

BYRON EAGLE PRIDE

A LOOK INSIDE...
TIMELESS
TRADITIONS AND
NEW OPPORTUNITIES
FOR YOUR LOCAL
STUDENTS



**Brandon
Chapman**

put into sharing your perspectives with us. The survey results are currently being analyzed, and we are committed to carefully reviewing the data to identify areas where we can make meaningful improvements. The insights we've gathered will help guide our efforts to enhance the educational experience for all students, support our dedicated staff, and strengthen the partnership between our schools and the wider community.

We recognize that your voices are crucial in shaping the future of our district, and we are eager to take the feedback provided to make the necessary changes that will positively impact the experience of everyone involved. We look forward to sharing the key findings and the steps we plan to take based on your input.

Thank you again for your engagement, your trust, and your commitment to making our school district an even better place for learning and growth.

Sincerely,
Brandon Chapman, Superintendent

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION / EARLY COLLEGE



FEBRUARY WAS CTE MONTH

Byron Students interested in SRES D programs, such as Career and Technical Education (CTE), Dual Enrollment, and Early College, can apply during their 10th or 11th grade year for the following year, with applications available from November to February 28th. Information sessions about these programs were held at the College and Career Readiness Center in January and February. After applying, students will be provided with details on next steps, which may include placement testing, interviews, and applying to the college. These programs offer a valuable opportunity for students to explore educational and career paths while still in high school.

See **CTE** on 8

A Message from the Superintendent

COMMUNICATION:

As we continue to strengthen our school community, one of the most vital aspects of our success is effective communication. We understand that keeping everyone informed is crucial for a positive and collaborative school experience. Our district is continuously exploring new and better ways to share information with you—whether it's through newsletters, social media, emails, or in-person meetings. We want to ensure that everyone, from students to parents to staff, has access to the most relevant and timely updates. We deeply value your input and encourage open dialogue. Your feedback, questions, and ideas are essential in helping us understand what's working well and where we can improve. As we move forward, we are committed to not only sharing information with you but also actively listening to your thoughts and concerns. Together, we can continue to build a school environment where everyone feels heard, valued, and involved. Thank you for being an integral part of our community and for helping us create a culture of open communication.



ATTENDANCE:

One of the most critical factors in ensuring academic success is regular school attendance. Every school day counts, and when students miss class, they miss valuable lessons, activities, and opportunities to connect with their peers and teachers. Excessive absences, even if they are just one or two days at a time, can quickly add up and create gaps in learning. These gaps can lead to students falling behind, making it more difficult for them to keep up with the curriculum and reach their full potential. When students miss school, it's not just about missing out on the lessons; it can also impact their confidence and motivation to catch up. We encourage all families to make attendance a priority. If there are circumstances preventing your child from attending regularly, please reach out to us—we are here to support you and work together to ensure that all students have the resources they need to succeed. Thank you for your continued partnership in helping our students stay engaged and succeed in their education.

PERCEPTION SURVEY DATA:

I would like to extend a thank you to everyone who took the time to participate in our recent perception survey. Your feedback is invaluable, and we deeply appreciate the time and thoughtfulness you



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FOOD SERVICE

Food Service would like to notify Middle and High School students of the Special Menu Days coming up. We look forward to serving you all!

- **March 6th** is Pasta Bar
- **April 17th** is Nacho Bar
- In **May**, look forward to Senior Choice and Arnie Dog Day!

In the elementary, there will be a special treat each week of March is Reading month!

***May 2nd** is Lunch Hero Day- thank a lunch lady!

Make a payment on a meal account here: <https://byronarea.familyportal.cloud>

SCAN FOR:
LUNCH MENU



BYRON PRESCHOOL SCHOOL & CHILDCARE

Eagles' Nest Preschool enrollment for 2025-2026 is now open! We offer FREE preschool for 4-year-olds, along with full- and part-time programs for 3-year-olds, plus before and after-school childcare. Our program combines academic skills like literacy and math with social-emotional development and enrichment activities like music, art, and dance. New additions include an outdoor play structure, library, and therapy dog Mara, providing hands-on learning and emotional support for young learners.

