BYRON AREA SCHOOLS JUNE 2025 CELEBRATION EDITION

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BYRON AREA SCHOOLS OPERATING



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FROM THE **SUPERINTENDENT**

Dear Byron Families, Staff, and Community,

As we close out the 2024-2025 school year, I want to extend my thanks to everyone who makes Byron Área Schools such a special place to learn and grow. This has been a year full of learning, achievement, and community spirit, and it wouldn't have

been possible without the dedication of our students, staff, families, and community partners.

Our students have excelled both in and out of the classroom, whether through academic accomplishments, athletic success, artistic expression, or service to others. Their efforts, and the guidance and support provided by our outstanding educators and staff, are what make Byron shine.

Looking ahead, the summer months will be a time of important progress behind the scenes. While our students and staff enjoy a well-earned break, the district will be hard at work making necessary improvements across several areas:

Facilities upgrades: We will be addressing maintenance needs and enhancing learning environments to ensure our schools are safe, clean, and welcoming for all.

Curriculum development: Our academic teams will be reviewing and refining curriculum to align



Brandon C. Chapman

with best practices and meet the needs of all learners.

Classroom technology and supplies: Investments will be made in updated instructional technology and classroom resources to support 21st-century learning and teaching.

These efforts reflect our ongoing commitment to providing the highest-quality educational experience for every student.

To our graduating seniors, congratulations! We are so proud of your accomplishments and excited to see the paths you will take. To all of our students and families, thank you for your continued trust and partnership.

As we look ahead to summer, I encourage all of our students to take time to relax, explore new interests, and continue reading and learning in ways that inspire curiosity and joy.

Have a safe, fun, and restful summer. We look forward to welcoming you back in the fall, ready for another great year together.

With gratitude, Brandon C. Chapman, Superintendent Byron Area Schools









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PRESCHOOL & CHILDCARE



WHAT A WONDERFUL YEAR AT BYRON PRESCHOOL!

Our preschool year was filled with laughter, learning, and so many special memories! We wrapped up the year with joyful family field trips, fun-filled picnics, and exciting activities that brought smiles to every face. It's been a joy watching our students grow, explore, and thrive together. As we close this chapter, we're already looking forward to all the adventures the 2025-2026 school year will bring. Here's to more fun, friendships, and fantastic learning ahead!

NOW ENROLLING FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR!

OPTIONS:

3-Year-Old Preschool

Tuition based 3-year-old preschool for 33 months +

4-Year-Old Preschool

FREE GSRP Preschool for 4 year

Childcare

Before and After School Childcare

Summer Options

Summer Kids Kamp Childcare for Preschool and School-age

Byron Preschool Registration













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Byron Eagles' Nest Preschool offers a nurturing, well-rounded environment where children grow academically, socially, and emotionally. From literacy and math readiness to social skill-building and creative enrichment, your child will thrive in a fun and supportive space.

NEW THIS YEAR:

- New play structure
- On-site library featuring Mara, our beloved therapy dog
- New sensory garden

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Music
- Art
- Dance

OUR PRESCHOOL PROGRAM FEATURES:

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- Small and large group play
- · Healthy meals and snacks
- School bus transportation for 4-vear-olds
- Before and after school childcare available

ALL 4-YEAR-OLDS QUALIFY FOR FREE PRESCHOOL!

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Our mission: To foster growth, creativity, and social skills in a safe and caring environment led by experienced, passionate educators.

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Website:

www.byron.k12.mi.us/byronpreschool Director: Darci Williams

Let your child soar at Eagles' Nest Preschool, where every day is an opportunity to grow, explore, and shine!

BYRON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

DEVELOPMENTAL KINDERGARTEN (DK)





What a year it has been at Byron Elementary! Our year highlights begin with our Developmental Kindergarten program. Byron Elementary understands that every child develops at their own pace—and that's something to celebrate! Our Developmental Kindergarten (DK) program is designed especially for children who could benefit from a little extra time to grow before entering traditional kindergarten. Whether your child needs more time to build academic readiness, strengthen social skills, or simply gain confidence, DK provides a warm and supportive learning environment to help him or her thrive. This year, we had 13 students in our DK class, taught by Mrs. Smith. Each student has shown tremendous growth academically, socially and emotionally. At the end of the year, 9/13 students show scores well above average for Fall kindergarten and 4/13 show scores at benchmark for Fall kindergarten in reading and math.



