine University
Trine Bateman Kolb Scholarship, Trine Dance Team Scholarship, Byron Center Education Association Scholarship, Northwest Hardwoods Scholarship, National Honor Society, Versiti Leader for Life Award, LINKS Award

Kylie Meeker – Michigan State University
Academic Scholarship, Versiti Leader for Life Award, BCHS Service Award

Ashley Mejia-Layne – Grand Rapids Community College
Michigan and Global Seals of Biliteracy for Spanish

Brayden Meniffee – Michigan State University

Kayla Meredith – American University
Gaines Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, Brink Wood Products Scholarship, National Honor Society, Michigan and Global Seals of Biliteracy for German, BCHS Foreign Language Award for German

Mark Millard – Western Michigan University

Cole Mitchell – Cedarville University
Cedarville Academic Scholarship, MHSAA Scholar Athlete Award, National Merit Commended Scholar, National Honor Society, BCHS Principal’s Award

Zoe Monkiewicz – Aquinas College

Tia Moore – Western Michigan University

Paige Myers – Butler University
Butler Bulldog Achievement Award

Bryson Newman – Trade school
BCHS Applied Arts Award

Jessica Newell – Western Michigan University

Abby Nguyen – Grand Valley State University
Michigan and Global Seals of Biliteracy for Spanish

Khaleb Nguyen – Michigan State University
Bite Cancer Foundation Scholarship

Levy Nguyen – Grand Valley State University
GVSU Presidential Scholarship, Michigan Achievement Scholarship, National Honor Society, Michigan and Global Seals of Biliteracy for Spanish, BCHS Foreign Language Award for Spanish, BCHS English Award, BCHS Service Award, Senior Class Representative

Genevieve Nickels – University of Dayton
Dayton President’s Merit Scholarship, Polish Heritage Society of Grand Rapids Scholarship, National Honor Society, Global Seal of Biliteracy for German

Rachel Nyiramutuzo – Grand Rapids Community College

Molly O’Neal – Central Michigan University
CMU Maroon and Gold Merit Scholarship

Toby Okhuysen – Grand Valley State University
GVSU Presidential Scholarship, Michigan Achievement Scholarship

Joshua Olivas – Grand Valley State University

Brianna Paciencia – Western Michigan University
KCTC Pro of the Month Award

Ben Passeno – Auburn University
Michigan and Global Seals of Biliteracy for Spanish, National Honor Society, BCHS Service Award

Lillian Pattok – Grand Valley State University

Reese Pechler – Michigan State University

Cecilia Pell – University of Michigan
Academic Scholarship, National Rural and Small Town Recognition, AP Scholar with Distinction, BCHS Science Award

Rowan Pellow – Hope College
Hope Legacy Scholarship, Hope Distinguished Scholar Award

Brayden Perdok – Work
BCHS Physical Education Award

Jannine Perez – Grand Valley State University
GVSU Scholarship, Michigan and Global Seals of Biliteracy for Spanish

Joel Perez – Michigan State University
Michigan Achievement Scholarship, National Honor Society, Senior Class Representative

Avery Perleberg – Western Michigan University

Ella Perrot – Michigan State University

Ella Peters – University of Michigan
Michigan Achievement Scholarship, National Honor Society, Michigan and Global Seals of Biliteracy for Spanish, BCHS Foreign Language Award for Spanish, BCHS English Award, BCHS Service Award

Aaron Petroelje – Ferris State University
Michigan Achievement Scholarship, FSU Provost Award, Buist Foundation Scholarship, National Honor Society

Kiet Pham – Michigan State University

Evie Phillips – Montclair State University
Montclair Merit Scholarship, Bite Cancer Foundation Scholarship, Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish

Jesus Pina – U.S. Air Force
Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish

Lauren Plume – Grand Rapids Community College
BCHS Service Award

David Poll – McPherson College
McPherson Merit Scholarship, McPherson Music Scholarship, Michigan and Global Seal of Biliteracy

Ethan Poll – Michigan State University
Merit Scholarship

Jackson Porco – Gap Year
Michigan and Global Seals of Biliteracy for Spanish

Alyvia Poterack – Grand Rapids Community College
BCHS Service Award

Cade Pratt – Gap Year
AP Scholar with Distinction, National Honor Society, Michigan and Global Seals of Biliteracy for Spanish

Lea Prus – Hope College
Hope Academic Scholarship, Hope Distinguished Artist Award, Michigan Achievement Scholarship, Van Singel Fine Arts Foundation Scholarship, Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish

Hudson Pulawski – Grand Rapids Community College

Ava Putnam – Carthage College
Carthage Highest Honors Scholarship, Carthage Music Scholarship, Carthage Endowed Scholarship, Science Olympiad

Iris Rietberg – Grand Valley State University
GVSU Presidential Scholarship, GVSU Lubbers Honors College Scholarship, Michigan Achievement Scholarship, Versiti Leader for Life Award

Anthony Rivera – Ferris State University
FSU Merit Scholarship, Hydroz Sponsored Scholarship

Isabella Rodríguez – Douglas J Aveda Institute
Lumberman's Beating the Odds Scholarship, Michigan and Global Seals of Biliteracy for Spanish

