ATHLETICS PROGRAM QUICK FACTS

Boys Basketball

Season: Winter

Head Coach: Tyler Mendezona (tmendezona@tbcs.org)

Assistant Coach: Nathan Pettit

Dates and Fees: See the website www.tbcs.org/athletics/registration-fees-and-deadlines

Additional Costs: Include equipment/gear (see below) and any team-related expenses including Krossover film service fee (about ~\$30/player) and equipment.

Practice and Game Schedule: The boys basketball JV and varsity teams practice Monday through Saturday. JV-C team will practice 2-3 times/week. The program generally schedules 12-16 regular season games for JV-C, 16-18 games for JV, and 20 games for varsity, which are played after school between 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (start times). There are some exceptions with some games taking place on a Saturday. Away games may 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 two uniform jerseys and shorts which must be returned at the end of the season. Players must purchase a practice jersey, team socks, and team shoes. Required gear for rent or purchase include team travel top and pants and shooting shirt. These items may be purchased outright for boys to wear while they are a member of the team or rented and returned at the end of the season. Black, white, or gray basketball shoes must be worn during games (discounted options are available for purchase). Other optional items include hoodies and T-shirts. Gear costs (including shoes) can range each from \$250 to \$500 each season depending on the level and whether gear is purchased or rented. (JV-C team is not required to purchase or rent travel gear.)

Retreats and Overnight Activities: During the season, it is common for the boys basketball team to organize several fun team activities including an overnight trip. This might differ from year to year but a typical season usually involves one fun overnight team retreat for the varsity team (we stay at a house/cabin), along with several fun evenings together (all three teams) at a bowling alley, eating team meals, or at a teammate's house hanging out. All of these costs come at the expense of the family. Team meals, bowling, and travel expenses (for an overnight trip) are all additional expenses that players will get billed for if/when they participate.

Every few years the program plans an out-of-state, overnight trip. During the 2018-2019 season, the varsity team will be flying to Orange County, CA to play two games against local opponents. Participating in this trip is not a requirement to play on the team. The full cost of the trip (including chaperones) comes at the expense of the families. Details of these trips is provided at least six months in advance of the trip.

Anticipated Levels of Play: The boys basketball program generally offers JV-C, JV, and varsity teams. This is entirely dependent on the numbers at the start of the season however. The 2018 season featured all three teams, and we anticipate three teams again for the 2019 season as well.

Out of Season Activities: The boys basketball team has practice, games, tournaments, and camps throughout the summer. Additional costs for camps, leagues, and tournaments will be billed when/if you participate. From time to time in the spring/fall, the boys organize optional "open gym" practices that are generally run and promoted on their own or out of season training hosted by various companies. There is also time in the fitness center available for all Bear Creek athletes every Monday/Wednesday/Friday. Bear Creek promotes and encourages boys to play basketball out of season for different select-level/AAU clubs and organizations.

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