



MISSION

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.



Lower School: K – 4 Experience

Shaping Desires

- Truth, Beauty, and Goodness
- Virtues: Growing in wisdom, compassion, courage

Learning Community Teaming Together

- Students
- Teachers
- Staff
- Parents
- Administration
- Abbreviations: PS, LS, MS, US



Key Contacts

- Kristen Gephart, Lower School Division Head, <u>kgephart@tbcs.org</u>
- Tracy Whitfield, Lower School Dean of Students, twhitfield@tbcs.org
- Cady Reimer, Lower School Division Assistant, creimer@tbcs.org
- Attendance, absences, or appointments:
 - Email classroom teacher and <u>attendance@tbcs.org</u>



MyBC/Parents

www.tbcs.org/mybc/parents contains a wealth of information.

Use your Bear Creek username (usually firstname.lastname) and password to access:

- New Parent Portal (updating contact information, paying tuition)
- Summer Camp (kindergarten and up)
- Back-to-School Registration will be emailed in early June. At that time, new parents will receive access the Magnus Health portal through the New Parent Portal..



Password Protected

Parent Portal (also
Admissions and New
Parent Portals)

Magnus Health (Read login instructions.)

Photos, Videos, and Streaming

Library Book Holds

Family Handbook

Axis



Communications

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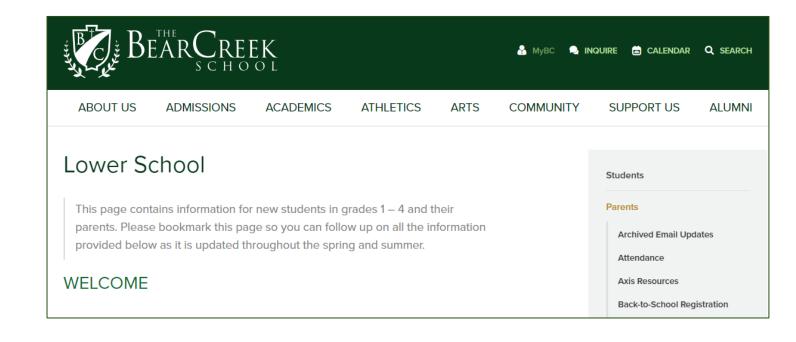


MyBC/Parents

All the information and links covered in this presentation are listed on your New Student Information page. Please visit this page often:

mybc/parents/new-students/lower-school







Back-to-School Registration

Coming to you on June 2. Please submit your forms as soon as possible!



Immunization Requirement

The Bear Creek School is required by State law to ensure all students are compliant with current immunization requirements or have an appropriate exemption. On or before the first day of attendance, all new students and all returning preschool, kindergarten, and grade 7 students must upload medically verified immunization records to the health portal by the summer deadline. Children cannot attend school until these records are provided.

New parents will receive instructions for submitting immunization records in the health portal with Back-to-School Registration on June 2. We cannot accept any forms that have been mailed, emailed, or dropped off.

See your New Student Information page about how to obtain a medically verified copy of your child's immunization records.



Summer Play Dates

- Kindergarten
 - July 10 and August 5
- Grades 1 and 3
 - July 15 and July 31
- Grades 2 and 4
 - July 17 and 29

All play dates are held from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. on playground.





Key Dates

All Bear Creek events are listed on our website calendar. Click CALENDAR at the top of any webpage.

- Math Placement for newer enrollees May 30
 - Contact Cady Reimer (<u>creimer@tbcs.org</u>) with questions
- Back-to-School Registration sent June 2, due August 1
- Cookies at the Creek August 28, 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
- First day of Lower School classes September 2 Dress Uniform
- Inside Bear Creek September 4
- Lower School Curriculum Night September 25
- Lower School Connection October 9
- Lower School Fall Carnival October 21

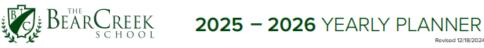


Microsoft 365 Passwords

- Look for email in mid-August about completing a form to help us create a shared password for your child's Microsoft account.
- Please complete the form promptly to enable communication with your child's teacher via Teams.



Yearly Planner 2025 – 2026



Dates are subject to change.