OUR PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- Kindergarten readiness activities
- Small and large group playtime
- Healthy meals and snacks
- School bus transportation

Spaces are limited! Enroll your child in our Eagles' Nest Preschool and Childcare programs today! We are now enrolling for the upcoming school year, with full-day and part-day options available!

ENROLLMENT EVENT:

Scheduled for March 6, 2025, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm
Contact us for more information:
810-266-6323
www.byron.k12.mi.us/byronpreschool



EAGLES' NEST 

Preschool Enrollment Event

March 6th, 5:30-7:00pm
Byron Elementary

[Join our preschool family today](#)
and watch your child's journey of
learning and discovery unfold.

SCAN ME!



To fill out an interest form

810-266-6323 REGISTER NOW

Byron Elementary
Students

SOAR

Show Kindness,
Offer Respect,
Act Responsibly,
Remember Safety!

BYRON PTA

Hello Byron Community, Staff, Parents, Grandparents, and Guardians!

Wondering what your Byron Area PTA has been up to lately?

We've purchased two lifesaving AED kits: one will be housed at the Middle School, and the other will be placed on our football fields come springtime. We've also donated a brand-new Eagle mascot, helped our teachers' classrooms grow by supplying much-needed items, and done so much more!

Thank you, Byron community, for your kindness, support of our fundraisers, donations, and time. Without your continued support, none of what we're able to do would be possible.

We'd love to hear new ideas! If you have any or would like to participate in creating a positive impact by joining our PTA, please come to one of our upcoming meetings: 3/6, 4/10, or 5/1. Meetings are held in the elementary library at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Also, if you'd like to help with Popcorn Day, Weekend Kits, or volunteer to read for March is

Reading Month, we'd love your help! Do you have ideas for new fundraisers or activities? Join us in creating a positive impact by participating in our PTA!

If you haven't already, please join our Byron Area PTA Facebook page. If you need anything, feel free to reach out to us at byronareapta@gmail.com or through Facebook. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

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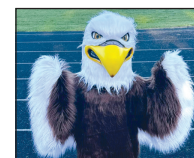
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BYRON PTA
FOR THIS
AMAZING
NEW EAGLE
MASCOT!**



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Byron is YOUR School of Choice!

- Proven Academic Track Record
- One-to-One Technology
- Before & After School Child Care
- 3 yr old & 4 yr old Preschool Options
- NEW Developmental Kindergarten
- NEW Byron Virtual Academy
- Strong Participation in CTE & College Dual Enrollment
- Positive Behavior Support Program

LEARN MORE
Find us on  **#ByronEagles**



(810) 266-4881

www.Byron.k12.mi.us/enrollment

BYRON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BE POSITIVE

Each month at Byron Elementary, we celebrate positive behavior across our school with a ticket assembly. These assemblies are held the last Wednesday of each month and are split between DK-2 and 3-5 grades. Students earn eagle tickets by showing kindness, offering respect, acting responsibly and remembering safety. Once a ticket is earned, the students can select a drawing to enter in for a random chance at monthly prizes. Thanks to the Erik Jones Foundation, the students can win a gold coin for a new, potentially autographed, book via our book vending machine. The excitement is palpable every month as coins are handed out to the lucky winners! The vending machine will continue to be stocked with high interest books for months to come with another generous donation of \$2,000 from the Erik Jones Foundation. Thank you Erik Jones Foundation!

ERIK JONES

Another exciting ticket option is our "Read with Mara" drawing. Each month, students can win some special time with our Mara, our certified therapy dog in our school library. The kids love this option as Mara snuggles them and gets some pettings all while the students practice their reading skills. It's a WIN-WIN!

And it is working! Byron Elementary tracks discipline daily and analyzes reports to improve practices to support our students social, emotional and behavioral needs. Since this system has been put in place, our major office referrals have decreased each month from last year to this current school year. For example, this December we only had two major referrals compared to last year's December count of 16! Over the last two years, Byron Elementary students earn well below the 25% for the national average of referrals when compared to other schools our size. We are proud of the work that we have done as a staff over the last 2.5 years in terms of our PBIS and MTSS systems. With these systems, we have increased opportunities to support students using social skills intervention groups as well as Check In, Check Out interventions. We are seeing the results of these heavy workloads but the success of our Eagles makes it all worth it!



CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

This past December, our wonderful music teacher, Mrs. Lysa Shaw, brought back our 5th grade Christmas musical for the first time since 2019. This musical, called "Santa's Holiday Hoedown" was attended by over 400 people and involved all of our 5th grade students who were able to attend in some role or another. Also, the rehearsal was done in front of our other elementary students to showcase what is coming their way in their future. We are so proud of our 5th grade Eagles for their incredible effort they put into this amazing production! A big thank you to all of the families and community members who attended this special night!



READING MONTH

March is Reading Month at Byron Elementary! Our 5th grade student council chose "Readers are Leaders" as our theme for the month. They conducted a coupon book fundraiser to book a kickoff assembly presented by Midwest School Shows. This reading and writing assembly is 45 minutes in length and uses entertainment, illusions, humor, and fun props to review reading comprehension, phonics, and help encourage students to discover that reading can be fun. The show also incorporates routines that help students discover story building and creative writing.

KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

Kindergarten Roundup is set for Friday, April 11th. We are offering two sessions to allow families some flexibility. A link will be sent out to families to sign up for one of the sessions to bring their incoming kindergartner for some quick, fun assessments that help Byron Elementary staff place them in the best environment to support their needs for the 25-26 school year. While students are off with our staff, parents will be attending an informational session down the hall with the kindergarten team, our DK teacher as well as the principal. Important information regarding kindergarten options will be discussed and crucial enrollment paperwork will be handed out while also setting aside plenty of time for parent questions for the teachers and principal. We can't wait to meet our newest Eagles! Sign up today!



SAVE THE DATE

Our Darlin Dance is scheduled for Friday April 25, 2025 from 6-8 pm. Tickets will be on pre-sale or sold at the door. Please join us for this wonderful memory-making event that benefits our school library and all of our Eagles!

Little Eagles, Future **LEADERS!**

SAVE THE DATE

**Byron Elementary
Kindergarten &
Developmental
Kindergarten
Registration**

**Friday, April 11th
12:30pm & 4pm**

www.byron.k12.mi.us/enrollment



BYRON MIDDLE SCHOOL

BYRON MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARDS PRESTIGIOUS EAGLES

Throughout the first and second marking , the Byron Middle School teachers and support staff have looked for students that demonstrate Eagle PRIDE. Some of the requirements to be selected for this honor students must display responsible habits, great character, remain positive and prepared, and be helpful to those around them. These attributes make for a great member of society and well-rounded student. The first marking period winners were Steven Booth, Sophie Osborn, and Mason Pellman. Second marking period winners were Kaitlynn Manalili, Sidney Fuller and Katielynn Chilenko. Great job Eagles and we look forward to recognizing more amazing students in the second semester.



1st Marking Period Winners



2nd Marking Period Winners

MIDDLE SCHOOL FFA

Congratulations to the three FFA members who competed on January 30th at the district leadership contest! Megan Mahar competed in the FFA Creed contest against nine other contestants and received a silver award. Brice Honke received a silver award, and Eli Prestonise received a gold award; both competed in JH Public Speaking. Brice placed as an alternate for regionals, and Eli is moving on to represent Byron at Regionals on February 13th in Fowlerville. Congratulations to them all!



FOOD DRIVE

The Byron Middle School Student Council organized a successful food drive to support those in need during the holiday season. Each Sparc class was provided with a donation box, encouraging students to contribute non-perishable items such as canned and boxed goods. The Sparc class with the most donations won an ice cream party. A heartfelt thank you to all who participated in the December food drive! The collected items were donated to the Catholic Charities of Owosso Food Bank. Great job, middle schoolers—your efforts are making a significant impact!



SNOWMAN CHALLENGE

In December, students at Byron Middle School and High School were in for a fun surprise when a spontaneous “challenge” was announced over the intercom. Inspired by the popular game Minute-to-Win-It, each class had just 8 minutes to create the best snowman they could. The winning classes were treated to donuts, generously provided by Superintendent Brandon Chapman. Students wowed their teachers with their leadership and creativity during the challenge.



