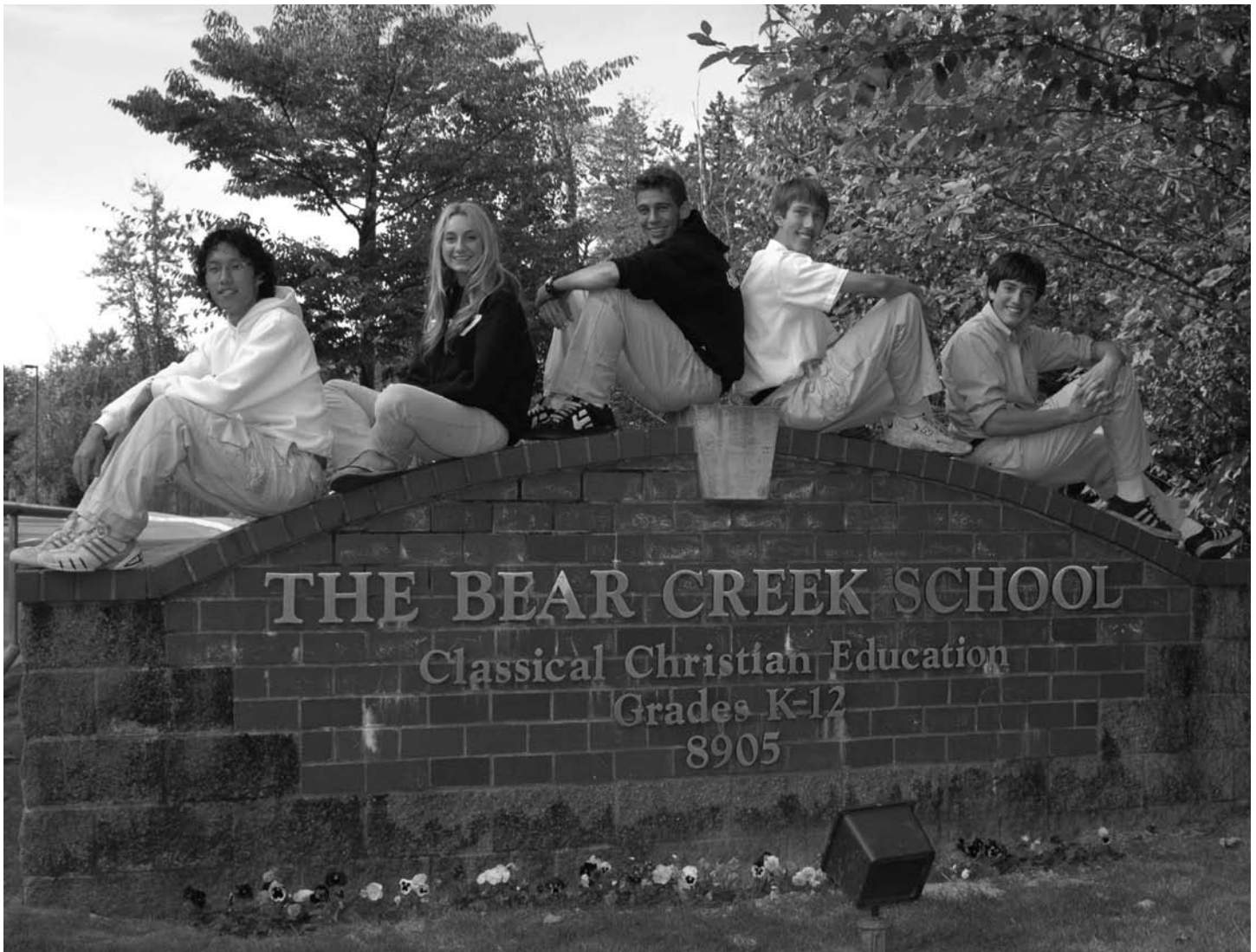


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WHAT DO THESE STUDENTS HAVE IN COMMON?



In the fall of 2006, five TBCS students reached new heights. Read about their accomplishments on page 4.

Head of School

The Birth of Hope, a Confirmation of the Promise, and a Star to Light the Way



By Karen Beman
Interim Head of School

Dear TBCS Community,

One of my favorite Christmas memories as a child was watching my Mom delicately labor over the exact placement of every character in the nativity scene. From the stable animals to the Magi, each had an important place in proximity to the baby Jesus. To her chagrin, occasionally under the cloak of darkness, I would playfully alter the placement of each figurine – except the baby Jesus. His location never changed but always remained at the center, commanding the attentiveness that is due the one, true eternal King. To this day, the sight of the nativity fills me with a deep reverence and anticipation for the fulfillment of His promises that began on that very first Christmas morning.