Looking to make a small donation to make a big impact on student learning? Our elementary school utilizes the **Adopt-A-Book program** to grow our school's library. A donation of \$20 places one brand new, library bound book in our school's library to be checked out by students for many years to come. In addition, your name or the name of your choosing will be placed on the Adopt-A-Book sponsor label inside the book during its life in the library. The great news, the books that are purchased through this program, have a lifetime warranty and can be replaced at any time that book needs repaired/replaced.



Our 5th grade student council worked hard this year to create a better learning environment for all students. They were able to bring in a presenter from **March is Reading month**, spruce up our front flower beds and donate \$100 checks to our special classes for supplies for next year. It has been great year with these 5th grade kiddos and we are so proud of their hard work to make their elementary school a better version before they head to the middle school!



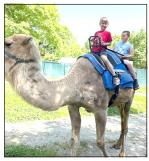
Our **Super Kids Day event** is a tradition to celebrate the hard work from the year! Mrs. Bekah Vandemark works with community businesses to sponsor special t-shirts for all students to wear for the 5k run and stations. All kids participate in various activities such as tug of war, badminton, ladder ball, corn hole, beach ball races, etc... A big thank you to all of our parent volunteers and Byron High School NHS students who help run a full day of stations for our Eagles!





Byron Elementary is again offering a free 3-week math session and a 3-week reading session this summer to incoming first through 8th grade students. The day will be spent sharpening skills, reviewing material while enjoying some recess time and snacks. A huge "thank you" to our families who are working to prevent the dreaded summer slide in their student's achievement.







Lastly, we capped the year off with amazing field trips taken by our grade levels. The 5th graders got to spend an entire day at Camp Copneconic. They participated in activities to help grow their appreciation of nature and enhance their teamwork skills and ziplined across the treetops! The 4th graders took a bus to Jackson Field baseball stadium to enjoy a Lansing Lugnuts Game. Our 3rd graders carried on the end of year tradition with a walk to enjoy some ice cream from the Dam Twist, while our youngest Eagles got to spend time at Crossroads Village and Potter's Park Zoo to celebrate another amazing year.



Byron Elementary would like to wish a happy retirement to our beloved Mrs. Cornell! We are so thankful for her dedication to our school and hope she has an amazing time in the next chapter of her life! #foreveraneagle



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SCHOOL CALENDAR



1st day of school: Thursday, August 21, 2025

Homecoming:

Friday, October 17, 2025

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Come join our team!
For more
information, go to:
www.byron.k12.mi.us/
employment



FOOD SERVICE



Food Services thanks the students and staff for a great year. We look forward to big changes in the upcoming 25-26 SY! Stay tuned...

BYRON BACK TO SCHOOL LINKS AND DETAILS



PTA

As the school year comes to an end, we'd like to take this time to thank our amazing Byron community! With your continued donations and support, we've been able to benefit our schools in many ways!

Here's some of them! We've purchased Recess Bags for all elementary classrooms, provided over \$6000 to our teachers for classroom support including Chromebooks, Art Supplies, Subscriptions, Books and STEM items. We also purchased our new Eagle Mascot, Safety Blinds, AED units, \$2,000 in scholarships to our High School Seniors and so much more!

To our community, again, thank you so very much as your donations and support of our fundraisers are critical to making all this possible. If you haven't already, join our Byron Area PTA Facebook page and

stay updated on all important dates, events, meetings, etc. Lastly, please welcome incoming Vice President Aubrie

Kundinger and incoming Secretary Autumn Hiester!

2025/2026 Byron Area PTA Officers

Jillian Walicki - President Aubrie Kundinger - Vice President Autumn Hiester - Secretary Krystal Howard - Treasurer Aubrey Spencer - Membership











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Tina Cornell



Dave Gregory



Cindy Rey



Dottie Roux



Lisa Stoinski



NURSES NOTES



Mrs. Andrea Howard, RN

Hands Only CPR:

Anyone who's a fan of the TV show "The Office" will remember the episode in which the Office crew learns how to perform CPR. "First I was afraid... I was petrified..." ring a bell, anyone?

