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Zero	Mughal, Salman	AP Computer Science	Required AP class - only for AP students assigned to this class (see separate pdf with assignments)	9-12		23	23	U101
1	Sinha, Amitabh	AI in Business and Society	Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly growing in capabilities, and its usage is expanding in many areas of modern business and society. In this class, students will learn about different types of AI technology and their application areas through hands-on experimentation with web-based AI tools (no coding). They will also examine how AI is changing the modern business workplace, what it means for employment in the future, and how students can leverage a liberal arts education to be better prepared for this world. The class will also discuss ethical and societal implications of large-scale adoption of AI. The class will be taught by Bear Creek dad Amitabh Sinha who formerly taught business and data science at the University of Michigan and currently leads a science team at Amazon.	9-12		20	20	U208
1	Gardiner, Catherine	All About Spanish	Do you not know which language you will study in Upper School? Do you ever plan to vacation in a Spanish-speaking country? As of 2022, there were more than 572 million Spanish speakers around the globe with the United States home to the second-largest Spanish-speaking population in the world after Mexico. It is inevitable that you will run into a Spanish speaker at some point in your life. So why not learn some Spanish? In this JanTerm course, students will create imaginative stories and experience aspects of Latin culture by preparing meals and singing songs all while learning some basic Spanish. Intended for seventh-grade students.	7	20		20	U207

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1	Lee, Hana	Annyeong Hankook: An Immersion into South Korean Language and Culture	Curious about k-pop or k-dramas? Or maybe you are already a fan. Do you love Korean food or are you curious about dishes such as kimchi and Korean BBQ? Join Mrs. Lee and dive into all of the above topics and more while immersing yourself in the Korean language. Through exploration of Korean food, music, fashion, and art, students will learn how to engage in basic conversations in Korean. They will also master Hangeul, the Korean alphabet, in order to read and write in Korean. No prior knowledge of Korean required.	7-12	10	6	16	Farmhouse
1	Blakeley, Hillary	AP Biology	Required AP class - only for AP students assigned to this class (see separate pdf with assignments)	9-12		17	17	U102
1	Norris, Kenneth	AP English Language	Required AP class - only for AP students assigned to this class (see separate pdf with assignments)	9-12		12	12	U206
1	Summers, Ryan	AP English Literature	Required AP class - only for AP students assigned to this class (see separate pdf with assignments)	9-12		14	14	U204
1	Rogers, Sean	AP Physics	Required AP class - only for AP students assigned to this class (see separate pdf with assignments)	9-12		20	20	U110
1	Strobel, Brent	AP United States History	Required AP class - only for AP students assigned to this class (see separate pdf with assignments)	9-12		18	18	U201
1	Beazizo, Emily	Are you ready? LEGO®!	Do you love building things out of LEGO®? If you have been building for years or love walking by a LEGO® store and you want every set, then Ms. Beazizo's class is for you. Come have fun by having team-building competitions, using your creativity, and being able to use your building brain to come up with new creations. We will go through struggles, but as a team, we will problem solve, brainstorm new ideas, and just all around have fun. Just as LEGO® pieces can be put together to make something beautiful, we will see how every piece is important to hold our creations together just as God does every day of our lives.	7-12	14	6	20	M203

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1	Meyer, Stephanie	Beading Designs and Ambient Tunes	Have you always wanted to create your own jewelry? Join Mrs. Meyer in crafting delightful creations with beads, wire, and other findings. Students will make bracelets, earrings, and other lovely pieces during the time we have together. Students will also explore soothing ambient music to set the tone. Beginners welcome! Please do not sign up for this class if you have already taken it.	7-12	14	6	20	M201
1	Sinclair, Jennifer	Clay Creations	Do you like to play with clay? Come and join Mrs. Sinclair as we learn some hand-building techniques with kiln fired clay. You will have numerous options to choose from including different styles from around the world. Finished pieces will be picked up a week after JanTerm. (Please be aware that if you have acrylic nails, they will likely be ruined.) No prior experience required.	7-12	6	4	10	Hazel Petesch Art Room
1	Steinkraus, Katie	Digital Escape Room Game Creation	Do you like escape rooms? Do you want to learn how to create your own digital escape room? Middle School students in this JanTerm class will learn how to create escape games in BreakoutEDU, the online platform that the school library uses to create digital escape rooms. By the conclusion of class, each student will walk away with a game they have made themselves for their friends and fellow students. Join Bear Creek librarian Dr. Steinkraus and come explore the tools, tricks, and strategies that make escape game creation so fun.	7-8	20		20	Kindel Library

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1	Smidt, Robert and Besaw, Jim	Game On: Multiplayer Madness!	Dive into the exciting world of group video gaming with our Interactive Group Gaming class! This course offers students the chance to engage in friendly competition and cooperative play through popular games like Mario Kart, Beat Saber, and other thrilling multiplayer titles. Whether you are a seasoned gamer or new to the scene, you will find a welcoming environment to hone your skills, strategize with peers, and enjoy the camaraderie of gaming together. Each session will feature different games, ensuring a dynamic and fun experience each day. Join Mr. Smidt to explore the social and strategic aspects of gaming, make new friends, and most importantly, have a blast!	7-8	20		20	M202
1	Broyles, Dan	Growing in Intimacy with Jesus	What was the purpose for Jesus coming to earth, and how did He model this purpose in His life? How did the great men and women of the faith from the book of Acts through our time live out their purposes? In this class, we will explore and discuss some of these questions and how to apply the answers in our own lives. Some of the activities in Mr. Broyles' class will also include learning how to have quiet time, worshipping, practicing listening to the Holy Spirit, and reading stories from incredible men and women of God about how He used them to expand His kingdom here on earth. We will also watch some documentaries about people living sold out lives for Jesus.	7-12	14	6	20	M206