Like the shepherds and wise men that were given a rare and precious opportunity, we too have much to ponder and celebrate this season. As I walk the halls and greet the many faces, I am reminded that our students are our greatest treasures, and as a community we have a tremendous privilege to shape lives now and into the future. The picture of the manger scene is a reflection of community: Christ at the center, surrounded by family and supported by a cast of many. The Bear Creek School is that community.

We are a community focused on the centrality of our Christian faith, willing to be shaped and molded together into His image.

We are a community united by a passion to cultivate the mind and heart – to pursue truth, stretch the boundaries of our abilities and to have the courage to discover and live out our God-intended purpose.

We are a community that understands the powerful foundation of a classical education – a formation of the mind that has produced the greatest thinkers and leaders of the Western World.

We are a community that sees every challenge as an opportunity to strengthen and sharpen our focus on scholarship, faith, and leadership through action.

We are a generous and compassionate community motivated by the eternal impact of our time, gifts, and talents.

Although our role at The Bear Creek School may differ (teacher, parent, staff, or student), each plays a vital role in completing our current day manger scene. We are united in the adventure to follow the star - and having found the treasure revealed in the manger, whole-heartedly journey forward to tell the story and live a life that is forever changed.

As the heavenly host proclaimed, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace with whom His favor rests.”

May your Christmas season be filled with complete awe and wonder at the magnitude of His birth.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Karen Beman'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Karen Beman
Interim Head of School

Board of Trustees



By Kurt Maass
President

As we come to the Christmas season and the mid-point of the school year, the Board of Trustees is excited to see the positive momentum in our school as we all work together for the future of TBCS. In this issue of Modus I'd like to share some of those developments with you.

Strategic Organization

In the early summer the Board completed a special project to review the school's organization and reporting structure, and ensure that we are aware of and using best practices in how we organize and operate our school. We want to be intentional in the way we organize and look at ways in which we can be very strategic in our thinking and processes. We engaged the firm ISM, based in Delaware, which is a specialist in Independent School Management. Their principal consultant spent numerous days with our board, administrative team, and faculty, and provided us with solid recommendations for improved efficiency in our operations and structure. We're in the process of implementing those recommendations both now and in future planning as we look towards a new Head of School..

Strategic Branding

As was discussed briefly at the State of School Address, a committee comprised of board members, administration, faculty and parents participated in a research based project to help to refine our school's messaging and branding. This process was facilitated by Ian Symmonds, an expert in independent school strategic branding and

messaging. The goal of this process was, again, to think strategically and be very intentional in the way we describe who we are and what we're about. We're not changing anything about who we are through this process; rather, we're going to refine the way we talk about who we are to prospective students and families, as well as to our community at large. Look for a new approach to describing the Bear Creek School message and mission, as well as a new logo, unifying messages and themes, and a brand new website. We're very excited about these changes and want to thank all those who participated in this process, including parents; Deb Perry, Ed McCahill, Mike Castle, Sue Diamond, Michelle Richardson, Jamie Eppenauer, and Julie Herness; faculty/staff Christie Hazeltine, Courtney Robben, Karen Beman, Lisa Dineen, Sherrie Brown, Linda Hernandez, Karen Blankenbeckler, Linda Hernandez, Tressa Parker, Linda Graham, Sue Sanford; and Trustees Pete Petesch, Bill Binford, Ted Robinson, and Kurt Maass.

Strategic Planning

In November the Board was extremely active in learning and planning. Several Board members attended the Pacific NW Association of Independent Schools annual conference in Seattle and had the opportunity to meet and learn best practices from other independent school leaders throughout a 3-state region. The Board conducted a special 2-day strategic planning workshop in November facilitated by Ian Symmonds. This session, which also included administrative leaders, was designed to craft a research-based vision for the next five years, and develop key strategic initiatives that live out this vision. We made great progress over those two days and will continue to work on strategic planning in the months ahead. Karen Beman will be driving strategic planning internally with administration, faculty and staff to gather strong thinking from those groups as part of the strategic planning process.

While we've engaged in these strategic planning exercises on several occasions over the years, the Board hasn't done a very good job in communicating the conclusions to you. One of our goals for the year is to do a good job in communicating and continue to follow through on our commitment to be more transparent in our processes and decisions.

Head Search and Dean Search

Our Head Search Committee has been extremely busy working with our recruiting consultant Brett Dalton and developing a comprehensive job description, known in the business as an "opportunity profile." That profile is complete, and we are actively recruiting for this leadership position. We're excited about learning who God has out there to lead our school into the next phase of its life. Our goal is to have a candidate selected and on board by July 1, 2007, and, based on the work done so far, we're confident that we can achieve this goal.