This year I have had several different opportunities to teach a much less chaotic

version of CPR to staff members, coaching staff and groups of students, including the 9th grade health classes and the graduating senior class. Not everyone gets the same instruction, however. Our student classes revolve around a kind of CPR that may be new to many, and happily it's very easy to learn.

The American Heart Association has been advocating for a technique called "Hands-Only CPR." Unlike the mouth-to-mouth and chest compression version modeled on The Office, Hands-Only CPR employs just chest compressions and quick use of an AED to help save the life of a person in the community who's had a cardiac arrest.

Picture yourself at a sporting event. Would you know what to do if a person standing in front of you suddenly collapsed?

While nothing is as good as hands-on training, just imagine this happened. Let me walk you through a possible best-case scenario, so that you can begin to put yourself in the situation.

First off, we need to establish that the person is unconscious. Shake and shout. If there is no response, single out a person in the crowd, point at them and say "You, call 9-1-1." Find a second person and ask them to find the AED. Next, you need to place the person on a firm, flat surface. In this instance, we will need to move them off the steps or uneven surface and onto the ground or walkway.

Using the palm of one hand, lacing your fingers together, push hard and fast in the center of their chest. Just like in The Office, you will need to push about 100-120 times per minute, which is the speed of the song "Stayin' Alive." Keep pushing (doing compressions) without stopping until the AED arrives, or you become

too tired and are able to let another rescuer step in. Once the AED arrives, you will need to apply the pads to the person's bare skin - the pads have pictures on them that illustrate where they will need to go, but one goes over their right upper chest and the other their lower left side/

rib area. All AEDs will have

voice commands and will walk you through the steps to defibrillate (or "shock") someone. Almost always you will need to restart compressions if a shock is needed and delivered, that is perfectly normal. Someone, either you or another rescuer will need to continue rounds



unconscious & normally



STEP 1



STEP 2



Hands-Only CPR has been shown to be effective for cardiac arrest. It can double or even triple a victim's chance of survival.

of CPR and use of the AED until EMS arrives and can take over, or the person regains consciousness.

As you read this, do you feel a little anxious? Maybe feel your own heart racing as you imagine your role in an event like this? Hopefully, thinking through a scary scenario will help you

appreciate how important it is for everyone to be trained in hands-only CPR, so there are plenty of people who know what to do if something like this happens.

If you're looking for more information and easy to understand videos and explanations, check out the American **Heart Association Hands-Only** instruction page at cpr.heart.

org/en/cpr-courses-and-kits/hands-only-cpr. There are links to all kinds of materials to help us all feel more prepared. We also regularly run full CPR classes, you can contact me at andrea. howard@byron.k12.mi.us if you are interested in becoming CPR certified.



Call Right Away!

Push Hard & Fast in the Center of the Chest!

BYRON MIDDLE SCHOOL





OUTDOOR SCHOOL

Byron Middle School tradition, Outdoor School. This cherished event has been a favorite since the 1970s, giving students the opportunity to step out of the classroom and into nature for a unique learning experience.

Outdoor School offers a refreshing break from the usual routine, filled with hands-on activities that teach valuable life skills and spark creativity. This year's lineup included cooking, outdoor art, native journaling, gardening, fishing, biking, canoeing, sports photography, and trail geocaching.

A heartfelt thank you to the amazing Byron Middle School staff and administrators for organizing this special event, and to the local businesses and volunteers who help keep this beloved tradition going strong.





MIDDLE SCHOOL FFA



8TH GRADE FFA MEMBERS RECEIVED A DISCOVERY PIN AND THOSE THAT RECEIVED A YARD SIGN QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE THEIR FFA JACKET AS FRESHMAN!

- Eli Prestonise
- Riley McCormick
- Ava Fox

- Megan Mahar
- Brice Honke
- Greysen Villani
- Greg Joliff

2025 SKILLS CONTEST PARTICIPANTS

Environmental 2 teams

<u>Team 1</u>: Rylee Copley, Alayna Spees, Sidney Fuller-Received Gold Award <u>Team 2</u>: Gracie Morey, Taylor Fondren, Brenna Hayes- Received Silver Award

Floriculture 2 teams

<u>Team 1</u>: Greysen Villani, Riley McCormick, Ava Fox, Delilah Mishler <u>Team 2</u>: Megan Mahar, Katielynn Chilenko, Eli Prestonise

Poultry 1 team:

Fletcher Walton, Jameson Herbst, Brice Honke



PRESTIGIOUS EAGLE AWARD WINNERS — A CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE!