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1	Lambert, Kathy	How a Bill Becomes Law and How to Be Involved	Wonder how a bill becomes law and who makes those decisions? This course will give you the tools and procedures you can use to make your voice heard in the process of shaping good public policy. You will work in teams to write your own law and explain how you would proceed to follow the process and develop supporters to work with you. This class will be lead by former State Legislator and King County Councilmember Kathy Lambert who has 27 years of experience in the legislative process. Come eager to learn with your computer and an inquisitive mind!	9-12		20	20	U105
1	Scrivner, Marianne	How to Host A Game Night	Come learn how to host a delicious and fun game night with friends. During each class period, students will learn to prepare a quick and easy snack followed by learning and playing strategic, trick-taking card games together (i.e., hearts, spades, euchre).	7-12	8	8	16	M205

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1	Mack, Jared	Improv!	Come explore long and short form improvisation with Mr. Mack. We will use a variety of games and exercises to gain in-the-moment experience of thinking and responding in public settings. This course will challenge students to say "yes, and," to celebrate risk taking, and to create characters with speed and precision. Students will enjoy learning new techniques for storytelling, expression, and public speaking.	7-12	12	8	20	Diamond Performing Arts Center
1	Cheung, Grace	Intro to Badminton: Cheung Edition	Swoosh! Pong! Reep-reep! Ah, the sound of rackets swishing, birdies flying, and shoes squeaking on the melodic gym floor...but wait. You are used to playing outside on your soggy, uneven grass or used to learning the backhand serve while being stuck in dress uniform! This introduction to badminton class is right for you if you have always wanted to dive deeper into the basics of badminton, need stress relief from AP Lang, or just want some friendly competition so you can beat your brother in the backyard! Grace and Gary Cheung '28, who have a combined 10+ years of training and 2.5 years of coaching in badminton, will walk you through some basic shots, teach you the rules and fun of singles, doubles, and mixed doubles, and teach you to play some fan-favorite badminton games so you can experience the sound of badminton yourself. During rest times, Grace will also share her experiences of competing and seeing Jesus throughout her competition years, as she is "most likely to share the love of Jesus with millions of people through badminton." (Bear Creek Yearbook 2023) Equipment will be provided, but students should wear comfortable (preferably athletic) clothing and running shoes to class each day. The class will be taught by Bear Creek alumna Grace Cheung '23.	9-12		16	16	Gym

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1	Krauskopf, Karl	Investing in Real Estate	Join Karl Krauskopf, founder of local investment firm Gold Multifamily, in this real estate investing course which is designed for students in grades 7 through 12, introducing them to the fundamentals of real estate as a tool for building wealth. Through interactive lessons and engaging activities, students will learn key concepts such as property types, real estate markets, basic investment strategies, and the importance of cash flow. The course emphasizes financial literacy, teaching how to evaluate investment opportunities, understanding mortgages, and recognizing the risks and rewards involved in real estate transactions. Students will also explore career paths within the industry. No prior knowledge of real estate or investing is required, but a general understanding of mathematics and an interest in financial concepts are recommended. This course equips young learners with foundational knowledge to begin thinking about real estate as a long-term investment opportunity. This class will be taught by Bear Creek dad Karl Krauskopf, husband of US Counselor Marissa Krauskopf.	7-12	7	13	20	U103
1	Bird, Prisca	Movie Magic with Studio Ghibli: Fantastical Creatures and Enchanted Landscapes	Have you ever wished you could ride in a giant cat bus or hang out with a friendly forest spirit? Have you ever wanted to join a band of sky pirates or travel around the countryside in a magical shapeshifting house? Join Ms. Bird for a film course celebrating the dynamic storytelling of Studio Ghibli and Japanese animator Hayao Miyazaki. You will be able to vote on the 2 – 3 specific films that we watch. The rest of the course will feature clips from Studio Ghibli's film catalogue. Through breathtaking scenery and unforgettable alliances, Studio Ghibli invites us to see our world anew—as a place of true enchantment and meaningful connections.	7-12	12	8	20	U202

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1	Higley, Phil	RPG Extravaganza!	Come join Mr. Higley and Mr. Davison for role playing board games. In this class, we'll be focusing on the art and science of board game RPG playing. Participants will gain skills in not just "playing games" but also learn strategy that challenges the mind and builds tactical social skills in the process. Games available will be D&D, Dominion, and Magic the Gathering.	9-12		20	20	U205
1	Brown, Nicole	Speaking Presence and Presentation Skills	This course is designed to equip students with practical techniques to enhance their speaking presence and deliver impactful presentations. Through a blend of theory and hands-on practice, this course covers essential aspects of effective communication and presence techniques, including body language, vocal variety, and audience engagement. Participants will learn strategies to build confidence, manage anxiety, and structure their presentations for maximum clarity and persuasiveness. By the end of the course, students will be able to command a room, captivate their audience, and communicate their ideas with greater authority and impact. The class will be taught by Bear Creek mom Nicole Brown.	9-12		20	20	U209