Elizabeth Roe – Ferris State University
FSU Dean's Scholarship

Hannah Roede – Grand Valley State University

Kyle Rogala – Grand Rapids Community College
BCHS Applied Arts Award

Victoria Rolff – Cosmetology and Spa Academy
BCHS Service Award

Mia Rush – Undecided
Merit Scholarship, Food Challenge Scholarship

Braylon Russ – Grand Rapids Community College
Atlas Molded Products Scholarship

Zachary Ryan – Western Michigan University
WMU Bronco Merit Scholarship, Michigan and Global Seals of Biliteracy for Spanish

Madison Sandholm – Western Michigan University
WMU Bronco Merit Scholarship, National Honor Society

Abigail Schepers – Calvin University
Calvin Dean's Scholarship

Brooklyn Schutte – Grand Valley State University
Michigan Achievement Scholarship

Jolienne Schutte – Grand Valley State University
GVSU Award for Excellence Scholarship

Alyssa Sherman – Ohio University
Van Singel Fine Arts Foundation Scholarship, Nicole Langford Scholarship, BCHS Performing Arts Award for Choir

Heaven Shoemaker – Western Michigan University
WMU Bronco Merit Scholarship

Rylee Siereveld – Aquinas College
Aquinas Visit Scholarship

Thatcher Simon – Hope College
Athletic Scholarship

Kamila Sims – Grand Rapids Community College

Trey Sluiter – Undecided
Northwood Free Enterprise Scholarship

Sienna Smith – Grand Rapids Community College

Alivia Sokol – Grand Valley State University
Michigan and Global Seals of Biliteracy for Spanish, LINKS Award

Tyler Somers – Michigan State University
Michigan Achievement Scholarship

Leigha Sorenson Putnam – Grand Rapids Community College
GVSU Academic Scholarship, Michigan Achievement Scholarship, Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish

Alexis Spica – Grand Rapids Community College
GVSU Award for Excellence Scholarship, KCTC Pro of the Month

Hunter Steenbergen – Grand Rapids Community College

Collin Storey – Western Michigan University
WMU Bronco Recognition Scholarship

Ryan Strickland – Grand Rapids Community College
Versiti Leader for Life Award

Lexi Struble – Tiffin University
Tiffin Trustee Scholarship, Tiffin Athletic Scholarship, National Honor Society, Versiti Leader for Life Award

Jamison Sturtz – Grand Valley State University
GVSU Award for Excellence Scholarship

Brady Swanson – Grand Valley State University
GVSU Faculty Scholarship, GVSU Meijer Honors College Acceptance, National Honor Society

Colton Swanson – Western Michigan University
WMU Lee Honors College Acceptance, WMU Bronco Merit Scholarship, WMU Legacy Scholarship

Kylah Sweeris – Northern Michigan University

Katelyn Syswerda – Northern Michigan University
NMU Wildcat Merit Scholarship, NMU Leadership Award, Michigan Achievement Scholarship, National Honor Society, Michigan and Global Seals of Biliteracy for Spanish

Isabella Teller – Central Michigan University

Chase TenHarmse – Grand Valley State University
GVSU Merit Scholarship, GVSU Thompson Working Family Scholarship, Michigan Achievement Scholarship, Brink Wood Products Scholarship

Ava Terpstra – Michigan State University
Michigan and Global Seals of Biliteracy for Spanish, National Honor Society, Versiti Leader for Life, BCHS Service Award

Malachi Tessmer – Grand Rapids Community College
GVSU Academic Scholarship, Gaines Township Chick-fil-A Scholarship, Metro High School Police Academy Top Male Recruit Scholarship, National Honor Society

Nathan Thompson – Davenport University
Davenport Achievement Scholarship, BCHS Business Award

Josh Thull – Grand Rapids Community College

Indigo Umlor – University of Michigan
U of M Chancellor's Scholarship, Michigan Governor Youth Service Award, Michigan Community Impact Award, National Honor Society, National Community Service Award, BCHS Service Award, Versiti Leader for Life Award, Senior Class Representative

Bryan Urena – Davenport University

Teagan Van Kampen – Michigan State University
Global Seal of Biliteracy for German

Madelyn VanDam – Walden University

Miles VanDam – Purdue University
National Merit Commended Scholar, AP Scholar with Distinction, National Honor Society, BCHS Math Award

Kylie Vandenberg – Grand Valley State University
GVSU Faculty Scholarship, Science Olympiad

Zoe Vandenberg – Grand Valley State University
GVSU Award for Excellence Scholarship, GRBS Perseverance Scholarship, Michigan and Global Seals of Biliteracy for Spanish

Coen Vandenberg – University of Alabama
Alabama Capstone Merit Scholarship, AP Scholar with Honor

Megan Vander Kooi – Western Michigan University
WMU Bronco Merit Scholarship

Sam VanderWerf – Albion College
Albion Presidential Scholarship, Albion College Visit Scholarship, National Honor Society, MHSAA Scholar Athlete, BCHS Service Award

Paitin VanDusen – Grand Rapids Community College

Lauren VanHooren – Grand Valley State University
GVSU Academic Scholarship

Megan VanSweden – Grand Rapids Community College

Claire VanZanten – Spring Arbor University
SAU Academic Scholarship, SAU Athletic Scholarship, National Honor Society, Versiti Leader for Life Award, BCHS Service Award

Tyler Waite – Bowling Green State University
BGSU Academic Scholarship, BGSU Out of State Scholarship

