



BYRON HIGH SCHOOL

2025-2026 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER



UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

December 5 - BHS Flex Friday

December 5 - ASVAB Testing - 8:30am (Counseling Office)

December 9 - BHS Winter Choir Concert - 7:00pm (BHS Performing Arts Center)

December 22-January 2 - NO SCHOOL - WINTER BREAK

January 9 - BHS Flex Friday

January 15 - End of 2nd Quarter

January 16 - NO SCHOOL - Professional Day

January 19 - NO SCHOOL - Staff Development Day

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

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Click [HERE](#) for a full-page document listing important dates at Byron High School this school year.

HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM CHANGE

Byron High School will be transitioning to the National School Lunch Program starting January 5th, 2026.

WHAT IS THE CHANGE:

Under the NSLP, meals are designed to meet specific nutritional guidelines, ensuring students receive balanced and satisfying options. Students in the program will receive meals providing approximately 750-850 calories per day, along with weekly requirements for protein (8-12 oz) and

whole grains (8-12 oz). Furthermore, students will have the opportunity to take all the fruit and vegetables they want, identical to the program models currently implemented at our Middle, Intermediate, and Primary Schools.

WHY CHANGE TO THE NSLP:

The district carefully monitored revenues and expenditures for the high school this year and has determined it is not financially sustainable to continue the current structure. The primary benefit will be that lunches and Grab & Go breakfast items will be provided free of charge to all students, allowing Byron Public Schools to be fully reimbursed by state and federal sources for the costs of one breakfast and one lunch for each high school student.

FAQ:

Can I get a refund from my student's lunch account?

-Email all lunch account refund questions to debby.frank@byron.k12.mn.us

Is it true that the Byron Bistro Food Truck, may no longer remain on-site at the high school and sell its current menu items during the school day to our students?

Yes, per state regulations, governing schools participating in federal meal programs prohibit the food truck from selling to students. Mrs. Schroeder is working with staff to explore alternative opportunities for this valuable program.

Please read the letter (link below) for further information about the change to the National School Lunch Program.

[Lunch Program Change Letter](#)

QUARTER 2 FLEX FRIDAYS - DECEMBER 5TH & JANUARY 9TH

The BHS Quarter 2 Flex Fridays will be December 5th & January 9th. Students could be invited by one or more of their teachers to come into the school in order to get intervention time and enrichment opportunities BUT any student that would like to come in and meet with their teachers on that day are more than welcome! We will follow a regular school day schedule so for instance, if the student wants to visit with their 2nd block teacher they will need to come in during that time frame. If your student was not invited nor voluntarily wants to come in on a Flex Friday, they do not have to report to school. Click [HERE](#) for the Flex Friday One Pager for more information.

STUDENT COUNCIL GAME OF GIVING!

The Game of Giving is happening NOW! Stop by Byron Primary School, Byron Intermediate School, Byron Middle School or Byron High School to donate any unopened games! The boxes can be found in the office or near the entrance of the buildings.

Who is allowed to donate? EVERYONE is invited to donate! Help our community make this holiday season special for ALL families by donating activities any child would like.

What is the Game of Giving? The Game of Giving is an event organized by the BHS Student Council to get NEW games for Mayo Clinic pediatric patients. Every patient has their own health challenges and has to be wary of cross-contamination; this means that once a game has been chosen, it can only be loved by that child.

When should I drop off the games? You can drop off games at any time during business hours through December 17th!

Why is the Game of Giving Important? Being in a hospital can place stress on families. By donating fun games to Mayo Clinic, we can ensure that every kid gets some Christmas Joy and an activity that brings their entire family together.

What games should I donate? Any games/activities that have not been opened! If you are looking for ideas, here are some fun activities kids love: Uno, puzzles, Candy Land, Guess Who, playing cards, or even a new copy of your favorite board game to give your family's joy to another family.

Join our community in making this Christmas special for all children!

Donations via check can also be made out to 'Byron High School' and dropped off at any school office.



BHS GIVING BACK INITIATIVE 2025

The BHS Annual Giving Back Fundraiser was a success! Each grade level adopted a specific charity for which they collected items and then on Tuesday, November 25th, the students presented all of their donations to representatives from each of the organizations at our Giving Back Assembly. This fundraiser was an opportunity for the students and staff at BHS to show our gratitude for all that we have by sharing with those in need.

Charities that benefited from this fundraiser:

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

Also, a special thanks goes out to Matt Kaderly, Ryan Radke & Brooke Bordelon for all your hard work!





COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Click [HERE](#) for the Counseling Office Monthly December Newsletter that includes information pertaining to:

- 2026-2027 Course Registration
- Testing Information
 - ASVAB Test
 - ACT or Accuplacer Tests
 - Optional ACT Prep Sessions (for juniors)
 - National ACT Test Dates
- Senior Information
 - Financial Aid
 - Scholarships
- Parent/Student Informational Meetings
- NCAA
- Career/College Opportunities
- Counseling Office Website



SHOPPING HOURS

Mondays: 9-10:30 am

Wednesdays: 9-11 am

Thursdays: Noon-2 pm

First Friday of the Month: 6-8 pm

BHS LUNCH MENU

[December 2025 Lunch Menu](#)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR BHS FAMILIES

Attendance - If your student is going to be absent from school please notify the school by using our attendance email address bhs.attendance@byron.k12.mn.us or calling the high school office at 507-775-2301.

You can also report an absence on the [BHS Homepage](#) under the Spotlight section.

Infinite Campus portal - The Infinite Campus portal is your tool to stay connected to your student's education. If you have not taken the time to set up your Parent Portal, please contact the office & we can assist you in setting that up. You should be using your own portal, not your students. As parents, you may receive different notifications & messages than your child will. To access Infinite Campus from a computer, follow this path:

Byron Public Schools > Families > Infinite Campus > Campus Parent>Enter your username & password

To access Infinite Campus on a tablet or smartphone you will need to download the Infinite Campus app, then enter our District ID, which is **XJLZDW**.

New Infinite Campus URL

District Calendar - The 2025-2026 district calendar can be found [HERE](#).

Counselors

- Shelly Bielen - shelly.bielen@byron.k12.mn.us (Gr. 9-11 students whose last name begins with L-Z; Gr. 12 students whose last name begins with A-D & L-Z)
- Andrew Petersilie - andrew.petersilie@byron.k12.mn.us (Gr. 9-11 students whose last name begins with A-K; Gr. 12 - students whose last name begins with E-M)

Important Information Links

- [Flex Fridays One Pager](#)
 - [Student Dress & Appearance One Pager](#)
 - [Attendance Procedures One Pager](#)
 - [Cell Phone Procedures One Pager](#)
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BYRON HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE STAFF CONTACT

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Health Aide - Traci Faulkner (traci.faulkner@byron.k12.mn.us)

District Nurse - Heather Brackle (heather.brackle@byron.k12.mn.us)

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Janet Splinter

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