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1	Pina, Laura	Yoga	Discover the benefits of yoga in this fun and engaging class! This course will introduce you to the fundamentals of yoga, including basic poses, breathing techniques, and mindfulness practices. Whether you are looking to improve flexibility, reduce stress, or simply try something new, Mrs. Pina's class offers a welcoming environment for all skill levels. Join us to enhance your physical and mental well-being through the practice of yoga.	9-12		20	20	Vivaldi (Drama) Room
2	Blakeley, Hillary	AP Biology	Required AP class - only for AP students assigned to this class (see separate pdf with assignments)	9-12		12	12	U102
2	Montalvo, Aaron	AP Calculus AB	Required AP class - only for AP students assigned to this class (see separate pdf with assignments)	9-12		12	12	U103
2	Bell, Elissa	AP Chemistry	Required AP class - only for AP students assigned to this class (see separate pdf with assignments)	9-12		16	16	U106
2	Norris, Kenneth	AP English Language	Required AP class - only for AP students assigned to this class (see separate pdf with assignments)	9-12		17	17	U206
2	Summers, Ryan	AP English Literature	Required AP class - only for AP students assigned to this class (see separate pdf with assignments)	9-12		13	13	U204
2	Sorensen, Robert	AP European History	Required AP class - only for AP students assigned to this class (see separate pdf with assignments)	9-12		13	13	U208
2	Strobel, Brent	AP United States History	Required AP class - only for AP students assigned to this class (see separate pdf with assignments)	9-12		15	15	U201
2	Mendezona, Tyler	Basketball	Join Coach Mendo for JanTerm basketball. Come shoot hoops and play against each other in The Den. We will play some smaller games but mostly big, full court games. Students will scrimmage every day so please bring basketball shoes, basketball clothes, and water.	9-12		20	20	Gym
2	Thompson, Kelsey	Beginning Band	Learn how to play an instrument with Mrs. Thompson! Beginning Band is open to all students regardless of prior musical knowledge. Students will choose a band instrument to learn over the course of the two week term. Instruments and music will be provided.	9-12		20	20	Alleva Band Room

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2	Schnarre, Mark	Branching into Forestry	Join Mr. Schnarre walking the Wood's forest located across the street from Upper School. We will learn about forestry and complete forest inventory plots, cataloging tree species, tree height, age, live crown ratio, tree height-to-diameter ratio, and basal area. We are trying to get 10 plots catalogued and compare them with Mr. Wood's observations from 20+ years ago.	7-12	8	8	16	U149 (Mr. Schnarre's office in US Fine Arts wing)
2	Broyles, Lindy	Cards and Coffee (and Other Drinks)	Come join Mrs. Broyles to learn and play a variety of card games while sipping on delicious beverages. Card games will include but are not limited to Cribbage, Nertz, Hearts, Pitch, Spades, Golf, etc. During JanTerm, students will also teach and play one of the card games with a family member or friend.	9-12		20	20	U101
2	Plourde, Brittany	Digital Drawing & Coffee Shop Vibes	Immerse yourself in the world of digital drawing in a relaxed, coffee shop-inspired setting in this class. Students of all skill levels are invited to join this open, collaborative space where you can help each other and share ideas. Mrs. Plourde will provide a brief introduction to the world of digital art for those who need it and will be available to answer any digital art-related questions, from software help to drawing advice. Mrs. Plourde is excited for you to join her for this community-focused experience where you can enhance your skills, work on your art, enjoy delicious snacks, and vibe to the perfect playlist. Let's draw together!	7-8	20		20	U109
2	LeQuatte, Josie	Girls' Hairstyles	Join Ms. LeQuatte to learn how to do different hairstyles! Throughout JanTerm, students will learn how to style hair with various updos and braids. Snacks and all materials for hairstyling will be provided.	7-8	15		15	M211

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2	Zhou, Wei	Human Vision and Virtual Reality	Human vision is an incredible sense that allows us to see and understand the world around us. Our eyes work like cameras, capturing light and sending signals to our brain, which helps us recognize shapes, colors, and movement. This ability is important for everything we do, from reading and playing sports to enjoying art and nature. Virtual reality (VR) takes our sense of vision to a whole new level. Using special headsets and technology, VR creates immersive environments that make us feel like we're somewhere else, like exploring outer space or walking through a jungle! It tricks our brain into thinking we're really there, even though our bodies are in the real world. By combining our understanding of how we see with cutting-edge technology, VR opens up exciting possibilities for games, education, and more! This course will be taught by Bear Creek dad Wei Zhou. Prerequisite: must be enrolled in or have completed Geometry.	7-8	10		10	M206

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2	Cross, Kelly	Improvistional Theater Games	Improvistional theater games encourage creativity, raise morale, and are just plain ole fun! If you are looking for a class where you can spark those creative juices and experience the joys of collaboration, come join the JanTerm 2025 improv team with Miss Cross.	7-8	14		14	M207
2	Osborn, Trinity	It's All in the Pieces	Do you like to put together jigsaw puzzles? Do you know who invented the first jigsaw puzzle and how they came to be so popular? Did you know there's an actual Jigsaw Puzzle Competition and tournament circuit nation and worldwide? It's true! Join Mrs. Osborn as we take the next eight days to not only explore the history and amazing story of the "jigsaw puzzle," learn strategies, tips and tricks to complete puzzles, but also take on the challenge to complete a 1000 piece puzzle by the end of the course! Most importantly, come expecting to relax with friends over treats, meet new students, and enjoy the company of your peers in this process of puzzle solving.	9-12		20	20	U214
2	Joly-Prieur, Annie and Graves, Elizabeth	Learn French and Discover France	Do you wish to know a little of the French language and discover France? Ms. Joly, who is French, will teach some basics to beginners through sketches like: how to introduce oneself and describe the family, how to buy a baguette or croissants at a bakery, how to speak about the weather, or how to ask for directions. The teachers will share their passion for the French language, culture, and traditions. Repeat students are permitted. This class will be taught by Upper School French teacher, Madame Graves, and native French-speaker and Bear Creek grandparent, Annie Joly-Prieur.	7-8	20		20	U209