Brad Walker – EV Construction

Jenna Wallace – Hope College
LINKS Award

Hunter Wayman – Grand Valley State University
GVSU Faculty Scholarship

Demetrius Wedge – Kendall College of Art and Design

Keegan Weir – Augustana College
Augustana Dean's Scholarship and Augustana History Department Scholarship, National Honor Society, MHSAA Scholar Athlete, BCHS Service Award

Caden Westers – Grand Valley State University
GVSU Faculty Scholarship, National Honor Society, Michigan and Global Seals of Biliteracy for Spanish

Emma Wheeler – Butler University
Butler Scholarship, Senior Class Representative

Stacy Wheeler – Michigan Career & Technical Institute
BCHS Learning Strategies Award

Brianna Whitfield – Albion College
Albion Presidential Scholarship, Albion Visual Arts Scholarship, Albion Visit Scholarship, Michigan Achievement Scholarship, National Honor Society, BCHS Art Award, BCHS Yearbook Award

Ethan Wieber – Davenport University
Davenport Academic Scholarship

Clinton Wierenga – Gap Year
BCHS Performing Arts Award for Theatre

Gabrielle Williams – University of Alabama

Hayden Wilson – Hope College

Brad Winkel – Grand Rapids Community College

Alyssa Wisener – Cornerstone University
Cornerstone President's Scholarship, BCHS Service Award, LINKS Award

Kate Wisniewski – Miami University
Miami RedHawk Excellence Scholarship

Brady Wolters – Grand Valley State University

Alexis Ypma – Douglas J Aveda

Sabrina Zavala – Michigan State University

Lily Zeinstra – Butler University
Athletic Scholarship, BCHS Physical Education Award

Jaxon Zylstra – Davenport University

Senior Class Motto

“Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.”

-Ferris Bueller

Senior Class Flower

Lotus

Senior Class Song

“Home” by Phillip Phillips

Kent Career Tech Center

Kent Career Tech Center offers education focusing on career exploration and continuing education leading to successful employment. These 41 BCBS seniors have earned industry-recognized certifications. Some of these students will go on to receive additional training, while others are ready to enter the workforce.

Tyler Baareman – Criminal Justice
Ferris Bakri – Advanced Auto Tech - Brakes
Zander Bobeldyke – Auto Collision Repair
Breanna Boyer – Nurse Tech/Patient Care Tech
Mical Bronkema – Nurse Tech/Patient Care Tech
Cullen Brownell – Graphics Communications
Kate Brumbelow – Nurse Tech/Patient Care Tech
Adeline Butts – Teacher Academy
Joel Castro – Applied Construction Tech
Tyler Debois – Advanced Auto Tech - Electrical
Faith Denning – Teacher Academy
William Evans – Welding
Natalia Gonzalez Lopez – Emergency Medical Services
Austin Gordon – Applied Construction Tech
Carolyn Haney – Health - Medical Assistant
Isabelle Helmus – Hospitality - Advanced Culinary
Ronan Hiemstra – Prevoc Exploration Industrial Technology
Calvin Hoezee – Auto Collision Repair
Kenzie Hoff – Health - Pharmacy Technician
Natalie Holmes – Health - Pharmacy Technician
Brody Lahr – Diesel & Equipment Tech
Peyton Lee – Info Tech - Advanced Networking
Juan Lopez Zamudio – Health - Medical Assistant
Gabriela Martinez-Rivera – Engineering & Architectural Design
Zachary Ming – Networking & Cyber Security
Lucy Modderman – Graphics Advanced
Brianna Paciencia – Health Careers Foundations
Evie Phillips – Graphics Advanced
Jackson Pojeski – Auto Tech - Maintenance Light Repair
Makenzie Robinson – Work-site Based Learning
Cody Rop – Work-site Based Learning
Mia Rush – Hospitality - Advanced Pastry
Braylon Russ – Aviation Maintenance Tech
Rylee Siereveld – Health - Emergency Medical Services
Ethan Speese – Work-site Based Learning
Alexis Spica – Nurse Tech/Patient Care Tech
Eden Stone – Graphics Advanced
Ryan Strickland – Precision Machining Tech
Katelyn Syswerda – Nurse Tech/Patient Care Tech
Bryan Urena – Entrepreneurship and Marketing
Brad Walker – Applied Construction Tech



North Star Academy

Congratulations to the 21 seniors who graduated from the North Star Academy this year! This was our 16th graduating class. The personalized, blended-education program at Byron Center is designed to prepare students for their individual plan after high school while completing BCBS graduation requirements and receiving a BCPS diploma.



BCBS Exchange Students

Viola Benintende – Italy
Sonia Bertoli – Italy
Victor Rohde Buck – Denmark
Ilyana Cornu – France
Carolina Garcia Gomez – Spain
Ilaria Gorla – Italy
Giulia Gulisano – Italy
Patrycja Kejna – Poland
Daniel Matejka – Czech Republic
Brage Stroemmen Saevild – Norway



CELEBRATING Fine Arts

Congratulations to all of our actors, dancers, musicians, singers and visual artists!

Your dedication to the fine arts has been remarkable and your talents are extraordinary. The Byron Center Fine Arts program hopes all students continue to develop their creative talents and we wish the best for our graduating seniors!