CRAFTS & CONTEMPLATION CLUB

The Byron Middle School and High School Crafts & Contemplation Club has been having a blast this year! In December, club members had the opportunity to learn how to make cake pops, with guidance from Byron High School senior Lizzy Strzelecki. Lizzy, who runs her own cake pop business, creates these delicious treats for events such as open houses, holidays, and special occasions.



GAME DAY

In January, Byron Middle School took a break from their usual routine to enjoy some fun activities together! Students had a blast participating in trivia, Family Feud, Lights On/Lights Off, and the Candy Cane Conundrum. A big thank you to the Byron Middle School Student Council for making school such an enjoyable experience!



CHILDREN'S ONLY STORE

Before winter break, the Byron PTA opened The Children's Only Store at the Middle School. Students had the chance to shop during SPARC, with all items priced between \$1 and \$5. Eaglewear was also available for purchase. A big thank you to the Byron PTA for providing this fantastic opportunity for our middle schoolers!



NURSES CORNER



Mrs. Andrea Howard, RN

If you've been around any of our three buildings this fall and winter, you may have noticed new banners announcing that our schools have all received a MIHEARTSafe School designation. I'm so proud of the team we put together and the work they put in to qualify Byron Area Schools for this distinction, and I thought this would be a perfect opportunity to celebrate this fantastic accomplishment. The MIHEARTSafe School award recognizes a school's efforts to prevent sudden cardiac death in young people and preparedness for a cardiac emergency. This three-year designation ensures that schools have:

- Accessible, clearly marked Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) that make it possible, in the event of an emergency, for rescuers to use one in under three minutes.
- A designated cardiac emergency response team that trains on a regular basis and knows what to do in the event of an emergency, along with a written, regularly updated emergency response plan.
- Team members who receive regular CPR and AED training.
- Coaches who receive regular CPR and AED training.
- A cardiac emergency response team that conducts cardiac emergency response drills.

Our team began working toward obtaining this designation during the 2023-2024 school year. Last fall, we assembled a team in each building and began training sessions, including running mock scenarios before and after school hours and working with members of our local Burns Township Fire Department to simulate what waiting for their arrival would be like. With help from our Byron PTA, we were able to purchase a portable AED unit that coaches can have available if desired. We have also been offering American Heart Association CPR/AED classes for staff and students. For the first time ever, our graduating seniors received hands-only CPR training and learned how to use an AED. In November, we were able to attend a virtual ceremony, at which Byron Area Schools was presented with the MIHEARTSafe Award, along with only 256 other Michigan schools receiving this honor. While earning this designation is exciting, the most important thing is knowing our students, staff, volunteers, and visitors are safer with these emergency response plans in place. Congratulations, team! It's good to be an Eagle!

BYRON HIGH SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL ART STUDENTS

Byron High School art students recently joined forces with Byron's 3rd graders for their annual Monster Partner Project, turning art into a fun and creative experience. The high school students took the 3rd graders' wild drawings and brought them to life as 3D clay sculptures, giving the young artists' ideas a whole new twist. It was a great time for everyone involved, sparking creativity and building connections between the students.

The Shiawassee County Road Commission invited high school art teacher Ms. Jamie Anderson and her students to paint a mural on a snow plow blade, and they were thrilled to take on the opportunity. The finished mural was displayed in Corunna during the holiday season. Great job, Byron artists!



STUDENT COUNCIL

The high school Student Council partnered with Versiti Blood Center of Michigan to host their second blood drive of the year. They had 26 registered donors, 24 successful donations, and among them, 8 were first-time donors! Thanks to the donors' generosity, they potentially saved up to 72 lives. Student Council/Versiti will be hosting another blood drive on Friday, March 7th, 2025.



POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS COMING TO BYRON MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Throughout the first half of the school year, the staff in the middle school and high school have been working hard to implement a program that works on providing positive interventions to students within the school. Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports is a program that establishes a set of ideas and tools used in schools to support and improve student behavior. At Byron Middle and High School, the acronym of PRIDE is what the school will be using when recognizing positive behaviors. Pride stands for preparedness, respect, integrity, determination and excellence. Staff in both schools will have tickets that they will distribute to students seen demonstrating these qualities. Students will have the opportunity to turn in their earned tickets for a monthly drawing where they can receive perks and awards. The staff is very excited to get this program up and running and looking forward to the benefits it will provide our students and our district!

