

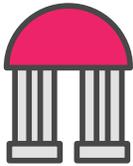
# ACADEMICS

## English

Curriculum: Literature-based

Grade 7: Narration, argument, grammar, literary terms, sentence structure, punctuation, easily confused words, and literature including *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*, *Much Ado About Nothing*, and others

Grade 8: Read and analyze primary sources, including sermons, essays, histories, pamphlets, short stories, poetry, and literature including *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Animal Farm*, and others



## Science

Grade 7: Introductory Biology and Epidemiology

Grade 8: Earth Science and Engineering Design



## Latin

Grade 7: Grammar and vocabulary, proper pronunciation, composition, listening, and reading comprehension

Grade 8: Careful listening and reading, grammar and comprehension, written compositions and speaking, Greek and Roman mythology, literature, history, and connections between modern and ancient languages

See Middle School Course Catalog for details

## Math

Curriculum: McDougal Littell and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

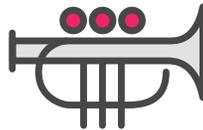
Courses:  
Pre-Algebra  
Algebra 1  
Geometry  
Algebra 2  
*Students placed by ability level not grade level.*



## Physical Education

Curriculum: Human physiology, good health, and sound dietary habits

Content: Badminton, basketball, dance, floor hockey, soccer, softball, track & field, and volleyball  
*At least one semester required each year.*



## Arts Electives

Art  
Band  
Choir  
Drama  
*At least one semester required each year.*

## Additional Electives

Computer Programming 1 and 2  
Creation Lab 1 and 2  
Creative Writing Lab  
Digital Storytelling  
Robotics  
Strength Training  
Study Hall  
*Also see Arts.*

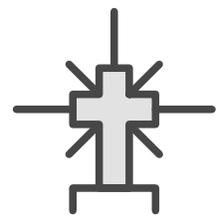
## History

Grade 7: Medieval Western Civilization

Content: Feudalism, Monasticism, Hundred Years' War

Grade 8: Modern Western Civilization

Content: Renaissance, Scientific Revolution, Enlightenment, French Revolution



## Christian Studies

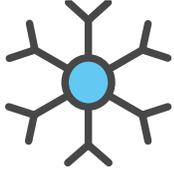
Grade 7: Trace the narrative of salvation; history from creation to the establishment, judgment, and restoration of Israel; themes in the Old Testament

Grade 8: Introduction to the New Testament; examine the Gospels; discuss growth in the Church in Acts; examine basic Christian belief and practice as presented in the Epistles

# STUDENT LIFE

## JanTerm

JanTerm is a fun two-week mini-semester between fall and spring semesters. With approximately 75 unique courses to choose from, students are exposed to a broad range of topics.



## Gender Separation

To meet the unique needs of Middle School students, most core classes are separated by gender, producing an exceptionally strong learning dynamic. This allows freedom for safe classroom discussion and participation, fewer distractions, and a supportive classroom environment among peers of the same gender.



## Study Skills and Office Hours

Building strong study habits and receiving individualized support are critical during Middle School. Office hours are scheduled four times each week to provide students the opportunity to seek extra tutoring help, make up missed work, or just get a jump start on homework. Teachers also use office hours to teach and reinforce critical study skills, organizational strategies, time management, and to evaluate specific learning needs.

## Athletics

Participation in athletics with our no-cut policy allows students to develop physical skills, learn game strategies, and most importantly, put into practice the concepts of commitment and teamwork. Approximately 80% of our Middle School students participate in athletics.

## Socials

Middle School socials and special events are energetic and fun. They provide an opportunity for students and faculty to enjoy each other outside of the classroom.

## Chapel

Students gather each week for a time of worship, praise, teaching, and reflection during chapel. The service includes a student-led worship team and a variety of speakers and topics to help students better understand and live the Christian faith in thought and action.

# BEYOND MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Upper School (9 – 12)

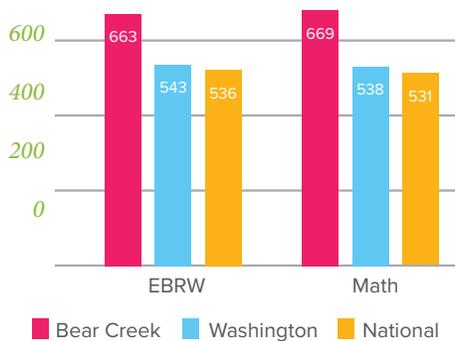
Advanced Coursework: Students have the opportunity to challenge themselves in areas of particular aptitude and passion by enrolling in numerous Advanced Placement® (AP) and Honors courses. Additionally, Bear Creek partners with Northwest University's Concurrent Credit Program, allowing students to earn college credit while at Bear Creek.



House System: All students and faculty are placed into a House. The goal of the House System is to build community and provide an opportunity for students and faculty to interact across grade levels.

## SAT Performance

Statistics represent the mean SAT scores achieved by the class of 2019.



## College Choices

**Our graduates have been accepted to the finest universities, including:**

- Biola University
  - Brown University
  - University of Cambridge
  - Columbia University
  - Cornell University
  - Duke University
  - Gonzaga University
  - Massachusetts Institute of Technology
  - Harvard University
  - Princeton University
  - Stanford University
  - United States Naval Academy
  - University of California, Berkeley
  - University of California, Los Angeles
  - University of Chicago
  - University of Notre Dame
  - University of Pennsylvania
  - University of Southern California
  - University of Washington
  - Whitworth University
  - Yale University
- See website for a complete list.

## National Merit Recognition

**10%**   **14%**   **14%**  
Class of 2018   Class of 2019   Class of 2020