Byron Center Theatre

FALL PLAY: THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

Cast size: 38 students
Crew size: 25 students

SPRING MUSICAL: BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Cast size: 54 students
Crew size: 40 students

Sold out three of the four shows, with 2,745 tickets sold, an all-time high number of tickets sold for BCHS Theatre!



Fall Play: *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*



Spring Musical: *Beauty and the Beast*



Brayde Kietzman as Gaston in *Beauty and the Beast* (ShotsByCJ)



Jacob Gibson as Lumiere in *Beauty and the Beast* (ShotsByCJ)

SUTTON FOSTER AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Jacob Gibson:
Outstanding Performer in a Leading Role as Lumiere

Brayde Kietzman:
Outstanding Performer in a Leading Role as Gaston

Band, Choir and Orchestra

BAND

Marching Band: placed second in the State

District Solo and Ensemble: 40 First Division ratings and 27 Second Division ratings

State Solo and Ensemble: 23 First Division ratings and Seven Second Division ratings



Official photo of the BCHS Marching Band



Jazz Orchestra performs at Essentially Ellington in New York City

JAZZ ORCHESTRA

Performed at Michigan Music Conference

First place at CMU Jazz Festival

Essentially Ellington High School Jazz Band Competition & Festival, Top 15 in the country



Regional High School Honors Choir: Ben Waters, Alex Barbour, Elle Sanders, Hunter Wayman, Clinton Wierenga, Casey Schans and David Hambrick

CHOIR

Regional High School Honors Choir:

Seven Students Selected

State High School Honors Choir: Alex Barbour, Elle Sanders, Hunter Wayman and Clinton Wierenga

All-State High School Honors Choir: Alex Barbour

District Solo and Ensemble: 26 First Division ratings and Nine Second Division ratings

State Solo and Ensemble: 14 First Division ratings and Four Second Division ratings

Musical Theatre Solo and Ensemble: Eight First Division ratings and Two Second Division ratings

Musical Theatre Intensive

(100 students chosen out of the State of MI):

Madison Bouman, Natalie Bright, Danielle Burchard, Alyssa Ehlert, Alyssa Sherman, Ben Waters and Clinton Wierenga



Mark Wood rehearses with students ahead of Electrify Your Symphony

ORCHESTRA

Electrify Your Symphony: Two sold out concerts with Mark Wood, Laura Kaya and Nathan Blake

District Solo and Ensemble: 20 First Division ratings and Eight Second Division ratings

State Solo and Ensemble: Eight First Division ratings and Two Second Division ratings

Chamber Orchestra: First Division rating at District Festival

Concert Orchestra: First Division rating at District Festival



Madison Peters conducts the Concert Orchestra at Artastic



Vocal Expressions sings the Class of 2024's song, Home by Phillip Phillips at graduation

Visual Arts

FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS AWARD WINNERS

Jolienne Schutte – *I'm Me Again!*

Izzy Smith – *Skin & Bones*

COURAGEOUS PERSUADERS FINALIST

Sophia Feldpausch

TOP 100 IN THE STATE

Kian Cahall – *Son of the City and Rock and Roll*

Abby Middleton – *Under the Porch*

Jolienne Schutte – *I Just Can't Tell You Two Apart!*

SCHOLASTIC ART & WRITING AWARDS

High School - 20 Awards

Gold Key: Kian Cahall, Alyssa Le (2) and Toby Okhuysen

Silver Key: Daphne Ball, Alessandra Bontomasi, Kendall DuBuis, Morgan Keiser, Alyssa Le and Demetrius Wedge

Honorable Mention: Alessandra Bontomasi, Ada Brown, Emmerson Brownell, Kian Cahall (2), Kendall DuBuis, Morgan Keiser, Abby Middleton and Jolienne Schutte (2)

MICHIGAN ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

12 Regional Winners

MOSAIC FILM FESTIVAL

People's Choice Award:

Brayde Kietzman and Toby Okhuysen

BCHS ART AWARDS

Barry Afienko, Kian Cahall, Sophia Holverstott and Brianna Whitfield

BCHS PERFORMING ARTS

Maggie Banks, Grace Kimberly, Alyssa Sherman and Clinton Wierenga



Kian Cahall, Barry Afienko, Brianna Whitfield and Sophia Holverstott received the BCHS Art Award



Seniors Brayde Kietzman and Toby Okhuysen win People's Choice Award for their short film, "Mr. Know-It-All"



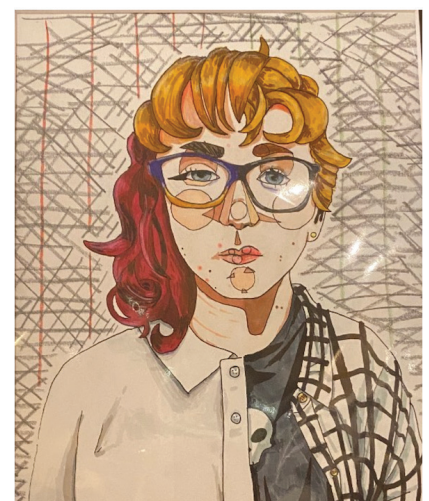
Clinton Wierenga, Alyssa Sherman, Maggie Banks and Grace Kimberly received the BCHS Performing Arts Award



