

ACADEMIC AND COLLEGE **PLANNING NIGHT**

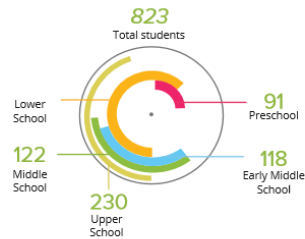


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QUICK FACTS

ENROLLMENT

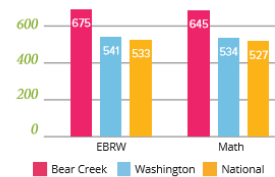


FACULTY RATIO

16-18 to 1 Lower School and Early Middle School
 15 to 1 Middle School
 13 to 1 Upper School
 68% of Middle School and Upper School faculty hold advanced degrees

SAT PERFORMANCE

Statistics represent the mean SAT scores achieved by the Class of 2018.



ADVANCED PLACEMENT

86% of Bear Creek students received a score of 3, 4, or 5 on AP Exams in 2018.



NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

14% Class of 2017
 10% Class of 2018
 14% Class of 2019

TRANSPORTATION

Morning and afternoon bus routes serve Bellevue and Kirkland communities.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The Bear Creek School accepts international students to all grades, however, we only issue Form I-20 to non-immigrant students on F-1 visas who have been accepted and are enrolled in grades 9, 10, and 11.

COLLEGE CHOICES

60% Private 33% In-State
 40% Public 67% Out-of-State

Our seniors are admitted to a broad range of colleges; many join some of the most prestigious colleges and universities around the world. For more information, visit www.tbcs.org and click on the School Profile.

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“Why do I have to learn
this?”

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“When am I going to
use this?”

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Two scenarios:
**How would you
respond?**

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Two scenarios:

Why?

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Two scenarios:
How do you know?

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**First things and
running in circles**

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Curriculum

- “running or training in a circle,”
i.e. the “circle” of arts and
sciences, the essentials of a
liberal education

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“Why did you study the curriculum you studied in high school?”

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YOU WERE
ROBBED!

LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION

- Latin *artes liberales*; the name for the seven attainments directed to intellectual enlargement, rather than immediate practical purpose, and thus deemed worthy of a free man (liberal in this sense is opposed to servile or mechanical).
- Latin *liber* - a free man; opposed on the one hand to technical or professional or any special training, on the other to education that stops short before manhood is reached.

LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION

Pre Industrial Classical Curriculum



Trivium

- Grammar
- Dialectic
- Rhetoric

Quadrivium

- Arithmetic
- Geometry
- Astronomy
- **Music**

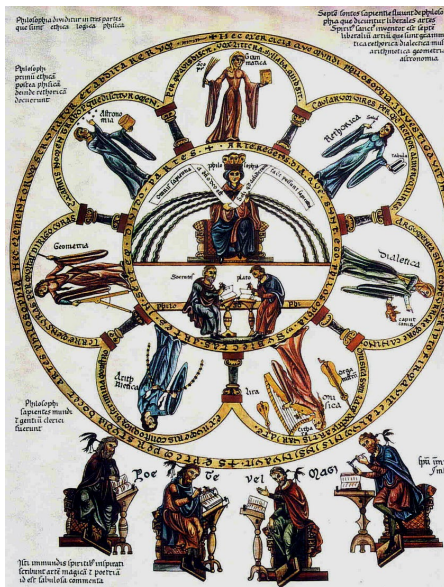
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Classical Curriculum Outcomes

- Temperance
- Prudence
- Justice
- Courage

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Pre Industrial Scholastic Curriculum



Trivium

- Grammar
- Dialectic
- Rhetoric

Quadrivium

- Arithmetic
- Astronomy
- Music
- **Theology**

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Scholastic Curriculum Outcomes

- Temperance
- Justice
- Prudence
- Courage
- Faith
- Hope
- Love

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Post Industrial Curriculum

- History
- Literature
- Mathematics
- Sciences
- Theology
- Fine Arts
- “Electives”

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Post Industrial Curriculum Outcomes

- Technique
- Skills
- Economic Producers
- Productive Units

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The **Practical** Outcome

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“When am I going to
use this?”