The Dean of School is a special and unique position at TBCS as it is part teacher, part chaplain, part pastor, and part staff. There are very few institutions that have similar positions, and we're proceeding with an abundance of caution to find just the right person for TBCS. The Dean Search Committee is currently in the process of interviewing candidates for this position. Please continue to pray for these positions and to pray for these committees as we move through this process.

There has been much activity over the summer and this fall all of which points to a great year ahead. We're committed to excellence in the classroom as well as excellence in the Boardroom. We're excited about 2007 and thank each of you for your great and faithful support of TBCS.

It's great to be a Grizzly!

News Around Campus

Who Are The People Behind Those Test Scores?

What do Gretchen Esau, Alex Higinbotham, Kyul Ko, Will Sanger, and Brendan Smith have in common? They are all stars of the college testing scene.

Kyul and Brendan received perfect 2400 on the three-part SAT test. Gretchen, Alex, Will, and Brendan are all National Merit Semi-Finalists. Gretchen and Will also received a perfect 800 on a section of the SAT.

Brendan is a product of a complete TBCS education. He has been at the school since first grade. Brendan found the Latin part of the curriculum to be especially helpful when taking the verbal section of the SATs. Alex and Will also arrived here in elementary school: Will started in fourth grade and Alex in sixth.

While Kyul and Gretchen didn't come to TBCS until middle school (Gretchen in seventh grade and Kyul in eighth), they both enjoy the program at TBCS. Gretchen most enjoys the sense of community here and is appreciates that she is encouraged in her walk with Christ.

But who are the people behind those stellar scores? They are more than just the sum of their numbers. Surprisingly, they view themselves as normal high school students. They are busy making the most of their last high school year, "chilling" with their friends, and being active members of the Class of '07.

While they are excellent in academics, don't think of these kids as awkward geeks. Gretchen, Alex, Will, and Kyul are varsity athletes. Gretchen runs track and is currently about to start the basketball season. Will was the leading basketball scorer last year and made the all-league team. He also plays soccer. Will was selected to the 1st team all-league for the 2006 soccer season. Alex is the second highest scorer on the soccer team with 10



Left to right: Will Sanger, Kyul Ko, Gretchen Esau, Brendan Smith and Alex Higinbotham

goals and 4 assists for the season. He is the 3rd highest scorer in Grizzly history. He is a two-time 1st team all-league selection and was named team MVP for both the 2005 and 2006 seasons. Finally, Kyul is captain of the tennis team and the number one singles player.

Not to be outdone, Brendan is on the math team. He plays clarinet in the band and chairs TBCS's National Honor Society. Kyul is also a musician: he plays viola with the Seattle Youth Symphony.

Do these test-taking stars have any advice for the rest of us? Kyul's advice is to take the SAT practice tests, paying extra attention to the questions you miss. Then, don't make those mistakes again. Sounds like good advice for life! Kyul also found having to formally learn English as a second language to be helpful.

Brendan's advice: to read everything from Harry Potter on up in order to build a good vocabulary. He also claims that when you look at the vocabulary questions on the SAT, the word with the Latin root is the correct answer.

Gretchen's advice on homework: to find a quiet spot with no distractions – no TV,

no music, no breaks. She just focuses 100% on her homework (and then completes it in record time!). Again, this is good advice in general.

At this point, our group is still in the process of applying to colleges. So, while they haven't made their final selections yet, they do have some idea of their directions in life. Brendan wants to be an empirical physicist "finding new stuff." Multi-faceted Kyul wants to double- or triple-major in business, politics, and engineering. Gretchen's interests lie in politics or economics.

Wherever they land, we're sure our test-taking stars are leaping into a shining future.



Featured Student Accomplishments

Hannah Shively

This past summer, Hannah Shively, currently a 7th grader at TBCS, successfully completed The Rocky Mountain Talent Search's Summer Institute course entitled "Introduction to Egyptology and Hieroglyphs." Hannah spent three hours per day during the rigorous ten day course learning about the history of ancient Egypt and basic hieroglyphic script. As part of the class requirements, Shively made a sample of a papyrus and explained the process to her class. Her presentation left quite an impression with her instructor Robert Hardaway from the University of Denver. Hardaway noted that Hannah's "presentation showed a great deal of thought, preparation, and technical skill." The class concluded with a competition in hieroglyph charades dubbed the Pharaoh's Cup. Hannah's team placed third in the competition that required students to translate English names, films, books, and phrases into hieroglyphs for translation by their team members. Professor Hardaway's final evaluation explained that Hannah was one of his top students and had earned a solid A in his course.