Top 100 in the State:
Son of the City, Kian Cahall



Top 100 in the State:
Under the Porch, Abby Middleton



Top 100 in the State:
I Just Can't Tell You Two Apart!, Jolienne Schutte

INSPIRING Athletes

OK Conference Scholar Athletes

Lilia Alvarez	Aubrey Larobardiere	Leigha Sorenson Putnam
Caroline Baker	Madison Leifer	Ryan Strickland
Maggie Banks	Jonathon Lennon	Lexi Struble
Brooklyn Beauch	Juan Lopez Zamudio	Brady Swanson
Sharley Bilot	Adalyn Mata	Colton Swanson
Cameryn Boerman	Darin McKendry	Katelyn Syswerda
Sydney Boucher	Brayden Menifee	Joshua Thull
Lauren Bowman	Mark Millard	Teagan Van Kampen
Kate Brumbelow	Cole Mitchell	Coen Vandenberg
Emma Carlson	Ben Passeno	Sam VanderWerf
Katelyn Cole	Rowan Pellow	Megan VanSweden
Addison DeVos	Joel Perez	Claire VanZanten
Noah Dolan	Aaron Petroelje	Tyler Waite
AJ Dykstra	Jackson Porco	Jenna Wallace
Macie Elzinga	Cade Pratt	Keegan Weir
Levi Green	Ava Putnam	Caden Westers
Ben Heagle	Anthony Rivera	Brianna Whitfield
Sophia Holverstott	Kyle Rogala	Alyssa Wisener
Bodin Hurley	Zachary Ryan	Kate Wisniewski
Nicholas Jessee	Madison Sandholm	Lily Zeinstra
Isabella Kalbfleisch	Tyler Somers	
Josiah Karnehm		
Andrew Kroft		



Girls Golf placed 9th in the State Finals



Boys Lacrosse Regional Champions

Athlete of the Year



Jayden Brock



Madison Sandholm

Sports Boosters Scholarship

Levi Green Madison Leifer

Robert L. Nickels Scholarship

Connor Ferguson Madison Sandholm

Cristi Curtis Memorial Scholarship

Kate Wisniewski

Advanced Chemical Concepts Business Athlete Scholarship

Avery DePagter Lilianna McAvoy

Blake Ottow Tyler Somers

Bulldog Award

Josiah Karnehm Alyssa Wisener

Bulldog Power Award

Avery DePagter Bodin Hurley

Mr. Hockey

Jackson Froyland

Miss Basketball Runner-Up

Lily Zeinstra

Triple Threat Award

Sharley Bilot – Cross Country, Bowling, Track
 Bodin Hurley – Football, Wrestling, Baseball, Track
 Blake Ottow – Football, Wrestling, Baseball, Track
 Brayden Perdok – Football, Wrestling, Lacrosse
 Madison Sandholm – Volleyball, Basketball, Softball
 Ryan Strickland – Football, Wrestling, Track

Byron Center Athletics Core Values

EFFORT:

Relentless pursuit of excellence by dedicating 100% to your program, teammates and coaches.

Tyler Waite



EXCELLENCE:

Maintaining a growth mind-set: willing to take a risk and learn from failure. Commitment to continuous growth and improvement.

Brooklyn Beauch



ATTITUDE:

Controlling how you react to adversity and success to produce a positive outcome.

Joel Perez



RESPECT:

Showing character in all situations while striving for competitive excellence.

Isabella Kalbfleisch



All-Conference Athletes

FALL

Memphis Connor, Cross Country
 Levi Green, Cross Country
 Mitchell Jeruzal, Cross Country
 Mark Millard, Cross Country (HM)
 Sydney Law, Cross Country
 Daphne Ball, Cross Country (HM)
 Bodin Hurley, Football
 Luke Laska, Football
 Isaac Lee, Football
 Blake Ottow, Football
 Joel Perez, Football
 Landon Tungate, Football
 Coen Vandenberghe, Football
 Jackson Bovia, Football (HM)
 Landen Conrad, Football (HM)
 Hudson Pulawski, Football (HM)
 Hunter Steenbergen, Football (HM)
 Macie Elzinga, Golf
 Jenna Wallace, Golf
 Holly Lawrence, Golf (HM)
 Carlos Castro, Soccer
 Luke Philo, Soccer
 Kaleb Smith, Soccer
 Brendan Walker, Soccer
 Isaac DeVries, Soccer (HM)
 Brooklyn Beauch, Swim
 Lilianna McAvoy, Swim
 Izzie VanDuyn, Swim
 Brady Pettit, Tennis
 Caroline Baker, Volleyball
 Mallory Johnson, Volleyball
 Reese Lowe, Volleyball
 Brianna Whitfield, Volleyball
 Makenzi Bennett, Volleyball (HM)