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2	Schnarre, Jacky	Let's Be Knotty - Embroidery Floss Creations	A lot of knots tied together can create many a lovely thing, including friendship bracelets, cross stitch, and embroidery. Join Mrs. Schnarre and spend time looking at the basics of knot tying for friendship bracelets focusing first on patterned bracelets and moving into more elaborate designs with images. Once you feel comfortable with knots, we will focus on cross stitching and creating designs on fabric with simple x's. Our last exploration will use floss to create flowers and other designs.	7-8	20		20	M204
2	Liang, Shelly	Mandarin Chinese Essentials: Greetings, Self-Introduction, and Family	In this course, students will embark on an exciting linguistic journey to master the foundations of Mandarin Chinese. This course is specially designed for non-heritage or non-native speakers with no prior knowledge of Chinese. Through engaging lessons, students will delve into the world of Pinyin, Chinese characters, and core vocabulary while exploring essential grammar and conversational structures. The course places a strong emphasis on interactive and functional conversations, allowing students to apply their newfound language skills in real-life situations. Beyond speaking and listening, students will also gain introductory proficiency in reading and writing. Course materials will be provided by the teacher, and the class size is limited to 15 students, ensuring a personalized and interactive learning experience. On this language-learning adventure you will not only grasp the basics of Mandarin Chinese but also discover the cultural insights that make this language truly captivating. This class will be taught by Bear Creek mom Shelly Liang.	7-8	15		15	M205

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2	Song, Prof. Yang	Mastering Money: A Teen's Guide to Personal Finance and Financial Markets	Money—it's something we all deal with, but how much do we really know about managing it? With Prof. Yang Song from the Foster School of Business at University of Washington, students will dive into the basics of personal finance and financial markets, breaking it all down in a way that makes sense for your everyday life. We will cover how to budget smartly, save for the things you actually want, and even get a sneak peek into how the stock market works (hint: it's not just for adults in suits!). Whether you are saving for that next big purchase, thinking about college, or just want to feel more confident about your finances, this course will give you practical tips to help you make better financial choices now and down the road. By the end, you will feel ready to take control and crush your financial goals! This class will be taught by Bear Creek dad Prof. Yang Song. Prerequisite for grade 8: advanced math ability.	8-12	6	14	20	U105
2	Faris, Mike	Me Like Fire! The Art and Science of Grilling	For thousands of years, meat and flame have been combined to sustain us. And often, it sure does taste good. In this class, students will learn how to grill their food. We will discuss heat sources, grill materials, rubs, sauces, meats, and veggies. And we will eat. As a final project, students will prepare a meal for their families. Students will be working with open flames. This class may not be repeated but arrangements can be made to be Mr. Faris' assistant if the course has been taken before.	9-12		15	15	Nagel Commons

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2	Yang, Eddie	Pre-Law 101: Thinking Like a Lawyer	"Objection!" "Hearsay!" "You can't handle the truth!" Is this really what lawyers say all day? If you are curious about what it's like to be a lawyer, come and join this fun and engaging class where we will dive into real-life cases and learn to think like a lawyer. We will also discuss the law school experience and various career paths. This class will be taught by Bear Creek dad Eddie Yang who worked as an engineer at Intel for over 6 years before becoming a lawyer. He is now a Senior Corporate Counsel at Microsoft.	9-12		20	20	U202
2	Mack, Jared	Songwriting	Come learn to write an original song with Mr. Mack. Students will turn their ideas into tunes and conclude the JanTerm by recording their song in the studio. This course is designed for new songwriters as well as those who have been writing for years.	7-12	8	8	16	Practice Rooms
2	Kuhle, James	Ukulele JAM Term	Enjoy the island vibes and learn the basics of Hawaii's famous instrument with Mr. Kuhle. We will learn chords, strum patterns, and play along to both popular and traditional songs. There are no prerequisites: total beginners and repeat students are welcome!	7-12	8	7	15	Main Music Room 30

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2	Wong, Bethany	Writing Artists, Artists Writing	Calling all creative writers and book lovers. This course takes its inspiration from the poetic memoir, made popular by writers such as Sandra Cisneros ( <i>The House on Mango Street</i> ), Nikki Grimes ( <i>Garvey's Choice</i> ), Lisa Fipps ( <i>Starfish</i> ), and Thanhha Lai ( <i>Inside Out and Back Again</i> ). In these texts, the protagonist shares his or her feelings through rich poetic descriptions of everyday life. We will study them to think about our own voices—how to share our thoughts, how to craft insight, and how to make the ordinary extraordinary. In <i>Weight of Glory</i> , C.S. Lewis talks about how “there are no ordinary people.” This truth becomes manifest not only when we read to empathize with characters, but also when we write to share what is true and beautiful about our own lives. Come prepared to read and discuss why stories matter before crafting your own short verse novella.	7-12	14	6	20	M208
3	Gardiner, Catherine	All About Spanish	Do you not know which language you will study in Upper School? Do you ever plan to vacation in a Spanish-speaking country? As of 2022, there were more than 572 million Spanish speakers around the globe with the United States home to the second-largest Spanish-speaking population in the world after Mexico. It is inevitable that you will run into a Spanish speaker at some point in your life. So why not learn some Spanish? In this JanTerm course, students will create imaginative stories and experience aspects of Latin culture by preparing meals and singing songs all while learning some basic Spanish. Intended for eighth-grade students.	8	20		20	U207