BYRON ROBOTICS-TEAM 5641

The kickoff for Byron Robotics-Team 5641 was on January 4th, when we discovered this year's game, "Reefscape." You can check it out at www.firstinspires.org/robotics/frc/game-and-season, or visit the team's website at www.team5641.com. We have had 8 weeks to build, test, and practice driving our robot in preparation for this week-end's competition, which will take place from February 28 to March 1 at Kettering University. Our second competition will be held on March 21-22 at Woodhaven High School. Visit our website to watch our competitions online or join us in person—admission is free!

To keep our program moving forward, we are in need of volunteers and mentors with experience in machining, engineering, computer coding (Java), and website/social media management. If you are a student in grades 7 to 11 and interested in participating in the 2025 summer program and the 2026 season, please contact Keith Wasilenski at 517-245-3977 or via email at 5641team@gmail.com. We meet every week on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays during the season (December through March), and periodically in the off-season.

BYRON NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY (NHS)

The Byron NHS is proud to serve our school, students, and community by exemplifying the four pillars of NHS: scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Our members are dedicated to making a positive impact through service projects and initiatives that enrich our school and the larger Byron community.

Here are some of the highlights from our recent projects:

ELEMENTARY COURTYARD PROJECT:

We took on the challenge of revitalizing the elementary school courtyard. Thanks to Mr. McWilliams for leading the removal of the old playground equipment, the NHS membership was able to relocate a lot of pea gravel. There is much more to remove and our goal is to continue in the spring, preparing the space for future use.

CLOTHING DRIVE:

We organized a successful clothing drive, collecting and distributing items. Thanks to the generosity of our school and community members, we were able to make a meaningful difference for many families.

Scan for tutoring

HIGH SCHOOL



MIDDLE SCHOOL



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA:

We participated in the Wreaths Across America program, honoring veterans by placing wreaths on their graves at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan. This initiative allowed us to show our gratitude for those who have served our country and reflect on the importance of remembrance and respect.

TUTORING AND MENTORSHIP:

Every Thursday, NHS members offer tutoring sessions to high-school students helping them excel in their academics. In addition, we have expanded our support to connect NHS members with

middle scholars who need tutoring and mentorship. This program builds strong relationships and helps younger students succeed academically and personally.

VOLUNTEERING AT THE FOOD BANK:

As part of our commitment to community service, Byron NHS and Student Council members spent a day volunteering at the local food bank. Together we worked to sort, pack, and organize food donations for families in need.



HIGH SCHOOL FFA

BROILER CONTEST

In November, we took 10 entries to the Michigan FFA Broiler Contest. Ag Biology students raised 100 chickens over 5 weeks and watched them be processed at the event.

NEW MEMBERS

24 new members were inducted at the Greenhand Initiation Ceremony in November. 30 sophomores received their FFA Chapter Degree, and 14 new members earned their FFA jacket.

RECREATIONS

The recreation committee organized a Christmas movie night in December and an Ice Skating event in January.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

In November, 20 members raked leaves at Union Plains Cemetery. We also held a coin drive, raising over \$700 for the food bank, and donated Christmas presents for 10 kids from a local Angel Tree.

JAM AND NUT SALE

Around 70 members sold items in our Jam and Nut sale, raising about \$8,200 for the chapter.

PIGS

Zoology students are raising pigs in the ag barn. We purchased 2 bred sows from MSU, both of which farrowed last week, resulting in 9 healthy piglets that will be shown at the fair in August.

LEADERSHIP CONTESTS

21 members competed in District Leadership Contests. Notable winners include:

- Jordan Huhn (silver, Job Interview)
- Eisley Rocco (silver, Prepared Public Speaking)
- Zerik Crawford (gold, Prepared Public Speaking)
- Zadie Schmidt, Molly Webster, and Drew Killinger (silver, Demonstration)
- Emma Davis, Myleigh Rohner (gold, Extemporaneous Public Speaking)
- Abby Harper (gold, Greenhand Public Speaking)
- Emma Glass, Danny Fondren, Bryce Ritter, Evan Ritter, Andon Prestonise (gold, Ag Issues)
- Adyson Hunter, Ben Sherwood, Jonah Spencer, Patrick Conlen, Kara Chapman, Vanessa James, Addison Panula (gold, Parliamentary Procedure)



MUSIC DEPARTMENT



The band at the community Christmas Parade. We play Here Comes Santa Claus, for Santa Claus!