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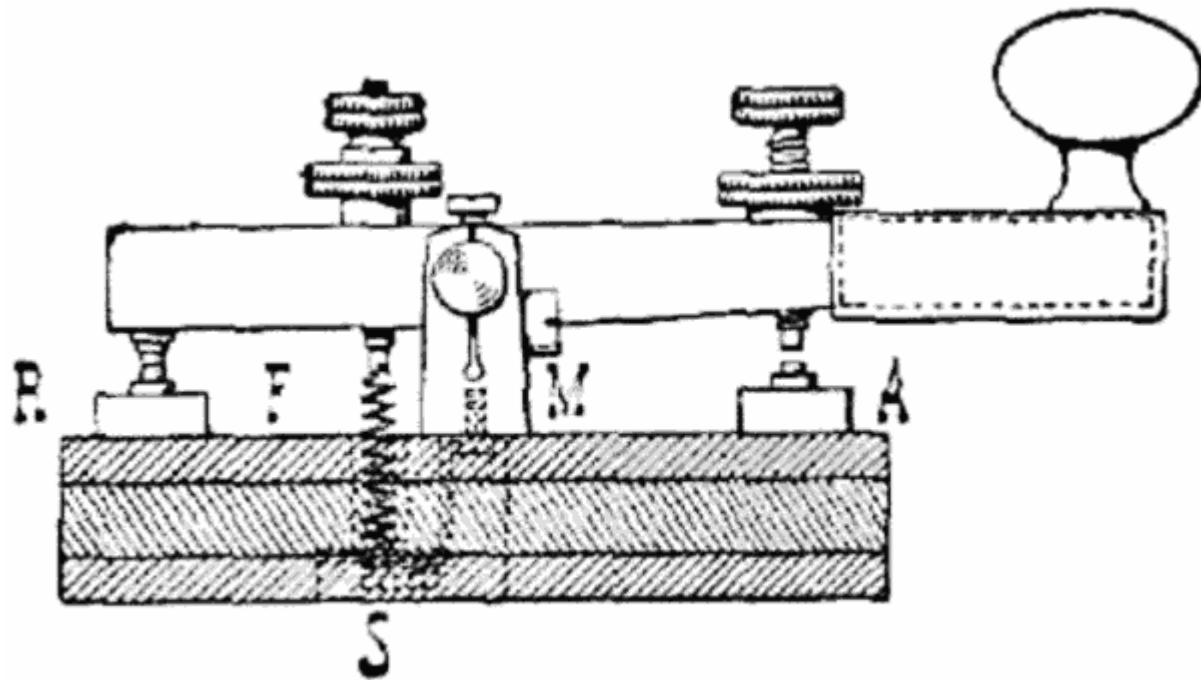
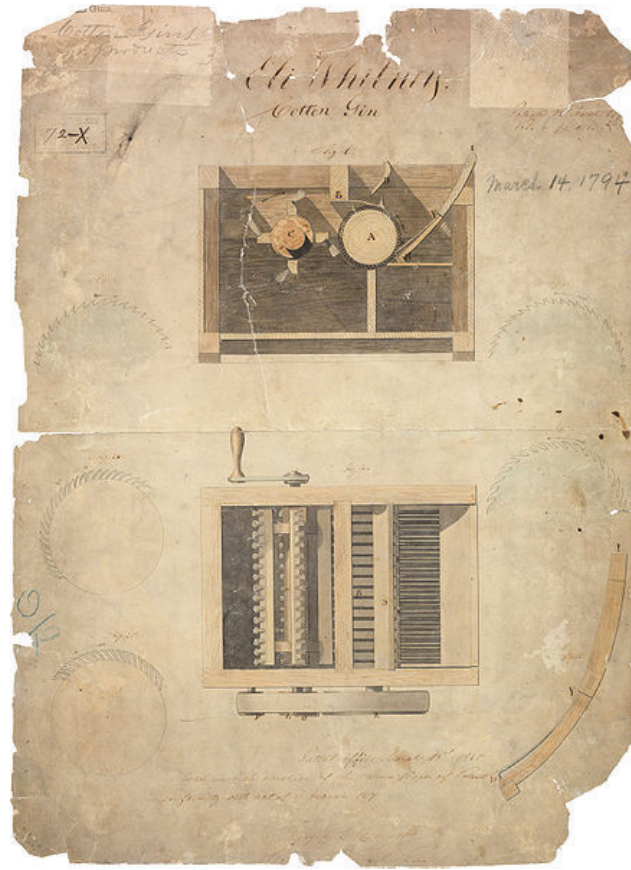


Fig. 6.

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“Reed College at that time offered perhaps the best calligraphy instruction in the country. Throughout the campus every poster, every label on every drawer, was beautifully hand calligraphed. Because I had dropped out and didn't have to take the normal classes, I decided to take a calligraphy class to learn how to do this. I learned about serif and san serif typefaces, about varying the amount of space between different letter combinations, about what makes great typography great. It was beautiful, historical, artistically subtle in a way that science can't capture, and I found it fascinating.

None of this had even a hope of any practical application in my life. But ten years later, when we were designing the first Macintosh computer, it all came back to me. And we designed it all into the Mac.”

Steve Jobs, *Stanford Commencement Speech*, 2005

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The Purposeful Outcome

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- The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding. (Proverbs 9:10)
- He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed. (Proverbs 13:20)
- By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures. (Proverbs 24:3,4)

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- I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:1,2)

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- *“The most important fact about the subject of education is that there is no such thing. Education is not a subject, and it does not deal in subjects. It is instead the **transfer of a way of life.**” -G.K. Chesterton*

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*Our mission is to provide a high-quality, Christian liberal arts education in a nurturing environment that will enable each student to **become the individual God intends.***

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