Cara Linnenkohl

When Cara Linnenkohl isn't busy carrying her load of AP and honors classes as a junior at TBCS, she is working hard to establish herself as a world-class rower. This past summer, she was one of only 51 high school women to be invited to US Rowing's National Team Development Camp at the United States Coast Guard Academy. She attended the Junior World's trials camp in Vermont where she was placed in a quad that competed for selection to the Junior Worlds. Her team placed second and missed selection by only 1.8 seconds. As a member of the Sammamish Rowing Association, she raced in Victoria, BC, at the BC Sprints in June and placed first in both

the junior B (age 16 and under) single and junior B double (with rowing partner Andrea Cheung). In July, she raced in the US Rowing National Championships in Indianapolis where she won the gold medal and took the national title in the junior B single sculls (see photo). She also won the bronze in the junior A (age 18 and under) single sculls. To top off her winning summer, she raced the junior B double and junior B single at the Royal Canadian Henley in Ontario, Canada, in August where she won gold medals for both races.

As if her rowing schedule wasn't enough to fill her summer, Cara also climbed Mt. Rainier with her mom, Lela, and her sister Jessica, a TBCS alumna. Cara and Jessica successfully summited Mt. Rainier on August 16, 2006.



Cara Linnenkohl

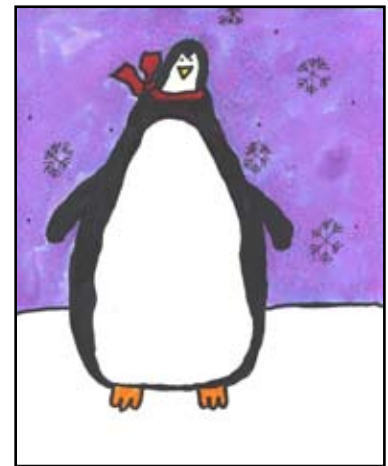
Megan Perara

Megan Perara, a junior at TBCS, was a part of a select group of sixty-three students chosen for the Spoleto Study Abroad Summer Session 2006 in Spoleto, Italy. Megan participated in the photography program as part of the intensive program in the arts and humanities. Her month long "educational journey" featured a rich and varied curriculum in the arts. Excursions to cultural centers such as Florence, Assisi, Rome, Siena, and other medieval hills towns of central Italy further enhanced her summer experience. Megan currently

carries a rigorous load of honors and AP courses at TBCS and continues her study of photography with TBCS photography teacher Kailee Siems.

Blake and Grace Denniston

Artwork by Grace and Blake was selected to be featured in the recent Lands' End Kids holiday catalog. Blake's entry received 3rd place, and Grace's was given honorable mention.



Blake Denniston (3rd Place)



Grace Denniston (Honorable Mention)

These are only a few of the many accomplishments of our students. To submit an article or photograph, send to modusvivendi@tbc.org

News Around Campus

Administrative Wing Dedication

On Friday, November 3, 2006, Head of School Karen Beman announced that The Bear Creek School had officially renamed its main campus administrative wing “The Jill Hoover Administrative Wing” in honor of Jill Hoover, beloved administrative professional. Most recently, Jill served as the executive assistant to Microsoft corporate vice president and long-time TBCS parent Tom Button. Her years of service in the local community were distinguished by extraordinary kindness, humility, grace, helpfulness, loyalty, gentleness, peace, patience, self-control, and love. These are the fruits of the Spirit, which were plainly evident to those whom Jill served and others who were fortunate enough to know her. It is especially appropriate for a Christian community to honor one who consistently exhibited Christ-like character to the secular world, putting herself last while prioritizing others’ needs first, and bearing witness to His love through a lifetime of loyal, humble, loving service to others. The devoted wife of Brett Hoover and mother of Clare (6) and Marcus (8), Jill died on November 13, 2006, at the age of 37 after a 4 ½ year fight with breast cancer. She continues to inspire those who knew her as someone who modeled a servant’s heart and showed great faithfulness in the face of extreme personal trial. Please join the Bear Creek community in honoring the life of this wonderful woman and praying for her husband and two young children.

Guest Speakers Come to TBCS

Parents and TBCS work together to support the academic, social, and emotional needs of children through ParentNet, a parent-directed program.

Through parent-led meetings, including group discussions and special speakers, ParentNet helps parents understand how they can positively impact their child’s growth and development.

Speakers are invited by ParentNet with the support of the PTF (Parent Teacher Fellowship), TBCS, and discounted speaking fees.

This past fall ParentNet invited Dan Miller, a popular keynote speaker, to present his powerful message, “Living, Laughing, and Loving Life!” Because of Dan’s life story of fulfilling his goals in spite of his handicaps, parents and students learned that misery is optional, joy is a choice and dreams can come true! Over 550 parents, students and faculty were touched with Dan’s reminder to risk then persist and to reject rejection as well as problem solve creatively when set backs occur. Dan’s DVD and book are available in the school library.