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3	Besaw, Jim and Smidt, Robert	And Then There Were None	Join Mr. Besaw and Mr. Smidt for a thrilling journey into the world of mystery as we dive into Agatha Christie's classic, <i>And Then There Were None</i> . In this interactive course, students will read the novel together and work as a team to solve the mystery before the last page is turned. As we analyze the text, we will create and update a suspect list, using clues from the story to narrow down potential culprits. To add to the fun, we'll also have mystery-themed games like Clue available to play on the side, letting students sharpen their detective skills even further!	7-8	20		20	M205
3	Lee, Hana	Annyeong Hankook: An Immersion into South Korean Language and Culture	Curious about k-pop or k-dramas? Or maybe you are already a fan. Do you love Korean food or are you curious about dishes such as kimchi and Korean BBQ? Join Mrs. Lee and dive into all of the above topics and more while immersing yourself in the Korean language. Through exploration of Korean food, music, fashion, and art, students will learn how to engage in basic conversations in Korean. They will also master Hangeul, the Korean alphabet, in order to read and write in Korean. No prior knowledge of Korean required.	7-12	10	6	16	Farmhouse
3	Shipley, Lani	AP Calculus BC	Required AP class - only for AP students assigned to this class (see separate pdf with assignments)	9-12		11	11	U105
3	Sorensen, Robert	AP European History	Required AP class - only for AP students assigned to this class (see separate pdf with assignments)	9-12		17	17	U208
3	Pina, Laura	AP Music Theory	Required AP class - only for AP students assigned to this class (see separate pdf with assignments)	9-12		7	7	Alleva Band Room
3	Montalvo, Aaron	AP Statistics	Required AP class - only for AP students assigned to this class (see separate pdf with assignments)	9-12		31	31	Wesley Choir Room
3	Strobel, Brent	AP United States History	Required AP class - only for AP students assigned to this class (see separate pdf with assignments)	9-12		15	15	U201

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3	Beazizo, Emily	Are you ready? LEGO®!	Do you love building things out of LEGO®? If you have been building for years or love walking by a LEGO® store and you want every set, then Ms. Beazizo's class is for you. Come have fun by having team-building competitions, using your creativity, and being able to use your building brain to come up with new creations. We will go through struggles, but as a team, we will problem solve, brainstorm new ideas, and just all around have fun. Just as LEGO® pieces can be put together to make something beautiful, we will see how every piece is important to hold our creations together just as God does every day of our lives.	7-12	14	6	20	M203
3	Kuhle, James	Basketball	Come and enjoy playing basketball with Mr. Kuhle. This class will include shoot-arounds, small-sided games, and fun competitions. Anyone can join.	7-8	20		20	Gym
3	Higley, Phil	Building, Painting, and Playing with Boardgame Miniatures	If you love to play boardgames, come join Mr. Higley and Quentin Davison '26 for building, painting, and playing with board game miniatures. A variety of miniatures will be provided as well as paints and brushes (and other supplies). You are welcome to bring your own supplies as well. Examples of games include D&D, Warhammer, Gloomhaven, and LOTRs. Additionally, if you just want to paint figurines for fun, that's cool too.	9-12		20	20	U205
3	Plourde, Brittany	Digital Drawing & Coffee Shop Vibes	Immerse yourself in the world of digital drawing in a relaxed, coffee shop-inspired setting in this class. Students of all skill levels are invited to join this open, collaborative space where you can help each other and share ideas. Mrs. Plourde will provide a brief introduction to the world of digital art for those who need it and will be available to answer any digital art-related questions, from software help to drawing advice. Mrs. Plourde is excited for you to join her for this community-focused experience where you can enhance your skills, work on your art, enjoy delicious snacks, and vibe to the perfect playlist. Let's draw together!	9-12		20	20	U109

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3	Coty, Robert and Davison, Kevin	How to Be a Game Master	Mr. Coty and Mr. Davison will be teaching a course on the art of running a Tabletop Roleplaying Game (TTRPG) for a group of players. The course will alternate between subject-based lecture and discussion and actual play to show an example in action. Students are expected to learn the rules of a game quickly and be willing to engage in discussion and analyses of those rules, why they exist, and how to best utilize them. Students should also expect to partake in small role-playing exercises to build theatrical muscles and gain confidence in improv thinking and acting. Repeat students are not permitted. The class will be taught by Bear Creek IT Helpdesk Technician Robert Coty.	7-8	14		14	M208
3	Cross, Kelly	Improvistional Theater Games	Improvistional theater games encourage creativity, raise morale, and are just plain ole fun! If you are looking for a class where you can spark those creative juices and experience the joys of collaboration, come join the JanTerm 2025 improv team with Miss Cross.	7-8	14		14	M207
3	Furqan, Zeeshan	Introduction to Computer Science	This class will focus on exploring computer science and how it can help students get better at other academic subjects (e.g., mathematics, philosophy, etc.). It's not just about coding but aiding students in thinking critically, improving their problem-solving skills, and scaling their thoughts to bigger problems. My goals for students will be to learn about the impact of computers in our lives and learn to divide and conquer complex problems. No prior coding experience is required. This class will be taught by Bear Creek dad Zeeshan Furqan.	7-12	8	12	20	U103