WINTER

Ben Heagle, Basketball
 Camden Karel, Basketball
 Isaac Lee, Basketball (HM)
 Trey Sluiter, Basketball (HM)
 Avery DePagter, Basketball
 Madison Sandholm, Basketball
 Lily Zeinstra, Basketball
 Madisyn Meissner, Basketball (HM)
 Layla Batrville, Bowling
 Sharley Bilot, Bowling
 Adrey Bilot, Bowling
 Ashley Cramer, Bowling (HM)
 Matt Boersma, Bowling (HM)
 Emma Carlson, Comp Cheer
 Diana Esparza, Comp Cheer
 Alexis Kleczynski, Comp Cheer
 Sophia McCotter, Comp Cheer
 Addison Yerkes, Comp Cheer
 Maggie Banks, Comp Cheer (HM)
 Ellie Lanning, Comp Cheer (HM)
 Jackson Froyland, Hockey
 Luke Laska, Hockey
 Braxton McKee, Hockey
 Luke Philo, Hockey
 Cade Pratt, Hockey
 Collin Storey, Hockey
 Brady Swanson, Hockey
 Colton Swanson, Hockey
 Ben Passeno, Hockey (HM)
 Jack Olivier, Dive
 Brady Beauch, Swim
 Ryder Nichols, Swim
 Aaron Petroelje, Swim

Lucas Ritsema, Swim
 Colton Standorf, Swim
 Graeden Standorf, Swim
 Blake Ottow, Wrestling

SPRING

Jake Hill, Baseball
 Luke Laska, Baseball
 Kellen Payne, Baseball
 Nolan Booth, Baseball (HM)
 Alex Wauben, Baseball (HM)
 Nicholas Jessee, Lacrosse
 Josiah Karnehm, Lacrosse
 Reed Kartes, Lacrosse
 Connor Ferguson, Lacrosse (HM)
 Jackson Porco, Lacrosse (HM)
 Isabella Kalbfleisch, Lacrosse
 Layla Funk, Lacrosse (HM)
 Carli Alexander, Soccer
 Jordan Kerns, Soccer
 Makenna Lange, Soccer
 Ella Leyendecker, Soccer
 Claire VanZanten, Soccer
 Addison Alexander, Soccer (HM)
 Ella Allexander, Soccer (HM)
 Nora Leavitt, Soccer (HM)
 Cameryn Boerman, Softball
 Olivia Dolan, Softball
 Ellory Dykstra, Softball
 Sophia Holverstott, Softball
 Madison Sandholm, Softball
 Breanna Boyer, Softball (HM)
 Ava VanKampen, Softball (HM)

Addison DeVos, Tennis
 Jayden Brock, Track
 AJ Dykstra, Track
 Parker Holford, Track
 Jonathon Lennon, Track
 Brody Leyendecker, Track
 Xavier McCallum, Track
 Cole Mitchell, Track
 Connor Nealon, Track
 Nolan Stubblefield, Track
 Natalie Formsma, Track
 Calena Foster, Track
 Madison Leifer, Track
 Lauren Milward, Track
 Kaitlyn Noel, Track
 Adlee Schreuder, Track
 Alyssa Wisener, Track



Individual State Qualifiers

FALL

Daphne Ball, Cross Country
Memphis Connor, Cross Country
Mitchell Jeruzal, Cross Country
Macie Elzinga, Golf, State Runner-Up
Mackenzie Schichtel, Dive
Brooklyn Beach, Swim, 100 Fly State Champion, 100 Backstroke (4th)
Taylor Blomeling, Swim
Chayse Campbell, Swim
Addison Deppe, Swim
Carolina Garcia Gomez, Swim
Lucy Haney, Swim
Lilianna McAvoy, Swim, 200 Freestyle (7th)
Braylee VanDusen, Swim
Izzie VanDuyn, Swim, 500 freestyle (8th)
Emma Wiechertjes, Swim

WINTER

Kellen Cutler, Dive
Ike DeVries, Dive
Jack Olivier, Dive (4th)
Brady Beach, Swim, 500 freestyle (7th)
Victor Buck, Swim
Caleb Meginley, Swim
Carter Nelson, Swim

Ryder Nichols, Swim, 100 Breaststroke State Runner-Up
Aaron Petroelje, Swim
Lucas Ritsema, Swim
Jackson Schmuker, Swim
Colton Standorf, Swim
Graeden Stendorf, Swim
Austin Coleman, Wrestling
Blake Ottow, Wrestling (4th)
Hunter Pulawski, Wrestling
Brad Winkel, Wrestling (8th)

SPRING

Zander Bobeldyke, Track
Jayden Brock, Track, Long Jump (3rd), High Jump (4th)
AJ Dykstra, **Jonathon Lennon**, **Brody Leyendecker** and **Xavier McCallum** Track, 4x400 (4th)
Parker Holford, Track
Mason Joseph, Track
Connor Nealon, Track
Blake Ottow, Track
Parker Perez, Track
Nolan Stubblefield, Track
Calena Foster, Track
Natalie Formsma, Track, High Jump (5th), Long Jump (6th)
Lauren Milward, Track
Kaitlyn Noel, Track
Adlee Schreuder, Track

2023-24 Championship Teams

Equestrian
District Champs

Football
Conference Champs & District Champs

Girls Golf
Conference Champs & 9th in State D1

Boys Tennis
7th in State D2

Volleyball:
Conference Champs & District Champs

Girls Basketball
Conference Champs & District Champs

Girls Bowling
Conference Champs

Competitive Cheer
Conference Champs

Hockey
Conference Champs, Regional Champs & State Champs D2

Boys Swim/Dive
Conference Champs & 8th in State D2

Wrestling
District Champs

Boys Lacrosse
Regional Champs

Girls Soccer
Conference Co-Champs

Softball
Conference Champs & District Champs

Boys Track
Conference Champs



Boys Swim/Dive placed 8th in the State Finals



Boys Tennis placed 7th in the State Finals



Hockey D2 State Champions



Girls Basketball District Champions



Softball District Champions, 10x Conference Champs

MESSAGES to Our Graduates

“So proud of you all! It was a privilege to coach all of you that were in Bulldog Power. Best wishes to you all as you take your talents to the next level... wherever that is!”

