

# ATHLETICS PROGRAM QUICK FACTS

## Boys Soccer

**Season:** Spring

**Head Coach:** Chad Pohlman ([cpohlman@tbc.org](mailto:cpohlman@tbc.org))

**Assistant Coach:** Ryan Byram ([rbyram@tbc.org](mailto:rbyram@tbc.org))



**Dates and Fees:** See the website [www.tbc.org/athletics/registration-fees-and-deadlines](http://www.tbc.org/athletics/registration-fees-and-deadlines)

**Additional Costs:** Include gear, equipment, and any team-related trips and activities (see below)

**Anticipated Levels of Play:** The boys soccer program generally offers both JV and varsity teams when we have enough participation to support both. We do not anticipate offering a JV program during the spring 2020 or 2021 seasons.

**Practice and Game Schedule:** The boys soccer team practices every day from 3:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. It is common to have practices and/or games scheduled on 3-4 Saturday's during the season as well. The team generally schedules 16 regular season games, which are played after school. There are some exceptions to this from time to time with some games taking place on a Saturday, or possibly at an away venue in the evening. Home games usually start at 3:45 p.m. and are played on Owens Field (our home field at Bear Creek). Away games usually involve early dismissals from class as we travel to games.

**Transportation:** Transportation is not needed for practices as we stay at the school for training. For away games, transportation will be provided by the school and the expectation is that students will travel together to all away games on the bus/van. Students are not allowed to drive their own vehicles or arrange their own transportation to away games.

**Uniform, Gear, and Equipment:** The school provides uniform jerseys and shorts which must be returned at the end of the season. Players must purchase their own shin guards, soccer cleats, and uniform socks. Required gear includes long-sleeve warm-up shirt (included in registration fee). The team plays games on both grass fields and field turf. Traditional cleats can be used on both. Specific turf shoes and/or screw in cleats are not recommended. Additionally, there are several optional team gear items that players may purchase including warm-ups, long sleeve shirts, hoodies, rain gear, etc. Socks and all the optional gear may be purchased a la carte by filling out a gear order form prior to the beginning of the season.

**Retreats and Overnight Activities:** During the season, it is common for the boys soccer team to organize several team activities including an overnight trip and away game. This might differ from year to year but a typical season usually involves one overnight team trip for the varsity team (we stay in a hotel), along with several fun activities for both JV and varsity such as bowling, eating team meals, or gathering at a teammate's house. All of these costs come at the expense of the family. Team meals, bowling, and hotel expenses (for an overnight trip) are all additional expenses that players will get billed for if/when they participate.

**Out of Season Activities:** The boys soccer team does not currently participate in official out of season activities. From time to time (e.g. in the summer), the boys organize optional "open field" practices that are generally run and promoted on their own. Bear Creek promotes and encourages boys to sign up and play soccer out of season through the various select-level club programs in the region.