ParentNet has Dr. Jantz lined up for their March 27th meeting titled after his recent book [The Molding of a Champion: Helping Your Child Shape a Winning Destiny](#). Many may know Dr. Jantz through his books, his radio and television appearances and his high-energy presentations. His sensitive, humorous, authoritative, and down-to-earth style informs and inspires. His life-affirming message gives a changed perspective and the tools to fine-tune today’s most challenging issues. Parents and TBCS are looking forward to glean new insight from Dr. Jantz’ upcoming presentation.



Dan Miller, author of *Living, Laughing, and Loving Life!*

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. It will be worth your time.

ParentNet Seminar: Your Child’s Developmental Stages – with Mr. Woollard and Mrs. Hernandez and small group discussion with other TBCS parents
February 9th
8:30 am - 11:00 am
Redmond Campus

The Molding of a Champion: Helping Your Child Shape a Winning Destiny – with nationally known author, speaker, and psychologist Dr. Gregg Jantz
March 27th
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Redmond Campus

Morning coffee – with other parents to reflect on Dr. Gregg Jantz’s talk
March 30th
8:30 am
Location To Be Determined

Faculty News

Familiar Faces in New Places

For schools, summer is a time when things change, teachers leave; replacements are hired; staff is expanded. There are many people here facing new and exciting challenges. Some of these people are veterans who have moved into challenging new spots. As a result, while you may see many of the same faces, some are beginning new adventures:



Karen Blankenbeckler

Previously – Redmond Lower School Head

Currently – Assistant Head of School for Curriculum and Instruction

I have a passion for Classical Christian Education, and I am motivated by the goal of cultivating wisdom and virtue in our students by nourishing their souls with truth, goodness, and beauty. I have a BS in elementary education from Oregon State University and an MA in Curriculum and Instruction from Lesley University. I have been working at Bear Creek for 16 years: 6 years as a teacher and 10 years as Lower School Head.

Most of my non-working moments are spent enjoying time with family and friends. Family recreation time involves playing sports, boating, and playing board games. I love to read and occasionally I get in some scrapbooking.

My four children have all attended Bear Creek, and they range in age from 21 to 5. My daughter was one of the first students to graduate from Bear Creek with the full K-12 experience. She is now in her senior year at University of Arizona and applying

for medical school. I will forever be grateful for the way the teachers at Bear Creek have shaped my children's character and lives.

Amy Fowler

Previously – Valley Sixth Grade

Currently – Valley Assistant Lower School Head

I grew up in Kirkland and attended a private school through ninth grade and a public high school. At Western Washington University, I earned a BA in elementary education, majoring in interdisciplinary child development. Later, I received an MS in Education specializing in brain research from Nova Southeastern University. I began teaching at TBCS in 1999 and taught sixth grade for six years.

Then I stayed home for a year to be with my son, Jaxon, now 16 months old. I returned this year to the Valley campus as Lower School Assistant Head. My husband and I love spending time as a family doing anything from scuba diving to just driving around in the car.



Lena Whitlock

Previously – Redmond Fourth Grade

Currently – Redmond Lower School Head

My favorite quote states, "Education is simply the soul of society as it passes from one generation to the next." We often identify the physical characteristics that one passes to the next generation: eye color, a knack for numbers, or an eye for design. However, an even greater joy

is evident when we see the character and convictions we as a team of parents and teachers are passing on to the upcoming generation. I earned my BA in liberal studies with a Biblical studies minor from Biola University, where I also received my elementary teaching certificate. I also have my MA in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in literacy from Lesley University.

Growing up on a three-generation wheat farm in Washington state's Palouse country, I learned the rewards of hard work, the advantages of a closely-knit family, the commitment to one another in a small community, and the importance of daily reliance on my Savior Jesus Christ. My family placed a large emphasis on the value of being a life-long learner and the benefits of a quality education.



James Woollard

Previously – Middle School Geography

Currently – Middle School Head

I am a farmer's son, born and bred in East Anglia, England. My family, including my mum, dad, and sister, still reside in the UK, though I have not lived there permanently since 1998. My strong British accent and use of the odd Britishism have been known to confuse—if you have no clue what I've said, don't be afraid to ask for a translation!

I have a BA in geography from Durham University. I received my post-graduate certificate in education from Cambridge

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Faculty News

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University and my MA in education from Warwick University.