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3	Gomulkiewicz, Katie	It's a Dog's Life	Do you love dogs? If so, then this class is for you! Spend two weeks petting puppies and learning more about canis lupus familiaris including the origins of the domestic dog, the life of a working dog, and what it's like to be a pet influencer. And why is Ms. Gomulkiewicz qualified to talk about dogs? Well, first of all she loves them! But also, when not working hard as your college advisor, Ms. Gomulkiewicz is a dog mom to Oscar Wilde and Scout who have more that 21k followers on Instagram, and she also competes with her Labrador in scent detection competitions. In short, she's a total dog mom. Sign up for this class if you want to witness the amazing power of a dog's nose, learn basic tips and tricks to train your own pet, and cuddle with corgis.	7-12	10	10	20	U101
3	Osborn, Trinity	Let's Sketch!	Join Mrs. Osborn as we challenge, stretch, and grow our sketching skills over eight days of observational and creative drawing. Do you enjoy sitting, chilling in a calm atmosphere, and losing all track of time while you put pen to paper? If you are a diehard sketcher and love to sit and draw, this is the course for you. Get a new scene to draw from daily, challenge your observational skills, and stretch your imagination. Must want to draw daily in this class and have intermediate drawing skills for this course to be advantageous to you.	9-12		20	20	U214
3	Faris, Mike	Me Like Fire! The Art and Science of Grilling	For thousands of years, meat and flame have been combined to sustain us. And often, it sure does taste good. In this class, students will learn how to grill their food. We will discuss heat sources, grill materials, rubs, sauces, meats, and veggies. And we will eat. As a final project, students will prepare a meal for their families. Students will be working with open flames. This class may not be repeated but arrangements can be made to be Mr. Faris' assistant if the course has been taken before.	9-12		15	15	Nagel Commons

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3	Thompson, Kelsey	Middle School Jazz Band	Come learn the basics of jazz with Mrs. Thompson! Students will learn multiple jazz styles and delve into the world of improvisation. Prior musical knowledge is preferred.	7-8	20		20	Main Music Room 30
3	Hill, Daniel	Powerlifting	Students will learn and perfect the techniques of powerlifting: mastering movement in the barbell squat, barbell chest press, and barbell deadlift. Coach Hill will teach the proper form for the three main foundational movements of powerlifting (squat, bench, deadlift) as well as how to add accessories to your physical strength training program to advance your strength and scale intensity to help solidify strength gains and avoid injury.	7-12	6	9	15	Fitness Center
3	Broyles, Dan	Probability in Mathematics	Students will engage in the mathematics of probability as it applies to game design. We will be studying things like chances of winning or losing a game and the theories behind those concepts. Students will design their own games which we will invite other classes to come play in a carnival like atmosphere to win prizes.	7-10	14	6	20	M206
3	Bird, Prisca	Samurai vs. Godzilla: Epic Japanese Films	Did you know that <i>Star Wars: A New Hope</i> was inspired by samurai in feudal Japan? Or that Godzilla isn't just a cranky oversized lizard but a symbol of Japan's efforts to deal with the trauma of the Asia-Pacific War? From epic sword fights to mind-blowing sci-fi, join Ms. Bird for a JanTerm course centered around the best of Japanese filmmaking. You will be able to vote on the 2 – 3 films we watch in their entirety.	9-12		20	20	U202
3	Graves, Elizabeth	Sip and Stroll	Do you enjoy going for a walk, whether in the woods or on the streets? How about sipping a hot beverage and chatting with friends? Perhaps you find rest in a solo stroll? Join Madame Graves for an enriching experience that combines the simple pleasures of walking, talking, and sipping a favorite hot (or cold) beverage with contemplations on God, nature, faith, and creative expression, among others. We will stroll in natural landscapes and cityscapes in an effort to get away, re-charge, and re-focus. Prerequisite: ability to walk. Repeat students permitted.	9-12		22	22	U209

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3	Schuldt, Mark	World War Two Pacific War Simulation	WWII, table-top strategy, and history enthusiasts will find a unique opportunity for learning and fun in this JanTerm course. This is a new and revised version of this Simulation and will include even better game play than last year. Join Mr. Schuldt to learn about the history and the strategies employed by Japan and the United States in the Pacific between 1942 and 1945 as we simulate the war across the Pacific theater. Students will form teams to take either side and work together to manage the economy, logistics, strategy, and combat of the Pacific war. We will use elaborate rules and systems to manage a simulation far more complete than any boardgame can offer. This class is intended for students who love complex boardgames, war-strategy, and teamwork. This course will be challenging and require maturity and endurance.	9-12		16	16	U203 (dedicated)
4	Montalvo, Aaron	AP Calculus AB	Required AP class - only for AP students assigned to this class (see separate pdf with assignments)	9-12		22	22	U103
4	Shiple, Lani	AP Calculus BC	Required AP class - only for AP students assigned to this class (see separate pdf with assignments)	9-12		15	15	U105
4	Norris, Kenneth	AP English Language	Required AP class - only for AP students assigned to this class (see separate pdf with assignments)	9-12		14	14	U206
4	Dunn, Donna	AP Environmental Science	Required AP class - only for AP students assigned to this class (see separate pdf with assignments)	9-12		17	17	U102
4	Sorensen, Robert	AP European History	Required AP class - only for AP students assigned to this class (see separate pdf with assignments)	9-12		22	22	U208