Congratulations to Byron Middle School's newest Prestigious Eagle Award winners— Alaynah Spees, Isaac Spencer, and Abigail Chapman— shining stars who have soared above and beyond in emanating our EAGLE PRIDE! These exceptional middle school students aren't just smart — they're kind-



hearted leaders, hard-working scholars, and well-rounded individuals. Each recipient of the Eagle Award has shown remarkable character, always doing the right thing, even when no one is watching. Their kindness lights up the room, making classmates feel seen, heard, and supported. Whether it's offering a helping hand or a warm smile, they

make our school a better place just by being themselves.

Academically, they're focused, driven, and curious — always striving to learn more, grow, and push their limits. But what really sets them apart is their genuineness — they are true to themselves and treat others with honesty, respect, and empathy.

All around, these students represent the very best of what it means to be an Eagle — strong in spirit, compassionate in heart, and soaring toward greatness.

Congratulations to our Prestigious Eagle Award winners! The future is brighter because of you!

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS

Byron Middle School Softball had an impressive spring, with Team #1 finishing 13-5 and Team #2 nearly perfect at 15-2. Both teams demonstrated strong fundamentals and teamwork. Meanwhile, the Middle School Baseball team battled through a tough season, ending with a 2-14 record while gaining valuable experience for the future. The Byron Middle School Track team had an outstanding season, showcasing talent and determination despite its small size. With the support of dedicated coaches, hard working athletes, and encouraging parents, the team proudly hosted its first home meet in three years. It was a memorable and successful season all around.

BYRON MIDDLE SCHOOL / HIGH SCHOOL

BYRON ROBOTICS TEAM 5641 UPDATE:

The 2025 season had it's highs and lows, but overall we ranked 347 out of 619 team in Michigan and won the Gracious Professionalism Award at our Woodhaven event. Great job this year team, we have advanced the pro-

gram forward, let's keep the momentum going.

We Need Volunteers!!! We need all skills from Engineering, Java/Coding, Machining, Web Design & Social Media, or if you just want to help the program. Email Keith Wasilenski at 5641team@gmail. com to see how you can make a difference in a student's life. Time

commitment is from a couple weeks to a full 12 week season.

We are looking for team members! If you are a student going into 8th grade through 12th grade (attending Byron Area Schools or locally

home schooled) and are interested, please contact the team at 5641team@gmail.com for more information. We will be meeting throughout the summer for community events, prepare our team for three off-season competitions

and learn new skills for the 2026 upcoming season.

Check out our website at www.team5641.com for future meeting

Check out our website at www.team5641.com for future meeting dates, upcoming events & competitions, how to support the program, and more information about the team.





6TH-12TH GRADE VIRTUAL ACADEMY

As the school year wraps up, the Byron Virtual Academy proudly celebrates the achievements of its students. This semester, 11 students participated in the program, demonstrating dedication and resilience in their academic journey. Notably, 5 seniors have successfully graduated from Byron, thanks in part to the flexibility and support provided by the Virtual Academy. We commend all our students for their hard work and look forward to continued success in the coming year.

MS/HS- CRAFT AND COMP CLUB

This was the fourth year for the CC club. Both middle and high schoolers are welcome although the participants have been mostly middle school students. This year's activities included outdoor games, various crafts, board games and FOOD! Some of the food we learned to make were homemade poptarts, cake pops, Halloween treats,



and Korean ground beef. Along with Halloween, we also celebrated & learned about Native American Heritage Month, Chinese New Year and Cinco de Mayo. The club is free for students to participate. **Questions contact Malinda Smith**, smith@byron.k12.mi.us

From the desk of the Byron Area School DK-12th Grade

MUSIC DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR: MRS. LYSA SHAW



Byron Bands Shine at MSBOA Festival and Beyond

On March 8, the Byron Middle and High School bands traveled to Frankenmuth High School to participate in the District 5 MS-BOA Festival—and their performances did not disappoint!