Mr. Chiaramonte
BCHS Strength & Conditioning
Coordinator

“It has been a privilege and honor to be your assistant principal these past four years! Your perseverance, creativity and dedication have been nothing short of inspiring. Remember the end of high school is not just a conclusion, but also a beginning. Don't be afraid to take risks, to make mistakes and to learn from them. Each experience will shape who you want to become. Congratulations, Class of 2024!”

Mrs. Emmons
BCHS Assistant Principal

“¡Buena Suerte - Good Luck! Remember to travel and enjoy experiencing other cultures. Use your German and Spanish skills to truly learn about other countries. Work hard and continue to develop a strong work ethic being proactive. Stay active mentally and physically. Set goals and do what it takes to reach them, even if you have to make major sacrifices. ¡Hasta la vista, La Clase de 2024!”

Señor Domeier
BCHS Spanish Teacher

“Congratulations! So proud of each of you! Remember to set your goals and reach for them! Show them what it means to be a bulldog!”

Mrs. Koenig
Countryside 3rd Grade Teacher

“Congratulations Class of 2024! I can remember a few short years ago when you were at Nickels. Your energy and your positivity was brimming, and your future was bright. Six years later, and your future is even brighter and probably a little more crystal clear. I am excited for the next chapter in your storybook, and wish you well on your next adventure in life. Just remember that the chapters that have been written do not necessarily define you. You have the ability to create and recreate your story of success and happiness!”

Mr. Trout
Nickels Intermediate Principal

“Congratulations Class of 2024! Wishing each and every one of you all the best in this next chapter of your life!”

Mrs. Takens
Marshall School Counselor

“Congratulations to all the graduates of 2024! You have so much to be proud of. All your hard work has finally paid off. Remember to enjoy every moment life throws at you and to always be true to yourself and go after what you want. We're proud of you all!”

Mrs. Abbott
Countryside PE Teacher

“Congrats!! I can't believe that the young ninth graders that walked into math class are now graduated!! The last class to have ever known me as 'Kladder'... you will be missed!”

Mrs. Klopfenstein
BCHS Math Teacher

“Congratulations to the senior class of 2024! Your dedication to the arts and your achievements on stage have truly been remarkable. Best wishes for your bright futures ahead!”

Mrs. Wagner
VSFAC Managing Director

“Gratuliere!! Ich bin stolz auf euch! You all have come such a long way. Best of luck next year in all your post-high school endeavors!”

Frau Finkbeiner
BCHS German Teacher

“BCHS Graduates 2024!! As you turn the page on this chapter, hold onto the lessons learned, the friendships forged and the laughter shared. Carry the spark of curiosity and the courage to chase your dreams. The world awaits your unique talents, and the future is unwritten, ready for you to paint your masterpiece. Go forth and create something extraordinary! And as Eleanor Roosevelt said, “The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”

I will miss you deeply, thanks for being uniquely you!!”

Mr. Boillat
BCHS Psychology Teacher

“Congratulations! I'm proud of the hard work it took to get here. Best wishes for a bright future!”

Mr. Volkens
Countryside 4th Grade Teacher

“CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2024! I am so proud of all your hard work! Take a moment to reflect on the past four years and all of your accomplishments. You are incredible people and will change the world. Never stop chasing your dreams!”

Ms. Huss
BCHS School Counselor

“Blessings and congratulations to you all! You are delightful humans, I wish you the best in life!”

Mr. LaSorsa
BCHS Science Teacher

“Class of 2024...WOW! When you were at Nickels 6-7 years ago, 2024 seemed like the very distant future. It is now here, and hard to believe how quickly that time has passed. Although time moves forward at the same speed throughout your life, you'll find that it seems to move faster as you get older. Be intentional about taking the time to appreciate the important things while balancing hard work with play. Congratulations, Class of 2024...we are proud of you!”

Mrs. Lenger
WMS Choir Accompanist

“Congratulations to the Class of 2024! It was a true joy to get to know each of you and watch you grow throughout the year. You have truly represented Byron Center in a positive way through academics, athletics, fine arts performances and continuing to build a strong community from within.”

Mr. Schut
BCHS Assistant Principal

“What a group of absolute gems of young adults. Such a spectacular group that is going to go on to do extraordinary things! Congrats class of 2024, don't be strangers around BC! We are always here for you!”

Mr. Lang
BCHS Math Teacher

“¡Buen trabajo! Well done, class of 2024! It was an honor to be a part of your journey, and I hope you continue to learn about people different from yourself and develop a stronger sense of empathy to create a world that will be better for everyone. I encourage each of you to be yourself! TRAVEL when you can, and if an opportunity presents itself, jump on it!”

Señora Sibalwa
BCHS & WMS World
Language Teacher

“I wish you all the best in your future endeavors. The world will be a better place with your contributions. Take chances, work hard, serve others.”