The music department performed a parade, a winter concert, and the 5th-grade musical, Santa's Holiday Hoedown! All were well received, and the students performed excellently. We also completed our annual Poinsettia and Greenery sale with Meier's Flowerland, and it was our most successful yet! Community members also donated 14 plants to the Argentine Care Center.

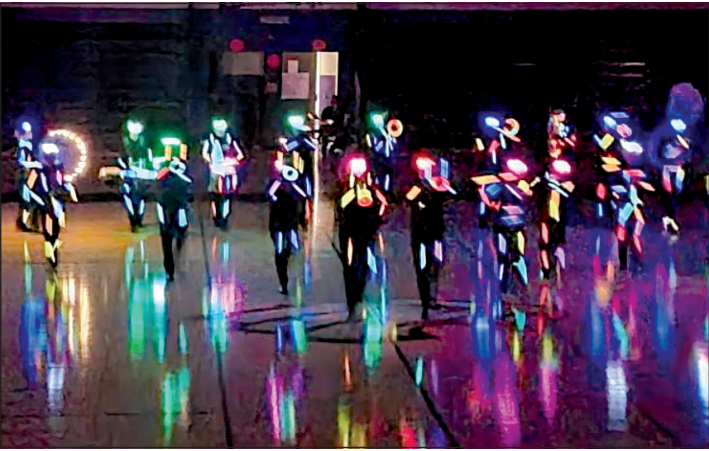
Our upcoming events are many!

The 6th graders are plugging along, learning new skills every day. The percussionists have finally (according to them) switched from the bell kits

to percussion pads to start learning drums.

The 7th and 8th-grade band and High School concert bands will attend the District 5 MSBOA Band and Orchestra Festival on March 7th at Frankenmuth High School. This festival will provide valuable feedback from other band directors and is a great opportunity to perform in a nice auditorium.

Our Spring Concert is on May 8th at 7 p.m. in the High School Gym. This is for all band members from 6th through 12th grade. Our special guests with reserved seating will be the 5th graders and their families who are joining the band next year.



The BEMB performing their half time show "Electric Secrets" at our Fall concert. Light 'em up - literally!



The Byron Sax Ensemble playing The First Noel at our Winter concert. The ensemble features alto, tenor and baritone saxophones.

BYRON DRAMA CLUB



BYRON DRAMA CLUB PROUDLY PRESENTS "PETER PAN AND WENDY"

A comedy/adventure adapted by Doug Rand

March 15th 7:00 p.m. & March 16th 12:30 p.m.

TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE MARCH 2025

Byron Area Schools



Spring Band Concert
6th Grade- 12th Grade
Tuesday, May 8th, 7pm
Byron High School Gym

BYRON VIRTUAL ACADEMY

BYRON VIRTUAL ACADEMY: EXPANDING TO MEET OUR COMMUNITY’S NEEDS

At Byron Area Schools, we are dedicated to ensuring that every student has access to the education that best fits their individual needs. That commitment is evident in the rapid growth of our **Byron Virtual Academy**. We are thrilled to share that **our enrollment has doubled**—a sign that our virtual academy is fulfilling a crucial need in the Byron community.

WHAT IS BYRON VIRTUAL ACADEMY?


Byron Virtual Academy is an **online learning program** tailored to provide students in grades 6-12 with an adaptable education. The program allows students to learn at their own pace while still receiving the support and resources of Byron Area Schools. Whether students require a more flexible schedule due to work commitments, health challenges, or unique learning styles, Byron Virtual Academy ensures that they receive the same high-quality education as their peers in traditional settings.

WHY IS BYRON VIRTUAL ACADEMY IMPORTANT FOR OUR COMMUNITY?