The 7th/8th grade band earned an overall Excellent (Division II) rating, with a standout Superior rating in sight reading, showcasing their focus, preparation, and musical growth.

The High School band achieved something truly special: an overall Superior (Division I) rating—their first in over a decade! This remarkable accomplishment not only reflects their talent and hard work, but also qualified them for the State Festival, held on April 25 at Marysville High School. There,

they gave another strong performance, earning an Excellent (Division II) rating at the state level.

Both bands received high praise from multiple judges—not just for their musicianship, but for their professionalism and conduct as young leaders and performers.

Director Mrs. Shaw expressed how proud she is of all the students: "Their dedication and passion for music truly showed, and they represented Byron with excellence at every step."

In addition to their festival achievements, members from both the middle and high school bands proudly took part in this year's Memorial Day service and parade, honoring the day with music, respect, and school spirit.







BYRON HIGH SCHOOL









ARNIE DOG DAY

On Friday, May 9th, Byron High School students spent the day outdoors enjoying Koegel hot dogs, yard games, and sunshine during Arnie Dog Day. This year, New Lothrop students also got to join in the fun due to them being a guest for a MMAC Student Council meeting.

From cornhole, Connect 4, and spikeball to tug-of-war, volleyball, and badminton, the energy was high and competition was friendly. Another key highlight was the inflatable jousting arena provided by the US Army, where students battled it out in hilarious duels. Along with the games, students also could drive their tractors to school to take part in the student car show.

It was the perfect mix of fun, laughter and school spirit - making Arnie Dog Day a memorable event for everyone!

EARLY COLLEGE PARTNERSHIPS CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Byron Area High School has had Early College partnerships for several years. Our current partners include the University of Michigan Flint and Baker College Owosso. Through the Shiawassee Early College Program, we also partner with Lansing Community College and Mott Community College. This past year, 31% of upperclassmen, including one fifth-year student, took one or more college classes, at little to no cost to their families. This year's 5th year student earned 42 credits over their last three years. Eight of our current seniors will be continuing for a fifth year with the opportunity to earn almost 200 additional college credits.

Students participating in Career & Technical Education programs, at either the Shiawassee College & Career Readiness Center or the Genesee Career Institute, represented 26% of the 11th and 12th graders. This was an increase from 2023/2024's 16%. Shiawassee County's 2024/25 CTE programs included: Electrical, Health Science Academy, Public Safety, Teaching Cadet, Heavy Equipment and Welding.

In addition to the above programs, upperclassmen

may work and earn high school credit for that. This is a great way to get on-the-job experience outside the classroom. The State of Michigan requires the job to be within the student's individual career pathway. In 2024/25, 8% of juniors and seniors did this.

Byron High School takes pride in acknowledging our 2025 CTE award recipients,

Myleigh Rohner (FFA), Skylar Herbst (Mechatronics), Reed Charbonneau (Welding) and Abigail Gatica (Health Science), who were recognized at a countywide CTE Award Ceremony this past Spring.







SENIOR ART AWARDS 2025

2025 Best Artist:
Claire Shettler
2025 For the Love of Art:
Makaila Whitehead
2025 Pushing
Boundaries:
Mikayla Briggs and
Myleigh Rohner
2025 Voice: Ash Lewis

*Myleigh Rohner was also honored at the Shiawassee Arts Council student show which features art from students in the county. For her ceramic cowboy boot and the other pieces in her collection, which all relate to the farm/cowgirl idea, she received the highest award given at this show: The Janis Kazen Award with a monetary prize of \$600.







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BYRON HIGH SCHOOL

SOARING WITH SERVICE AND EXCELLENCE:

BYRON HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SHINES IN A RECORD-BREAKING SERVICE FOOD BANK!



The Byron High School Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) has had an extraordinary year filled with leadership, service, and school spirit. This year, we welcomed 10 outstanding new inductees into our chapter, adding to our membership show-

casing our foundational pillar: scholarship, leadership, service, and character. These remarkable students have joined a passionate and dedicated team, making our NHS family stronger than ever!