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4	Peterson, Laura	Beginning Creative Writing	Have you always wanted to try creative writing but didn't know how to start? Is there a story bubbling up inside you, seeking its way into the world? Then Mrs. Peterson's class is for you. Taught by a middle-grade novelist, this creative writing introductory class comes with a wide-open invitation to explore in an encouraging setting. Students will learn a variety of techniques to help them become effective creative writers. Topics include unlocking creativity, banishing the inner critic, creating compelling characters, using description effectively, and making the three-act structure your friend. Students will practice daily free writes, play lots of writing games, share their work with others (if they so choose), and have many opportunities to create. Author Toni Morrison is noted as saying, "If there is a book you want to read, but it hasn't been written yet, then you must write it." This course will be taught by Bear Creek mom Laura Peterson.	7-8	20		20	U205
4	Barbour, Marcy	Beginning to Use Your DSLR or Mirrorless Camera	Students will learn the basics of using your DSLR or mirrorless camera. You will learn how to use the manual setting to create the pictures you want. If you took this course last year, you are welcome to come and learn some more advanced uses for your camera. Just starting? No problem. The class will be taught by Bear Creek grandmother Marcy Barbour.	7-12	8	12	20	U107
4	Meyer, Stephanie	Cardboard Engineering	Cardboard... we recycle a ton of it, but did you know it comes in several different forms of varying strength and can be repurposed into some pretty nifty items? Join Mrs. Meyer's class for an opportunity to design and build amazing creations out of this versatile medium. Last year's students made some really fun items: mini ski ball table, Rube Goldberg machines, and a flying monkey toy. Come and see what you can craft! Please do not sign up for this class if you have already taken it.	7-12	14	6	20	M201

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4	Broyles, Lindy	Cards and Cocoa (and Other Drinks)	Come join Mrs. Broyles to learn and play a variety of card games while sipping on delicious beverages. Card games will include but are not limited to Cribbage, Nertz, Hearts, Pitch, Spades, Golf, etc. During JanTerm, students will also teach and play one of the card games with a family member or friend.	7-8	20		20	U101
4	Fowler, Michaelene	City Emergency Operation Center Simulation	Explore the inner workings of a City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during a simulated crisis. Students will take on critical roles within the EOC to respond to a major emergency, such as a natural disaster or public safety incident. Through role-playing and problem-solving exercises, participants will gain a deeper understanding of emergency management, coordination between agencies, and decision-making processes under pressure. This class will be taught by Bear Creek mom Michaelene Fowler.	9-12		20	20	U204
4	Betts, Terry	Fiber Crafting	Terry Betts will teach knitting, crocheting, and cross stitch. No previous experience of these crafts is necessary, but anyone with hand-craft experience is welcome. Students will learn basic knitting stitches with the goal to make a scarf. They will also learn basic crochet stitches with the goal to make something they can wear such as fingerless mittens or something of their choice. Cross stitch can be done on cloth or plastic canvas. One possible project would be a charm for your back pack. The class will be taught by Terry Betts, a Bear Creek grandparent.	7-8	12		12	U201



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4	Smidt, Robert and Besaw, Jim	Game On: Multiplayer Madness!	Dive into the exciting world of group video gaming with our Interactive Group Gaming class! This course offers students the chance to engage in friendly competition and cooperative play through popular games like Mario Kart, Beat Saber, and other thrilling multiplayer titles. Whether you are a seasoned gamer or new to the scene, you will find a welcoming environment to hone your skills, strategize with peers, and enjoy the camaraderie of gaming together. Each session will feature different games, ensuring a dynamic and fun experience each day. Join Mr. Smidt to explore the social and strategic aspects of gaming, make new friends, and most importantly, have a blast!	7-8	20		20	M202
4	Rogers, Sean	GOAAAAALLL!	Soccer (aka football/futbol/calcio) is the most played and watched sport in the world. Join Mr. Rogers (former high school soccer player, current rec league hacker, and fan of both great and mediocre soccer clubs and national teams) in an exploration of what is affectionately known as "The Beautiful Game." This class is for soccer fans and wannabe soccer fans who want to learn more about the sport and grow in their fandom. No actual soccer games will be played, but plenty of soccer-watching, storytelling, and discussion will be! By the end, you will come away knowing more about your favorite (or soon-to-be favorite) sport.	7-12	10	10	20	U110