First Day of School US Aug 27 Aug 28 First Day of School MS

Sep 1 No School - Labor Day Sep 2 First Day of School LS Sep 8/9 First Day of School PS

Oct 16 - 17 No School MS/US - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Oct 17 No School LS - Teacher In-Service No School - Teacher In-Service Oct 20 Oct 31 No School PS/LS - Teacher In-Service

Nov 11 No School - Veterans Day

No School PS/LS - Parent/Teacher Conferences

No School - Thanksgiving Break

Dec 16 Early Dismissal US Dec 17 Early Dismissal MS/US

Early Dismissal - Christmas Break Dec 19 - Jan 2 No School - Christmas Break

Jan 5

Jan 9 No School MS/US - Teacher In-Service Jan 16 No School - Teacher In-Service No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

No School - Mid-Winter Break

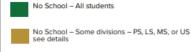
No School PS/LS - Teacher In- Service

No School PS/LS/MS - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Apr 3 No School - Good Friday No School - Spring Break Apr 6-10

May 25 No School - Memorial Day

Jun 4/5 Last Day of School PS Early Dismissal MS/US Jun 9 Last Day of School US Early Dismissal LS/MS Jun 10 Last Day of School LS/MS



Early Dismissal or combination - See details for division and specifics

First Day of School – See details for specifics

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Sample Lower School (Grades 1 – 4) Daily Schedule

School day starts:

8:30 a.m. on M,T, Th, F

9:15 a.m. on W

3 recesses

Specialists primarily after lunch School day ends:

3:15 p.m.

		Grade 3		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Drop-off	Drop-off		Drop-off	Drop-off
Homeroom	Homeroom	Late Start	Homeroom	Homeroom
	Chapel			
Math		Drop-off	Math	Math
	Math	Homeroom		
Recess		Math	Recess	Recess
	Recess	Recess		
Writing	Writing	Writing	Reading	Writing
		Lunch		
		Recess		
	Read Aloud		Bible	
Reading	P.E.	Reading	P.E.	Reading
	History		Spelling	
	•	tensives Multi-W ming and Math Fou Art Language Science Lab		
Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess
Spelling	Poem/Verse	115.4	Poem/Verse	117.4
Cursive		History	Music	History
Reading Buddies	Literacy in the Library	Grammar/Vocab	Reading and	Jingle Review
Bible		Music	Read Aloud	Unfinished Work
Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom
		Pick-up		

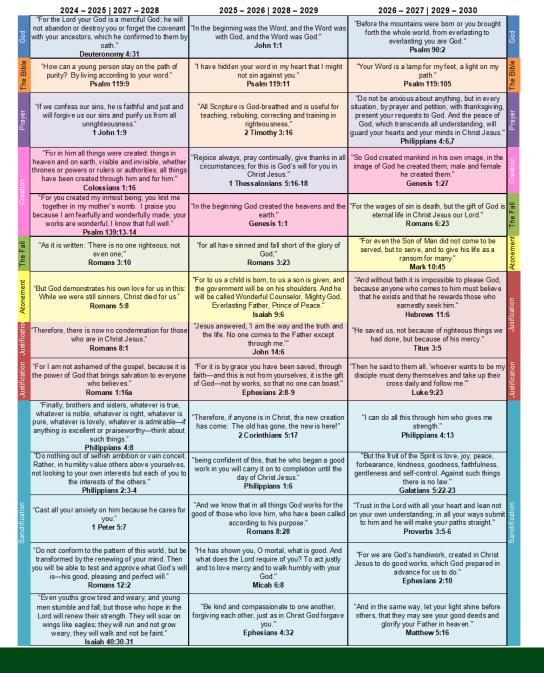


New Student Adjustment

- Teacher plans
- Contact the teacher
- Specialists (Language)
- Concept gaps math