We also proudly announced our new officers, whose enthusiasm and vision will guide us into even greater accomplishments. One of the biggest highlights of the year was our collaboration with the Student Council to support the Greater Lansing Food Bank. Together, we helped package and provide meals for over 29,000 people — a record-breaking achievement in Byron history! This incredible act of service not only showcased the power of teamwork, but also reflected our deep commitment to helping others beyond the walls of our school. But we didn't stop there, our members also volunteered at the Byron Alumni Banquet. This meaningful event allowed us to connect past and present Eagles in a celebration of community and tradition. Additionally, our members worked alongside the Byron Masons organization helping them promote their perennial summer raffle. Additionally, this past year, our members worked hard and will continue to help revitalize the courtyard playground area at the elementary school, removing and repurposing the gravel. We also expanded our tutoring program to include middle school students, offering academic support and mentorship to help younger Eagles. Whether it was helping with homework or giving encouragement, our members were eager to make a difference. And of course, no year would be complete without Super Kids Day — a joyful event where NHS members rolled up their sleeves and helped create a day of laughter, games, and fun for our elementary students. With smiles all around, it was a heartwarming reminder of why we serve.

As this year wraps up, the Byron NHS chapter is proud of the impact we've made — and even more excited for what's to come. With new members, strong leadership, and a heart for service, we're ready to keep soaring higher than ever before.

Congratulations to all our members — you've truly made this a year to remember!



HS FFA:

Byron High School FFA has had a busy and successful spring, with students participating in events ranging from competitions to community service. In March, 20 members attended the State FFA Convention at MSU, with 9 performing in the State FFA Band and 7 competing in Leadership Contests, highlighted by the Ag Issues Team placing 7th, Emma Davis placing 7th in Extemporaneous Speaking, and Eli Prestonise earning 4th and a gold award in Jr. High Speech. Several members earned top honors, includ-

ing 5 with State Degrees, 5 with Academic Excellence Awards, and 8 as Outstanding Juniors. The chapter also elected 13 new officers and attended fun outings like Zap Zone and an FFA Night at a Loons game.



March's Labor Auction raised about \$17,000, and in April, 7 teams competed in Skills Contests, with the Floriculture Team placing 8th out of 103. Members supported numerous community events including the PALS party, Easter Egg Hunt, trail cleanups, and a visit to Argentine Care Center. Field trips included AgroLiquid, Miller's Equipment, and Farm Day with elementary students. In May, the plant sale and yearend banquet drew strong participation. Looking ahead, members will attend Michigan's Adventure, Officer Camp, a reward trip to Wisconsin Dells, and exhibit animals at local fairs this summer.



BYRON HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB

Byron High School Drama Club put on a fantastic show in March: Peter Pan & Wendy!



BYRON HIGH SCHOOL



BYRON STUDENTS ENJOY PROM ON THE DETROIT RIVER

On Saturday, May 10th the Byron Prom took place onboard the Detroit Princess Riverboat. Students visited the main deck of the boat to observe the shores of Detroit and Windsor, Canada as we cruised down the Detroit River. The evening began with a buffet style dinner and students enjoyed slushies, and purchased merchandise from the boats souvenir shop. Soon after dinner, Daniel Fondren was named King and Ashleigh Lewis was named Queen. Excitement was high and dancing went all throughout the night as students made the most of their opportunity. It was a memorable experience that will be remembered well after students depart the halls of Byron High School.







HS COLLEGE BOARD NATIONAL RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The College Board National Recognition Program awards academic honors to highperforming students, helping them stand out on their college and scholarship applications. Students of all backgrounds across the country will be eligible to claim one or more awards: School Recognition Award (New in 2025), First-Generation Recognition Award, and Rural and



Small-Town Recognition Award. Students are selected for this opportunity based on their exceptional performance on the PSAT/NMSQT®, PSAT™ 10, or AP® Exams. Three high school students were awarded this honor this year: Emma Davis, Myleigh Rohner & Zerik Crawford.