I began my teaching career in 1989 and taught geography for 9 years in the UK before leaving to become Head of Geography for 4 years in a private Christian school in the Cayman Islands, a British overseas territory in the Caribbean (somebody had to do it!). There I took up SCUBA diving, notching up about 100 dives (fun!). I taught for 1 year at King's West (CRISTA Ministries), then at TBCS for the last 3 years.

I am a news junkie (BBC of course!), and I love the Great Outdoors/God's Creation, enjoying hiking and camping when I get the chance. I am also a dog lover and the proud owner of Chester, a 2-year old yellow lab.

New Faculty Members

Each year, teachers leave TBCS. While we are sorry to see them go, we know they are off to write the next chapter of their lives. However, this gives us the opportunity to welcome talented new people to the Grizzly Family. TBCS wants us all to welcome this year's new faculty and staff (in alphabetical order):

Alison Asuncion

Upper School Spanish

I have my B.A. in Spanish, and my M.A. in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages). For the past 3 years, I have been working with Hispanic immigrants, teaching them English and helping them improve their skills of reading and writing in their native language. I have also taught ESL (English as a Second Language) to speakers of many languages.

I have been blessed with the opportunity to study and travel throughout Costa Rica and to live in Alicante, Spain. I love

language, culture, and travel! I recently got married in May 2006 and moved to Seattle so my husband could go back to school.

Heather Clauson

Middle School Geography

I am a native of Washington State and grew up all over the Puget Sound. I lived mostly in Tacoma and Renton. I was graduated from Kentridge High School in Kent and attended college on the Sammamish Plateau. I worked for three years as a full-time Youth Director at a church in Kent; I did my Master's studies at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, lived in Bellevue for a short time, and then moved my life to East Africa! I just returned in May from living and working in Monduli, Tanzania. I was teaching English at a secondary school for girls from the Maasai tribe and lived in a Swahili speaking village not too far from Mt. Kilimanjaro.

I have enjoyed being at TBCS teaching 8th grade World Geography and when I'm not teaching I enjoy being outside, especially hiking. (I did make it to Uhuru Peak, on the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro – more than 19,000 feet!) I also like to curl up in front of a warm fire with a blanket and a good book and I have especially been enjoying being together again with my family and friends after being away for so long.

Susan Connell

Valley Third Grade

My family and I are not new to The Bear Creek School. Our children started attending TBCS seven years ago when Paige was in third-grade and Nicholas in fifth-grade. It is hard to believe that my son will actually be graduating from Bear Creek this year! Since our children's acceptance to the school, I have worn many hats: room mom, co-Walk-a-thon Chair, Teacher's Aide at the Redmond Campus for three years, and Substitute

Teacher for both campuses. I love teaching third-grade down at the Valley Campus this year. It has been rather nostalgic to teach in the grade in which my daughter began her journey at TBCS.

When I have free time, my favorite thing to do is "hang out" with my children. We love to go to movies, and we all love to travel. Last summer, we took our first trip to Paris for a week, and we loved it. I also love to go for long walks and hikes with my other "child" – Sandy – our three-year old Airedale Terrier. Besides spending time with my children and dog, my other favorite things to do are read, cook and bake, and bike with my friends.

Blake DeYoung

College Advising

I hold a Masters of Arts in Teaching with History and English credentials. I successfully created and taught an integrated curriculum for the English and History departments at Champion Christian High School in Chico, CA. Recently, I was Senior Admissions Counselor and Graduate Admissions Coordinator at Seattle Pacific University, which gives me an understanding of the university admissions process. I am passionate about preparing students and families to explore, discern, and achieve a "best fit" model for college selection.

Ben Fowler

Lower and Middle School Band

I grew up playing music and singing in church and school programs. I went to both Western Washington University and University of Washington and studied Clarinet and Conducting. I play numerous instruments and have performed with several professional organizations in the Seattle-Tacoma area including Tacoma Symphony, Seattle Symphony, Fifth Avenue Theatre, and Village Theatre. I've recorded for independent films and for video game soundtracks and have enjoyed being a part of the Seattle Music scene.

Before teaching, I was serving in churches as a Worship Pastor and have a deep love for the local church and its ministry. I currently attend and lead worship at Mosaic Seattle that meets in Issaquah. I have a beautiful, talented wife who serves with me at church and has been the Choral Director at Sammamish High School for 7 years. We have an amazing little girl, Aria, who is two years old. Aria loves Mommy and Daddy, her two puppies Toby and Maverick, and dancing.

Suzanne French

Middle School Math

I was born in Seattle, Washington, but grew up in Maryland. I was graduated from Lafayette College in PA with a degree in Economics. I also have an MBA in Finance from Loyola College. After working for Westinghouse as a Program Administrator in Financial Planning in Annapolis, I relocated to Mukilteo where I did Financial Management for Snohomish County's Road Fund. Then I moved to Michigan for seven years.