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4	Yeo, Shirley	Gusto, a Taste of Italy! + Valentine's = Food Inspired and Made with Heart!	With Valentine's Day around the corner, we will adventure together and learn how to make yummy food that you can recreate at home to celebrate "Amore" (love) Italian-style with your family and friends! Mrs. Yeo will teach you how to hand-craft your own pizza dough from scratch, have foodie taste tests to distinguish the different flavors in toppings (Soppressata, Burrata—what is that?) and customize your own authentic Italian pizza! Is gelato the same as ice cream? Come and find out the difference and enjoy creating your own favorite blended flavor! You will learn how to make your own Valentine's bouquet to give to someone special--your mom, grandma, or favorite teacher to share the love! Lots of fun and creative Valentine-themed surprises await! Finally, originally created by Italy's neighbor, France, the "piece de resistance" will be a wonderful surprise dessert that will truly <i>astound</i> your friends and family! Note: students with known food allergies should <b>not</b> sign up for this class. This class will be taught by Shirley Yeo, mom of Bear Creek alumni Shekina '22 and Christian '23.	7-8	8		8	Farmhouse
4	Bell, Elissa	Harry Potter's Secrets Revealed: The Themes, Characters, and Cultural Influence of Harry Potter	What makes the Harry Potter series so broadly appealing? How does a little-known author create a worldwide cultural phenomenon from the depths of her own personal despair? And ultimately as Christians, how do we read, process, and enjoy a story like Harry Potter? Join Ms. Bell and look at the traditional literary themes and symbols in Harry Potter and how J.K. Rowling uses her characters to create such a compelling story. We will also look carefully at how Rowling uses specific language to tell her story. Remember, this is a Muggle course—so leave your wands at home!	9-12		20	20	U106

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4	Scrivner, Marianne	How to Host A Game Night	Come learn how to host a delicious and fun game night with friends. During each class period, students will learn to prepare a quick and easy snack followed by learning and playing strategic, trick-taking card games together (i.e., hearts, spades, euchre).	7-12	8	8	16	M205
4	Schnarre, Jacky	Let's Be Knotty - Embroidery Floss Creations	A lot of knots tied together can create many a lovely thing, including friendship bracelets, cross stitch, and embroidery. Join Mrs. Schnarre and spend time looking at the basics of knot tying for friendship bracelets focusing first on patterned bracelets and moving into more elaborate designs with images. Once you feel comfortable with knots, we will focus on cross stitching and creating designs on fabric with simple x's. Our last exploration will use floss to create flowers and other designs.	9-12		18	18	M204
4	LeQuatte, Josie	Nails Nails Nails!	Join Ms. LeQuatte to learn all the different ways to paint nails! Students will get to practice various types of nail designs on their own nails as well as acrylic nails. Snacks and all materials for painting nails will be provided.	7-8	15		15	M211
4	Mendezona, Tyler	Pickleball	Come get picklish in this fun course with Coach Mendo! Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong using a paddle and plastic ball with holes. Rules for pickleball are simple, making it a great introductory sport. It can also be quite the challenging, fast-paced, and competitive game when people become more experienced at playing. Students will play singles and doubles tournaments.	7-12	8	12	20	Gym
4	Hill, Daniel	Powerlifting	Students will learn and perfect the techniques of powerlifting: mastering movement in the barbell squat, barbell chest press, and barbell deadlift. Coach Hill will teach the proper form for the three main foundational movements of powerlifting (squat, bench, deadlift) as well as how to add accessories to your physical strength training program to advance your strength and scale intensity to help solidify strength gains and avoid injury.	7-12	6	9	15	Fitness Center

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4	Schuldt, Mark	Strategy Board Games	Come play a selection of fantastic strategy-based board games with Mr. Schuldt. This class will be a blast for everyone from elite board gamers and casual hobbyist board gamers or even those interested in trying serious board games for the first time. We will be playing medium to rigorous board games, but Mr. Schuldt will help you so do not feel intimidated. If you have a great game of your own, feel free to bring it!	8-12	8	12	20	U210 (dedicated)
4	Wong, Bethany	The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes	Everyone knows Sherlock Holmes. He is one of the most beloved literary characters of all time. We never tire of the logical hero and his trustworthy colleague, Dr. Watson, saving the day. Today, you can admire his famous profile at the Baker Street station in London. The deer stalker and long coat have become synonymous with being a detective. In this class, we will study the original Conan Doyle stories and Holmes adaptations across written and visual mediums (film, TV, short stories, novels, etc.). Join Ms. Wong as we explore the character's enduring appeal while discussing what it means to write and solve mysteries then and now.	7-8	20		20	M208
4	Fowler, Jaxon; Shimada, Kobe	Two Step Your Way to College (Country Dancing and College Tips)	Two Step Your Way to College introduces students to a variety of country dances, including line dancing, two-step, and country swing, while also offering lessons in Southern charm and etiquette, such as how to confidently ask someone to dance. The course is designed for everyone, regardless of experience, and welcomes absolute beginners. While students are encouraged to sign up with a friend or dance partner, it is completely optional, making it easy for anyone to join. This course is taught by college students with real-life experience. It will foster a fun, friendly environment for learning both dance moves and social skills. Whether you are looking to sharpen your dancing skills or simply want to embrace the charm of Southern culture, this course is perfect for all. This class will be taught by Bear Creek alumni Kobe Shimada '24 and Jaxon Fowler '24.	9-12		20	20	Vivaldi (Drama) Room

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4	Beynon, Colin	Yearbook: Once more into the book!	In this class with Mr. Beynon, you will help build and design a timeless yearbook, play games, eat snacks, and be comfortable in your awesome and exclusive yearbook swag. You will be introduced to journalism through helping produce this year's yearbook. We will do everything from talk conceptually about what this year means to us to actually working on this year's book that everyone will see. Join yearbook for an awesome time! We have snacks! Hope to see you this January!	9-12		20	20	U202