GOLD SPONSOR LEVEL

\$2500

- Full Stadium Sign
- Full HS/MS Gym Signs
- 1 HS Baseball/Softball Sign
- 1 MS Baseball/Softball Sign
- Website LOGO*
- Electronic Billboard Scroll*
- Sports Program Logo* (limited to first 4, paid in full)
- Business Card Size ad in Yearbook*
- · 8 total name mentions at half time home HS football games*
- 10 total name mentions at half time home HS basketball games*

PURPLE SPONSOR LEVEL \$1500

- 1 Full Stadium Sign
- 1 HS Baseball/Softball Sign
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- Website Name List*
- Business Card Size ad in Yearbook*
- · 8 total name mentions at half time home HS football games*
- 10 total name mentions at half time home HS basketball games*

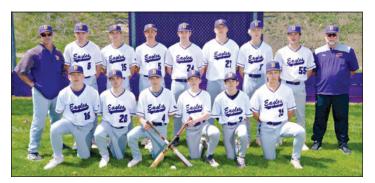
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- Corner of Stadium Sign LOGO ONLY
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 1 MS Baseball/Softball Sign
- Business Card Size Ad in Yearbook*

Byron Athletics Appreciates You!

Individual purchases can be made outside of sponsor levels, except exclusives or limits marked by a *. Year renewal terms will be matched to the school year. If you have questions, please reach out to the Byron Athletic Director. Sponsorships must be in by August 1st 2025.

BYRON HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS



BASEBALL

Byron Baseball is wrapping up the season with a 6-15-1 record and a few games left to play, highlighted by key wins over Montabella (12-6), Potterville (5-0), and a doubleheader sweep of Montrose. The team also earned a late-season split with Ovid-Elsie and tied Atherton in a hard-fought battle. Despite challenges, the Eagles showed resilience, growth, and flashes of strong team play throughout the spring.





SOFTBALL

The Byron Varsity Softball team had a stellar 18-12 season, combining explosive offense with strong pitching. Major wins included sweeps over Mt. Morris, Bendle, Montrose, Atherton, and Whitmore Lake, with close victories over Birch Run and Ovid-Elsie. The team's ability to bounce back from tough losses showed their grit and determination, setting the tone for continued success in the postseason and beyond.



TRACK & FIELD

The Byron Eagles Track & Field team had a breakout postseason, with five girls qualifying for the State Finals. The 3200 meter relay team of Claire Shettler, Jaclyn Aldrich, Aila L'Esperance, and Shayla Bacon earned first in the region, crushing their personal best with a time of 11:03. Shayla Bacon returns to States in High Jump, joined by Aila L'Esperance in the 300 meter hurdles and Gracie McDowell in Long Jump. Overall, 12 athletes earned All-Region honors and 15 personal records were set, highlighting an outstanding season for both the boys' and girls' squads.



SOCCER

The Byron Girls soccer team faced a challenging but hard-fought season, finishing with key wins over Perry, Durand, and a thrilling overtime District victory against West Bloomfield Frankel Jewish Academy. The Eagles showed determination and growth throughout the year. Highlights included a 5-3 home win against Perry, a narrow 7-6 road victory over Durand, and their standout postseason performance before falling to Clarkston Everest Collegiate in the District semifinals.



GOLF

The Byron golf team wrapped up a strong season with a 5-3 record and a 6th place finish out of 9 teams in league play. Braylen Brown earned First Team All-League honors for his consistent performance on the course, while Anthony Wren secured a spot on the Second Team. The team showed steady improvement throughout the season and looks to build on their success next year.





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QUESTIONS?

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WHAT IS THIS VOTE ABOUT?

Byron Area Schools is asking voters to consider renewing its operating millage. This is not a new tax, but a renewal of the current millage that supports daily school operations.

WHY IT MATTERS:

This millage provides funding for:

- -Teacher salaries, support staff, and utilities
- -Transportation and classroom supplies
- -Athletics, arts, and extracurricular programs
- -Maintaining small class sizes and strong academic
- -Meeting the State of Michigan's requirement that districts levy 18 mills in order to receive full state aid Without this millage, Byron Area Schools would lose approximately \$700,000 in annual funding.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Q: Is this a new tax?

A: No, this is a renewal of an existing millage that has been in place for years.

Q: Will this raise my taxes?

A: No, it is a renewal of an existing tax. In addition, it is not levied on most agricultural property or your principal residence.

Q: What happens if it doesn't pass?

A: The district would lose essential funding, leading to cuts in programs, staff, and services.





Celebrate the past, Envision the future.