I returned to Washington with my husband and three children and began serving as a Core Leader with Community Bible study and teaching Math in a PTSA program at Wilder Elementary School. Teaching math is my passion – something I feel God has called me to do – and I am so thankful He has brought me here to TBCS!

Shelley Kaplowitz

Upper School English

In 1989, I was graduated from the University of Washington. Previously, I taught at TBCS from 1995-2000. In those years, I helped lay the foundation for an academically challenging, rich and Christ-centered Middle and Upper School English curriculum. Currently, I am teaching 12th grade Honors British Literature. My other experience includes teaching college level ESL courses in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, creative and academic

Six Traits Writing to home school students in Iowa and Georgia.

With the partnership of my terrific husband, David, I am rearing three active and intelligent boys ages 3, 5, and 10. In my personal time, I enjoy reading and writing poetry, bargain hunting at garage sales, gardening, and attempting to finish the Sunday Crossword!

Amy Larson

Redmond First Grade

I was born in Sitka, AK, but grew up in Issaquah. In 1995, I was graduated from the University of Washington with my BA in history and sociology. I later earned my teaching certification from Seattle Pacific University.

In the summer, I like to hike, travel, camp, garden, and find a way to be in the water whenever possible! In the colder months, I enjoy snow shoeing, reading a novel by the fire, visiting family, and taking walks around my Seattle neighborhood.

The students in my first grade classroom continue to amaze me and make me smile! Being at Bear Creek and teaching these fantastic first graders is the best job I've ever had!

Katie Lucero

Redmond Grade 6 Job Share

I was graduated from Seattle Pacific University with a certificate of education and a major in art. Throughout all of my life, I have had a passion for teaching. I have had many incredible experiences teaching children at camps, VBS, schools, and youth groups.

The past two years my husband and I had the privilege of teaching in Indonesia at an International school. The Bear Creek School has been a natural fit for me as I continue to challenge students to do their best and grow in the Lord.

Tammie Morris

Redmond Grade 3 Job Share

I was graduated from Ohio University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. I taught first and second grades in Ohio, worked with third graders with emotional needs in Michigan, did substitute teaching, and most recently worked in the Special School District of St. Louis, Missouri, with students with special needs (mostly kindergarten through third grade).

I have been married to my husband, Kriss, for 27 years and have two children: Katrina, 23, and Kyle, 22. My husband and I moved to the Seattle area this past January and I feel privileged and blessed to be part of the Bear Creek Family.

Veronica Tabares

Head Librarian

A true Southerner (although I have lost my accent), I was reared in Memphis, TN. I have lived in the Puget Sound Region (mainly Seattle) for the past 14 years. I received a BA in Anthropology (Archaeology) from University of Washington in 1997, and an MA in Library and Information Science from University of Washington in 2000. I have three years of experience in Seattle Public Libraries, serving at different times as Children's, Young Adult, and Adult Librarian. I also have eight years experience designing, developing and maintaining websites, both professionally and in a volunteer capacity.

I have been married for over 21 years and my husband recently retired from the Air Force. We have four daughters; two in college, one in high school, and one in middle school – all still live at home. I am also a writer of middle grade fantasy fiction (two books of a trilogy finished, zero books published – I take the time to write, but not the time to submit to publishers).

Athletics

Season Highlights

JV Volleyball

JV Volleyball completed an undefeated season.

Varsity Volleyball

Varsity Volleyball finished the regular season with 12 wins and 4 losses. They finished 5th in league and, for the first time in school history, advanced to the Tri-District tournament. There they won one game and lost two in the tournament. Jamie Perry was named 1st team all-league, Katie Wolfram 2nd team all-league, and Kiersten Petesch honorable mention all-league.

Girls Soccer

Girls Soccer finished the regular season 14-1. They have now won 36 consecutive league games over three years. They lost a hard-fought Tri-District game to Forest Ridge in a shoot-out. Melissa Bassi was named league MVP. Kimi Pohlman, Morgan Wierleski, Katie Ball, and Molly Miller were named 1st team all-league. Sydney Conway was named 2nd team all-league and Coach Kailee Siems was named Girls Soccer League Coach of the Year.

Boys Soccer

Boys Soccer finished the regular season 11-3-1. They allowed only 11 goals all season. The team won our school's first team State Championship, winning all three state games without allowing a goal. The championship was clinched in a shoot-out. Alex Higinbotham was named league MVP. Eric Chalk, Michael Castle, and Will Sanger were named 1st team all-league. Mac Graham and Garrett Benson were named 2nd team all-league. The team was also awarded the league sportsmanship award and Chad Pohlman was named Boys Soccer League Coach of the Year.

