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“Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, O Lord.” Psalm 89:15

Thursday, 09/01

Half day of school. School dismisses at 11:50 a.m.

GAME: AWAY game Varsity Volleyball w/ West Michigan Lutheran. Games to be played @ St. Marks Lutheran, 1934 52nd St. Kentwood 49509. Transportation will be provided by the team.

Friday, 09/02

No School

Monday, 09/05

No School - Labor Day holiday

Tuesday, 09/06

No School

Wednesday, 09/07

School resumes at 8:10 a.m. Hastings Area bus service also resumes.

Chapel: 8:15-8:50 for Elementary/9:05-9:50 for Secondary - Christian Yonkers - both elementary and secondary (Mission Trip to Russia).

Thursday, 09/08

GAME: HOME game Varsity Volleyball w/ Holt Lutheran.

DUTIES: Director/Clock-Webb; Gate/Cleanup: DeMaagd; Canteen-Schuermans (prep), Shotts Family (cook & counter).

Board Meeting @ 6:55 p.m. Andrea Schick-hosting

Friday, 09/09

TRIP 7:45-8:30 a.m.

Hot Lunch: Pizza (be sure to fill out the Hot Lunch order form and turn it in at the school office!)

Hot Lunch Workers: Brandy Casey and Carlene Sweat (pick up)

GAME: AWAY game w/ Fellowship Baptist Academy. Volleyball @ 6:30 p.m./Soccer @ 5:00 p.m.

Bus will leave the school @ 3:15p.m., and after a food stop, return around 10:30 p.m. Mr. Wisner will be driving.

SCHOOL THEME - 2011/2012

At the beginning of each new school year, the school board and administration provide a “theme” for the year. Quite often it is based on specific scripture. This year our theme will be “MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICES”! There will not be any specific scripture verse this year, but emphasis will be placed on making good choices in our daily routines.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, September 12-Parents’ Club Breakfast meeting @ 8:15 a.m. Please prayerfully consider becoming an active member of this organization. They do many of our fundraising events to help the school and its staff!

Thursday, October 13-Fall Portrait Day. Lifetouch will be here to do fall portraits beginning at 8:30 a.m. Once again, we are opening up the opportunity for other siblings of our students to have their picture taken. However, you **MUST PRE-REGISTER your child(ren)**. Angela Thompson will be our coordinator this year. Please contact Angela at artizme2003@yahoo.com.

Friday, September 23-Association meeting @ 6:00 p.m. w/ potluck dinner (bring a dish to pass, your own table service and beverage), kickball, and an open house (teachers will be in their classrooms). This will be such a fun and important evening. Please plan on attending! The “association” is made up of families who have children enrolled at BCCS.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Every year, the school publishes a directory with names, addresses, phone numbers, children’s name and grade based on the information you provided on the Directory Information Release form during the enrollment process. Directories will be distributed by the end of September.

NEW IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ENTRY

Children entering kindergarten and sixth grade and any child changing school districts will be facing new immunization requirements. Children entering kindergarten have always been required to receive booster doses of their childhood vaccines. In the past, this meant an additional dose of DTaP, Polio, and MMR vaccine before starting kindergarten. New state rules will also require two doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine or a history of chickenpox disease. Most children received their first dose of varicella vaccine at age one year.

Sixth grade students have been required to receive a dose of Tetanus and diphtheria (Td) vaccine. The new state rules will require those 6th grade students, who are at least 11 years of age, receive a dose of Tdap (which provides a booster of pertussis/whooping cough with the Tetanus and diphtheria), a dose of Meningococcal vaccine, and two doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine or a history of chickenpox disease. Again, most children received their first dose of varicella vaccine at age one year.

Any child changing school districts will be required to have the above vaccines as appropriate for their age. These are required vaccines for school-entry.

You may contact the Barry-Eaton District Health Department (269.945.9516) to schedule a time for immunizations. They are located at 330 Woodlawn, Hastings, MI 49058

VISION SCREENING AND REPORTING

Public Health Code Act 368 of 1978, Section 9307 states that "a parent, guardian, or person in *loco parentis* applying to have a child registered for the first time in a kindergarten or first grade in a school in this state shall present to school officials, at the time of registration or not later than the first day of school, a certificate of hearing and vision testing or screening or statements of exceptions under Section 9311". Our local health department offers this screening at no cost to families and children. You may contact the Barry-Eaton District Health Department (269.945.9516) to schedule a time for screenings. They are located at 330 Woodlawn, Hastings, MI 49058

2011/2012 SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGES

Please add the following information to your BCCS 2011/2012 Calendar:

November 3 Parent-Teacher Conferences 1pm-4pm & 6pm-8 pm in the gym for Secondary students. Conferences for Elementary students will be scheduled and held in the elementary classrooms.

January 23-27 Spirit Week

Please remove the Sports Award Potluck that was scheduled in May 14. Sports Award Potlucks have been scheduled for November 10 (Fall sports), March 12 (Winter sports), and June 4 (Spring sports).

CLASS OF 2010 PORTRAITS

The 8x10 portraits that are currently on display in the foyer are available for purchase at a cost of \$5.00 (not including the frame). Please contact the office, if you are interested.