Mrs. Kanitz
West Middle School Principal

“Class of 2024, YOU DID IT! I am so proud of you all. You will hold a special place in my heart forever, as you were my first group of sixth grade BC students. I have wonderful memories of this group. I often joked that I could probably have left my classroom to go do my grocery shopping across the street at Family Fare and return to a class of kids who had their work done and started the next task on their own! You are incredibly smart, kind and hard working... nothing proved that more than when our homeroom won sixth grade field day! I wish you all nothing but the best in this next exciting chapter in life. And remember you always have a “home” to visit at Nickels room E202. Congratulations!”

Mrs. Sandera
Nickels 6th Grade Teacher

“I do not regret the things I’ve done, but those I did not do,” Empire Records. Meaning move forward, not backward. Congratulations Class of 2024, the world is at your fingertips! Don’t forget to, work like you don’t need the money, love like you’ve never been hurt and dance like nobody’s watching.”

Mrs. Bonnell
BCHS School Counselor

“The Class of 2024 will always have a special place in my heart due to your enthusiasm, kindness and simply knowing how to have fun. I will forever treasure your thoughtfulness in pulling together the surprise “Mrs. Kuiper Day” and including my family on that special day. Congratulations and best wishes as you kick-off this new and important season in life!”

Mrs. Kuiper
Nickels 5th Grade Teacher

“Buy Bitcoin.”
Mr. Elzinga
BCHS Paraprofessional

“I have some GREAT memories of the class of 2024 when you were a part of Nickels Nation! It has been even better getting to watch you all since in athletics, fine arts, academics or just cross paths at random times throughout the years. I appreciate you taking the time to stop, say hello and catch up when you have. I hope you have enjoyed your Byron Center experience and always remember, once a student of Mr. Amo, ALWAYS a student of Mr. Amo! Congratulations to you ALL!”

Mr. Amo
Nickels PE Teacher

“¡Felicidades! Ha sido un placer trabajar con este grupo magnifico. ¡Buena suerte en el futuro!”

Mrs. Showers
BCHS Spanish Teacher

“Congratulations to all of the Seniors! It has been a JOY to have all of you who were in my classes as students this year, and it is exciting to see what your plans are for the future. I love the opportunities I’ve had to see you experience and enjoy all the things that make your senior year special and see your successes in Senior English in experiences like mock interviews, partnering with businesses for Design Thinking and mock trials. Thank you for the enthusiastic Zumba Fridays and for keeping me young! And, come back and visit to say “Hi.”

Mrs. Baas
BCHS English Teacher

“Hello BC graduates! Congratulations to you all. A special shout out to those I met and taught at Brown Elementary when you began your Byron Center journey in DK. It was so fun being one of your first teachers and I cannot believe so much time has passed that you are now graduating. My wish for you all is that you find something in the world to fix by embracing your talents and passions. Enjoy making the world a better place.”

Mrs. Deppe
Nickels 5th Grade Teacher

“Congratulations, ELs! You made it! It has been amazing knowing a lot of you since 7th grade ESL at WMS. Please keep in touch. I’m so proud of each and every one of you!”

Mrs. Tripp
BCHS & WMS ESL Teacher

“Congratulations! I am so proud of all of your achievements. I have many fond memories of your time in third grade; like when we went to the Capitol Building in Lansing and when you performed your speeches for the wax museum. Good luck on all of your future endeavors.”

Mrs. Caldwell
Marshall 3rd Grade Teacher

“Many congratulations Class of 2024! I have loved watching you all grow these last four years at the high school, it’s hard to believe it’s the end of the road here for you guys. The halls will certainly feel different, along with our classrooms and sports fields and courts. You have been a joy to watch and to know. Best wishes, shine bright and always do your very, very BEST!”

Mrs. Merritt
BCHS Math Teacher

“Seniors, As your days of being a bulldog come to an end, I hope you look back and are proud of all you accomplished. This ending is simply the start of a new adventure and I hope you continue to take it all in and cherish all the lessons you will learn along the way. Forever a bulldog! Cheers to you, Class of 2024!”

Miss VanEngen
Countryside 1st Grade Teacher

“Dear Class of 2024, I’ve had the profound honor and privilege of witnessing your journey, some from the early days of elementary school, to this key moment in your life. Seeing you become the independent young men and women you are today fills me with BC pride. Your ability to adapt to a changing world and your zest for learning new life experiences is inspiring. Many of you have mastered the art of balancing hard work with a joyful outlook on life while navigating challenges with grace and determination. As you begin your next chapter, remember that it’s not just about reaching a destination, but cherishing each step of the journey. Embrace the experiences that come your way, for they shape who you are.

Remember, there’s only one unique you in this world, so strive to be the best version of yourself. I’m so proud of each of you! As you go into the next phase, make BC proud, for it is always a great day to be a Bulldog!”

Mr. Joseph
BCPS Executive Director of
Curriculum & Instruction



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A Note from Mr. Reedy



Dear Class of 2024,

Thank you for all you have done for BCHS and the greater Byron Center community. Over the past four years, you have learned, grown and excelled in many ways. I've had the pleasure of watching you lead by example over the past year and you

consistently upheld the standards of BCHS. We were so fortunate to have you in our building during your high school career. As you embark on your next journey, I hope the skills and dispositions you developed at BCHS lead to your continued success. Remember, you will sometimes fall short of being the best, but never allow yourself to fall short of giving your best!

Troy Reedy
 BC High School
 Principal