Education is the foundation of a strong community, and **Byron Virtual Academy is providing new opportunities for local students to succeed**. The program gives families an alternative to traditional schooling without sacrificing academic excellence or community involvement.

LOOKING AHEAD

With the success we’ve seen in just one semester, the future of Byron Virtual Academy is bright! We will continue to adapt and grow, ensuring that our students receive the best possible education. As our program expands, **we appreciate the continued support of the Byron community**. Your backing allows us to innovate and provide meaningful educational opportunities for students who need them the most. We encourage all community members to spread the word about Byron Virtual Academy and the positive impact it is having.



6-12TH GRADE
VIRTUAL ACADEMY



Looking for something different this year?

☒ 6th- 12th grade

☒ Personalized Learning



☒ Variety of options

☒ Optional lab days

☒ Still participate in Byron Extra Curricular, Clubs & Athletics!



Contact us today to learn more about our flexible learning pathways.

 Learn More: www.byron.k12.mi.us/VirtualAcademy 

BYRON ATHLETICS



BOYS BASKETBALL

Our Varsity Boys Basketball Team showed resilience and growth through a challenging season, highlighted by key victories like their 63-54 win over Burton Atherton and a 41-29 win over Morrice. The team’s determination and hard work laid the groundwork for future success.



The Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Team faced season challenges, the players demonstrated growth, resilience, and strong character, continuing to develop both on and off the court.

**THE VALUE OF ATHLETICS:
REFLECTING ON A SUCCESSFUL
WINTER SPORTS SEASON AT BYRON**

SCAN FOR:
HIGH SCHOOL AND
MIDDLE SCHOOL
ATHLETIC SCHEDULES





GIRLS BASKETBALL

Our Varsity Girls Basketball team showed steady improvement, with standout victories including a 37-19 win over Chesaning and a dominant 51-9 victory over Mt. Morris. Their strong defense and teamwork were key, as they built momentum as the season progressed.



BOWLING

Our Varsity Girls Bowling team finished undefeated at 8-0 and led the league, with standout performances from Myleigh Rohner, who held the second-highest individual game and third-highest series in the league. Our Varsity Boys Bowling team, with a 3-6 record and in sixth place, worked to turn their season around with strong performances from Sam McIntosh and a focus on improving consistency for a postseason push. Coach Jon Rich received Coach of the Year for both girls and boys teams.



WRESTLING

Our Varsity Wrestling Team had a strong season with many individual and team accomplishments! Season Standouts were Skylar Herbst and Kyan Roberts.

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CTE

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CAREER TECH EDUCATION
AT THE RESD:

The Shiawassee RESD provides a wide range of classes for Byron students seeking a distinctive learning experience. Current CTE (Career Tech Education) program options include Electrical, Health Science Academy, Heavy Equipment, Public Safety, Teaching Cadet, and Welding.

Participating in CTE programs provide students with many valuable benefits, such as the chance to earn free college credit and industry-recognized credentials. Students also gain hands-on experience through field trips, job shadowing, and both paid and unpaid work opportunities. These programs offer leadership and community service experiences, along with key skills like resume writing and mock interviews. Furthermore, students build important skills in teamwork, collaboration, and problem-solving, all of which are essential for success in any career.

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THE SHIAWASSEE EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM

The Shiawassee Early College Program (SECP) is a 3-year program that allows selected students to extend high school by one year in order to earn both their high school diploma and up to 60 college credits. Our current post-secondary partners include Baker College, Lansing Community College, Mott Community College, and the University of Michigan-Flint. Students in the SECP will follow a prescribed program of study, with classes offered online, in-person, or in a hybrid format. Upon completion, students can earn one or more of the following: a MEMCA technical certificate, the Michigan Transfer Agreement (30 transferable credits), a professional certification, or an Associate's Degree (up to 60 college credits).

DUAL ENROLLMENT:

Dual Enrollment through the Shiawassee RESD enhances a student's high school experience by allowing them to take college courses during their junior and senior years. Our current post-secondary partners include Lansing Community College, Mott Community College, and Baker College. Courses are available in online, in-person, or hybrid formats. Students will collaborate with their high school counselor to incorporate dual enrollment courses into their high school schedule. This opportunity allows students to earn college credits while working toward their high school diploma.


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