UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

November 2 - **No School** - Professional Day
November 2 - **HVL Honor Choir/Band** @ Goodhue
November 3 - Election Day
November 9 - **ZED Choral Fest** @ Triton High School, 7:00pm
November 10 - SADD Blood Drive
SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) is hosting a blood drive at BHS on Tuesday, November 10th through the Mayo Center Blood Mobile. If a student would like to donate blood, they must be 16 years or older, and make an appointment with Mrs. Bordelon. They will also need a release form signed by parents (available in the HS office). Students donating blood can also receive volunteer credit hours.
November 10, 11 & 13 - Spring Musical Auditions
November 11 - Veterans Day
This Veterans Day Byron High School proudly honors our staff members and their parents, children, brothers, and sisters who have served in the military. Information on each veteran's service will be displayed on the information screens during lunch. Thank you for your service!
November 20 - **Open Mic Night,** 7-9pm (BHS Commons)
November 25-27 - NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK

Click HERE for a full-page document listing important dates at Byron High School this school year.

BHS GIVING BACK INITIATIVE

The BHS Giving Back Committee will kick off their Giving Back Initiative on Monday, November 16, 2026. This is an opportunity for the students and staff at Byron to show their gratitude for all that

we have by sharing with those in need. Each grade level will collect items for a specific charity and on Tuesday, November 24, 2026 at 2:30pm, the students will present all of their donations to representatives from each of the organizations in our Giving Back Assembly. Students can turn in their donations in their advisory each day. Below are the great causes we'll be helping this year:

- **9th Grade: Byron Community Education "Food Pantry & Community Closet"** - Located at the Byron Community Education Center, the Food Pantry & Community Closet provides food, household supplies, and personal care products to those in our community experiencing food insecurity or poverty.
- **10th Grade: Rochester Youth Services (Homeless Teens/LSS)** - Rochester Youth Services work with individuals 16-24 who are homeless or experiencing housing instability (couch hopping, shelters, etc.). They help youth with many things including housing, employment, education services, budgeting, independent living skills and much more.
- **11th Grade: Rochester Women's Shelter and Support Center** - The Women's Shelter and Support Center provides temporary shelter and services to abused women, individuals and families while transforming our communities through education and leadership for social change. Their vision is for women, individuals, and families to have the freedom and dignity to live safely in our communities.
- **12th Grade: Ronald McDonald House** - Four Rochester area families united together around a common vision-to provide a "home away from home" for families with seriously ill children. Today, the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester carries out their dream, serving an ever-increasing number of families in need of comfort, care & hope. While families prepare their own meals in the guest kitchens, a stocked pantry means less shopping and out of pocket expenses for them.

Click HERE for the Donation List of needed items for each organization.

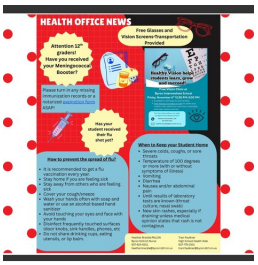
COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Click HERE for the Counseling Office Monthly November Newsletter that includes information pertaining to:

- Senior Information
  - Financial Aid Meeting (slides from presentation)
  - FAFSA
  - College Application Tips/Reminders
  - Scholarships
  - Senior Graduation Website
- Testing Information
  - ASVAB Testing
  - Junior Testing - ACT/Accuplacer
- 2027-2028 Course Registration
- Parent/Student Informational Meetings
- Career/College Opportunities
- Mayo Clinic Career Exploration Opportunities
- Saint Mary's University: "Fall in Love with Nursing Event"
- Volunteer Opportunity

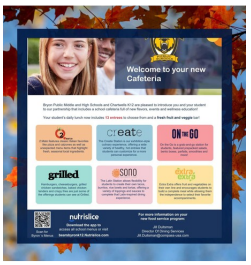
Canned Food Drive

On Sunday, November 1st from 12-2pm the Byron FCCLA will be out in Byron collecting Canned Food Items for the Byron Food Pantry.



Health Office News

Click HERE for the Health Office November Newsletter that includes some important reminders as we approach the cold weather months.



November Menus

Breakfast Menu

Lunch Menu

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR BHS FAMILIES

- **BE ON TIME...SCHOOL STARTS @ 8:00AM**
  If your student is going to be late or absent from school please notify the school by emailing our BHS Attendance Office or giving us a call. Please include the following information in your communication:
  1. Your student's name
  2. Date and time of absence
  3. Reason for absence

  EMAIL: **bhs.attendance@byron.k12.mn.us**
  PHONE: 507-775-2301
  Attendance Procedures One Pager - **ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES**
  BHS CELL PHONE PROCEDURES
  EVERY student needs to put their cell phone & airpods in the holder when they enter the classroom. Cell phones will remain in the holder for the entire class period unless directed by the teacher that students will need their cell phone for an activity.
  Cell Phone Procedure One Pager - **CELL PHONE PROCEDURE**
  BHS STUDENT DRESS & APPEARANCE PROCEDURES
  The policy of this school district is to encourage students to be dressed appropriately for school activities & in keeping with community standards. This is a joint responsibility of the student and the student's parent(s) or guardian(s).
  Student Dress & Appearance One Pager - **STUDENT DRESS & APPEARANCE**
  BHS FLEX FRIDAYS
  Flex Fridays are school days. They are not days off. Flex Fridays are used for the purpose of providing students intervention time with their teachers and enrichment opportunities that take place inside and outside of school. 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 would 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.

The 2026-2027 Flex Fridays include:

- Friday, September 25, 2026
- Friday, October 23, 2026
- Friday, December 1, 2026
- Friday, January 8, 2027
- Friday, February 12, 2027
- Friday, March 12, 2027
- Friday, April 30, 2027
- Friday, May 21, 2027

Flex Fridays One Pager - **FLEX FRIDAYS**

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