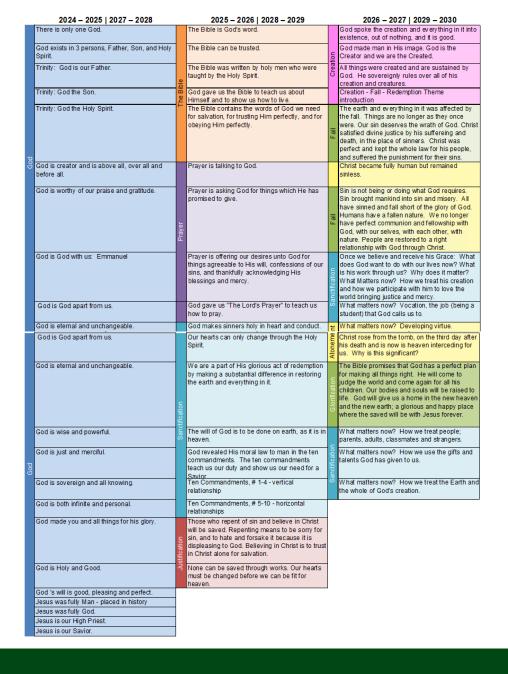


Memory Verses 3-year rotation





Chapel Topics 3-year rotation





UNIFORM GUIDE



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Dress Uniform













Casual Uniform



School Supplies



MyBC/Parents:
Click School Supplies

Click Lower School

Scroll down to grade level



Lunch

- Lunchtab: view the weekly lunch menus, preorder lunch, review their family's dining history, and add money to their family's dining account (new families get access in the summer)
- Students eat at tables in the Main Commons
- There is a nut-free table during lunch for students with severe nut allergies
- Snacks for sharing (birthday celebrations and parties) must be nutfree and include an ingredient list



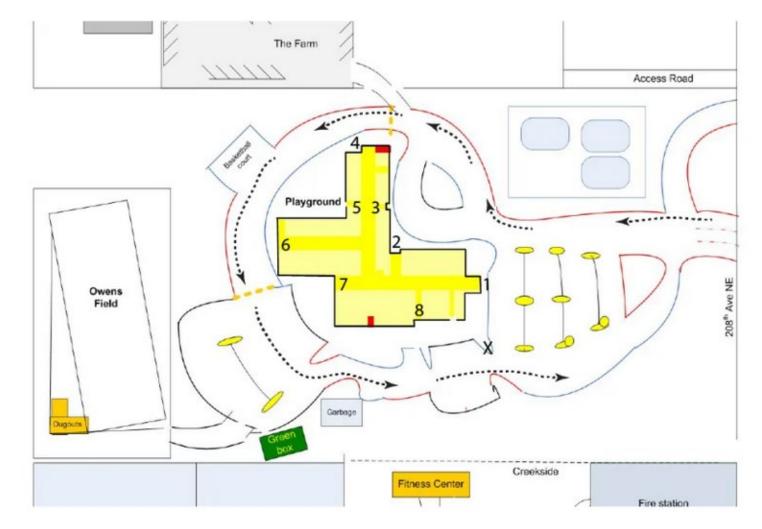


Morning Drop-off

M, **Tu**, **Th**, **F**: 8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

W:

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.







Main Entrance: Door 1



Playground: Door 5



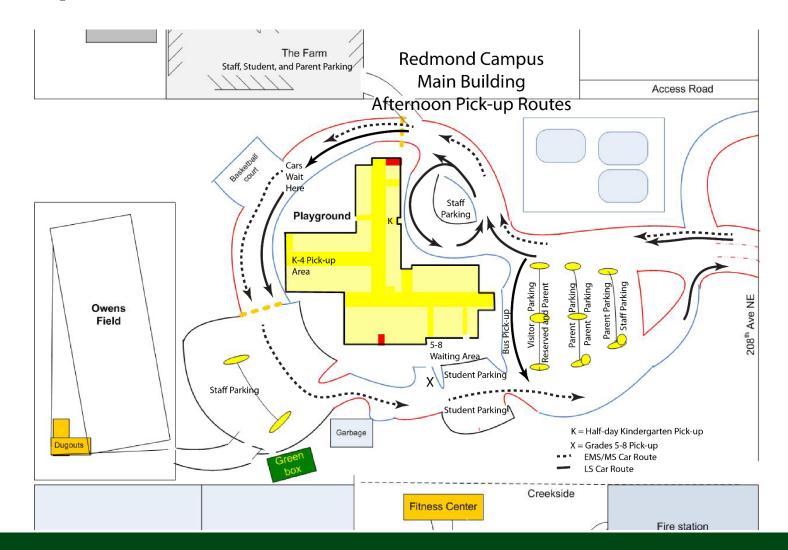
K – 1 Hallway: Door 6 Afternoon Pick-up



Afternoon Pick-up

Grades 1 – 4:

3:15 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.





Dashboard Pick-up Sign

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Bear Creek *Plus*Bear Creek Summer Camp







Bear Creek Parent Groups









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