Cross Country

For the second consecutive year, the Boys Cross Country team won the Tri-District

meet and advanced to State. They finished 7th in State. Kyle Dunn and Josh Smith were 1st team all-league, Britton Bangs and Will McCahill were 2nd team all-league. Isaac Miller and Matt McLoughlin were honorable mention all-league. Coach David Miller was named Boys and Girls Cross Country Sea Tac League Coach of the Year.

For the girls, Leigh Ann Greenfield competed in the state meet and was named 1st team all-league. Katie Ross was also named 1st team all-league.

Scholastic Cup

Each year the state's athletic governing body (WIAA) awards the prestigious Wells Fargo Scholastic Cup to one high school in the state in each classification (6 total). Schools that finish at the top of their respective classifications in state athletic competition receive points, as do schools that finish at the top in team academic performance. Sportsmanship is also a factor, with substantial points deducted for ejections from contests. Two years ago, TBCS won the Scholastic Cup for the B Division (120+ schools). Last year we finished 4th. Through the

fall of this school year, TBCS not only leads our classification but has scored the second highest points of any school at any level in the entire state (400 schools in the state). TBCS currently has 450 points. The tables below show how TBCS stacks up with schools in our league and some of the local high schools:

Sea Tac League	Points
Bear Creek	450
Evergreen Lutheran	225
Mt. Rainier Lutheran	200
Rainier Christian	170
Seattle Lutheran	90
King's West	30

Local Schools	Points
Bear Creek	450
Skyline	200
Redmond	200
Overlake	180
Bellevue Christian	180
Eastlake	155
Cedarcrest	80
Cedar Park	60
Eastside Catholic	35



Boys Varsity Soccer team after their state championship win.

Alumni

News from our TBCS Alumni

Sarah Switzer 2004

Colorado College
Math Major

Sarah worked as a Girl Scout counselor in Colorado this summer. She recently became engaged after her fiancé, Nathaniel, proposed to her in front of 300 people at a concert featuring his a cappella singing group.

Leah Bangs 2005

Western Washington University
English major emphasis in Literature with an Elementary Education supplement

Leah wants to be a teacher and hopefully go on the mission field. She just released her very first jazz album, "Sentimental Reasons".

Erik Ball 2005

Washington and Lee University
Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity
History and Classics major

Kyle Green 2005

North Park University
Business major

Kyle attended Covenant Bible College in Windsor, Colorado during '05-'06 and completed their 1-year program. He is now at North Park University and is rowing for the Men's Crew team which requires early morning wake-ups since practice begins at 5:00 am.

If you are a TBCS Alumni or parent, send us a note and tell us what you are doing. Your classmates, friends and teachers would love to hear how you are doing.

Send to modusvivendi@tbc.org

TBCS Alumni

You are invited to an
Alumni Homecoming Reception
and Pep Dinner

Friday, January 5th, 2007

3:30 to 6:00 pm

at the Redmond Ridge Great Room

Please join alumni and faculty for a time of casual fellowship and reconnection with friends and faculty

A light dinner & beverages will be served in time to attend the TBCS basketball games

Please RSVP
to alumni@tbc.org or to our Event Line
425-898-1720 x500

Homecoming Week Activities Schedule January 2-5, 2007

Tuesday	1/2	Chapel	9:00 am-10:00 am
Friday	1/5	Senior Luncheon	12:00 pm-1:00 pm
Friday	1/5	Pep Assembly	2:30 pm-3:20 pm
Friday	1/5	Alumni Reception	3:30 pm-5:30 pm
Friday	1/5	Basketball Games	4:30 pm JV Boys 6:00 pm V Girls 7:30 pm V Boys

The 2006-2007 ASB looks forward to honoring you at the Pep Assembly and would appreciate your Grizzly support in Green and Gold at the Homecoming Basketball Games!



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Modus Vivendi is translated as *a manner of living or a way of life*. TBCS seeks to develop individuals for whom the classical ideals of excellence in all things, love of learning, spiritual commitment, and self-discipline have become a way of life.

LOOKING AHEAD

January

- 2 Back to School
Alumni Chapel 9:00 am
- 5 Alumni Reception 3:30 pm
Homecoming Basketball
Games 4:30, 6:00, 7:30 pm
- 6 Homecoming Dance
- 12 M/U Drama 7:00 pm
- 13 M/U Drama 2:00 and 7:00 pm
- 23-25 M/U Finals

February

- 19-23 Mid-Winter Break

The mission of The Bear Creek School is to provide a high quality, Christian liberal arts education in a nurturing environment that will enable each student to develop into the individual God intends.