

BEAR BULLETIN



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Important Upcoming Dates:

Mar. 12th - Spring Choir Concert

Mar. 18th - 22nd - Spring Break

Mar. 30th - NHD Regional Comp.

Apr. 1st - 4th - CMAS Testing

Apr. 11th - Area Vocal Festival

Apr. 17th - PSAT Exam

Apr. 18th - SAT Exam

Apr. 26th - Prom/After Prom - No School/Teacher Work Day

Hello Parents & Guardians,

On Wednesday your student received their registration materials in their Connections class. They received both an Electives Course list and a pastel colored Registration Form (purple, blue or goldenrod). They also began the process of documenting the classes their core teachers have picked for them and making elective selections

New this year, your student is tasked with entering these selections with you over the next week in Infinite Campus. They started this process on Wednesday, and should know how (more or less). Their Connections teacher will follow up with students next week in Connections again prior to meeting with their counselor.

Counselors will meet with students and review their selections for:

- 9th grade in study-halls on February 28th & 29th,
- 10th graders on March 6th & 7th in their Social Studies class, and
- 11th graders on March 13th & 14th in their English class.

Please talk to your student, review their selections, read and sign the back of the Registration Form, and sit with them to make the entries. As I stated earlier, students were shown how and have previously done this work, but if they are new to BCHS/Jeffco, or missed Connections, here is the thorough [Slide Deck](#) that shows how to do this work.

Also, additional handouts can be obtained in counseling or from their Connections teacher. Please email your student's counselor or administrator with questions or concerns related to scheduling.

Thank you,

Assistant Principal, Scheduler

Class of 2024 Yard Signs

Senior families! You can now order a Bear Creek Grad Sign for your 2024 graduate! Signs are \$25 and include a yard stake. This [online store](#) will be close on March 29th and delivery will be in mid-April (you will be contacted regarding pickup). Your purchase supports the Bear Creek Cheer Team.

Contact Pam Simons with questions; 303-982-8726.

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New Band Director - Sean Cartner

After decades of dedicated service to our students, our community and our performing arts department, our current Band Director, Mrs. Ahmed has decided to step down from her position and enjoy a well-deserved retirement with her family.

Since Mrs. Ahmed made this announcement, our school team has been diligently working to hire a new Band Director. After an extensive and thorough search process, we are delighted to announce the hiring of our new instrumental music teacher and band director, Sean Cartner.



Mr. Cartner comes to us with a wealth of experience, a passion for music, and a commitment to fostering both individual and team success. Mr. Cartner comes to Bear Creek with more than a decade of teaching experience and most recently served as the Director of Instrumental Music at Conifer High School.

We are confident that Mr. Cartner will continue to build upon the strong foundation laid by Mrs. Ahmed. His dedication to musicianship, his leadership, and skill development will contribute to the growth and success of our student musicians. Welcome Mr. Cartner!

Hall Sweeps Will Continue

We are proud to announce that our current Average Daily Attendance Rate is 89.3% (up from 85% at the same time last year). One of the contributors to this growth has been the reinstatement of Hall Sweeps. As such, **Hall Sweeps will continue this semester and will be extended to various lunch times.** Keep in mind, Bears; the goal is not to unnecessarily punish anyone. Rather, the goal is to encourage students to be on-time to their classes so they have the best chance for academic success. As always, if you have concerns about a specific hall-sweep, please reach out to your Administrator.

Bear Creek Dance Policy for Prom

With our 2024 Prom and After Prom just around the corner, we wanted to clarify our Bear Creek High School policy regarding a student's ability to attend.

This year, beginning March 1st and through Prom (April 26th, 2024) all students will be required to adhere to the following guidelines in order to attend Prom.

- Just like Athletic Eligibility, students should have no more than one F.
- Students should have ZERO discipline events within that window of March 1st - April 26th.
- Students must attend 90% of their class periods during that window of March 1st - April 26th. To help frame what this looks like, if a student with a 6-period class schedule missed more than **3 unexcused period absences per week**, they would be ineligible to attend Prom.

Please keep in mind, the goal of this is not to unnecessarily punish students (especially for past attendance), the goal is to simply get students to class so they can both be successful in school and to enjoy their Prom. Of course, if students have any questions about their eligibility to attend the dance, please have them see their alpha administrator.

In addition to the above guidelines, there are couple more pieces of information that are important:

- After 48 hours, absences without a medical letter or documentation will not be excused, even by administrators. If you are missing school for a legitimate reason, please make sure your guardian excuses the absence promptly within the 48 hour window. The attendance line phone number is 303-982-8813.
- Information regarding the purchasing of Prom Tickets, as well as pricing, will be coming soon. Note that all ticket sales are final; refunds will not be given.
- Information regarding After Prom will also be coming soon.
- Prom Tickets can only be purchased by eligible 11th and 12th graders. 9th and 10th graders may attend the event as an upperclassmen's date, but they must also adhere to the aforementioned eligibility guidelines and their ticket must be purchased by their upperclassmen date.
- For any 11th or 12th grader who is looking to bring a non-Bear Creek person as their date, a **Bear Creek Dance Guest Form** must be filled out and submitted to the Main Office no later than Monday, April 19th at 2:30pm. No exceptions and forms will not be accepted at the door.

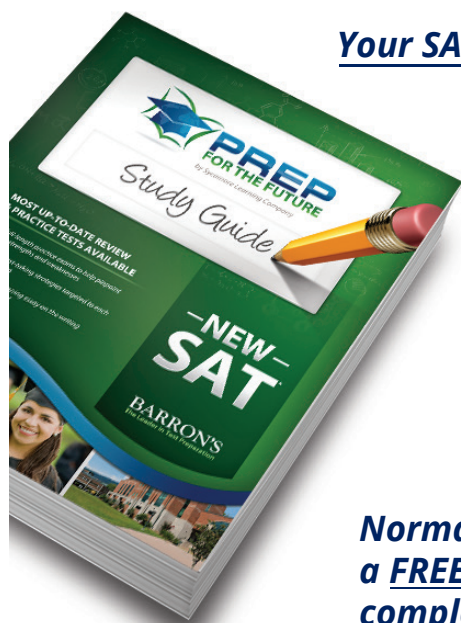


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