

Welcome to Upper School

New Parent Welcome and Orientation



Karen Blankenbeckler
Vice President for Academic Affairs



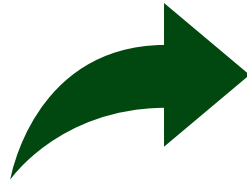
Mission

***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.***

Nancy Gilchrist
Director of Admissions



Admissions



Academics

Parent Mentors



Website Access

RETURNING parents

- No changes (your username is **firstname.lastname**)

NEW parents

- Access the **New Parent Portal** with the same credentials used to access the **Admissions Portal**
 - Update your contact information
 - Pay tuition
 - Access Magnus Health portal after June 2
- **June 2 → Look for Back-to-School Registration email**
 - Visit **tbcs.org/mybc/parents/new-students/upper-school** for the information you need this spring and summer!

Carol Miller
Upper School Division Head



Weekly Schedule 2025 – 2026

- 10-day cycle
- A days, B days
- Longer blocks = deeper learning
- Less rushing, less stress
- Flexibility with homework

US Rotation (10 day-cycle)									
Mon-A	Tue-B	Wed-A	Thu-B	Fri-A	Mon-B	Tue-A	Wed-B	Thu-A	Fri-B
1	5	4	6	3	5	2	6	1	5
2	6	1	5	4	6	3	5	4	6
3	7	2	8	1	7	4	8	2	7
4	8	3	7	2	8	1	7	3	8

- 80-minute blocks
- Chapel and House

- Office hours – M, Tu, Th, F
- Study skills – Tuesday

Week 1

Week 2

Monday A	Tuesday B	Wednesday A	Thursday B	Friday A		Monday B	Tuesday A	Wednesday B	Thursday A	Friday B
Block 1	Block 5	Late Start	Block 6	Block 3	8:00	Block 5	Block 2	Late Start	Block 1	Block 5
Break	Break	Block 4	Break	Break	8:05	Break	Break	Block 6	Break	Break
Block 2	Block 6	PASSING	Block 5	Block 4	8:10	Block 6	Block 3	PASSING	Block 4	Block 6
Lunch and Activity Period	Lunch	Block 1	Lunch	Lunch and Activity Period	8:15	Lunch and Activity Period	Lunch	Block 5	Lunch	Lunch and Activity Period
Block 3	Chapel	Lunch	House	Block 1	8:20	Block 7	Chapel	Lunch	Mentor Groups	Block 7
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Communication

- Students communicate with teachers via Teams
- Teachers will advise where assignments can be found
- Homework is often submitted via One Note or Teams



Microsoft Teams

The screenshot shows the website of The Bear Creek School. At the top, a navigation bar includes links for ABOUT US, ADMISSIONS, ACADEMICS, ATHLETICS, ARTS, COMMUNITY, SUPPORT US, and ALUMNI. A yellow arrow labeled '1' points to the 'MyBC' link in the top right corner. Below the navigation bar, the 'Parents' section is visible, featuring a 'DAILY UNIFORMS' section with a calendar for April 30, 2025, and a 'RESOURCES AND INFORMATION' section. A yellow arrow labeled '2' points to the 'Password Protected' link in the 'Parents' section. A yellow arrow labeled '3' points to the 'Communications' link, which includes a sub-link for 'Attendance'. A yellow arrow labeled '4' points to the 'Logistics' link, which includes a sub-link for 'Class Lists'. A yellow arrow labeled '5' points to the 'Back-to-School Registration' link in the 'Students' section. A yellow arrow labeled '6' points to the 'Lunch Menu' link in the 'Students' section.

Access parent info via tbcs.org

1. Click "MyBC" tab

- Click "Parents" in the dropdown menu

2. Go to the "Password Protected" column

- If new to Bear Creek, you will receive access in June or July
- *Family Handbook – please read!*

3. Communications

- Attendance (absent, tardy, early release)
- Updates (from Division Head and Dean – all are archived)

4. Logistics

5. Back-to-School Registration

6. Lunch Menu

Parent Portal (Also known as “Veracross”)

- Update “My Profile”
- Access Magnus Health
- Weekly class calendar
- School Directories
- Classes & Reports
- Daily Schedule
- Assignments

The Bear Creek School: Parent Portal

Upcoming

WED - APR 26	THU - APR 27	FRI - APR 28	SAT - APR 29	SUN - APR 30
TJU.APCalcAB-5.SD MEU.10HChem-6.Lab MEU.10HChem-6.Lab MEU.9HonWLit - 7.SD MEU.Alg2-1.SD	MEU.Alg2-1.SD MEU.9HistTheo S2-4.Read TJU.11 Biomed-7.SD	TJU.Span III-1.SD TJU.Span III-1.SD TJU.11 Biomed-7.TST TJU.11 Biomed-7.Part MEU.Latin II-3.QZ MEU.9HistTheo S2-4.Jrnl MEU.9H A&W History-2.Ess MEU.Alg2-1.TST MEU.9HonWLit - 7.SD MEU.MusTheater S2-5.Part MEU.9HonWLit - 7.Part TJU.APCalcAB-5.Part MEU.10HChem-6.Part	MEU.MusTheater S2-5.PERF	

Unread message 127

My Household

My Profile

Billing Account

Parent Resources

Health Portal

School Directories

Sports Registration

Naviance Student

School Links

MyBC/Parents

School Events

Sports Events

My Children

Titus

Info

Reports

Links

Classes & Reports

Daily Schedule

Recent Updates

Assignments

CURRENT LOCATION
FREE, no more classes

Megan

Info

Reports

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Amanda Hale
Registrar



Back-to-School Registration and Academic Teams



Registration



Back-to-School



Sports



Academic Teams

Bear Creek Plus

Cubs Club

Academic and College Advising



Ayoleida Páramo

**Dean of Academic Advising
and Study Skills Facilitator**



Katie Gomulkiewicz

**Dean of College and
Academic Advising**

Academic Advising



Academic Planning

→ Summer Assignments

Advanced Placement

Concurrent Credit

→ Course Selection

→ JanTerm

Libraries

Academic Planning

- Summer Assignments
- Course selection advising
- JanTerm

Next Steps for Parents and Students

- **Order uniforms** as needed by **June 30**
- **Back-to-School Registration** will be emailed June 2
 - Complete and submit online by **August 1**
 - **Update** your **Household Profile**
 - Complete health information and sign all **health forms**
 - **Register** for sports teams, academic teams, etc.

Important Dates

Monday, August 25, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

- **Parent Orientation**
- **New Student Orientation**
- **First day of fall sports practice**

Wednesday, August 27, 9:00 a.m.

- **First day of school**

Tuesday, September 16, 7:00 p.m.

- **Upper School Curriculum Night**

Thursday, October 16 – Parent-Teacher Conferences

- **8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – in person**

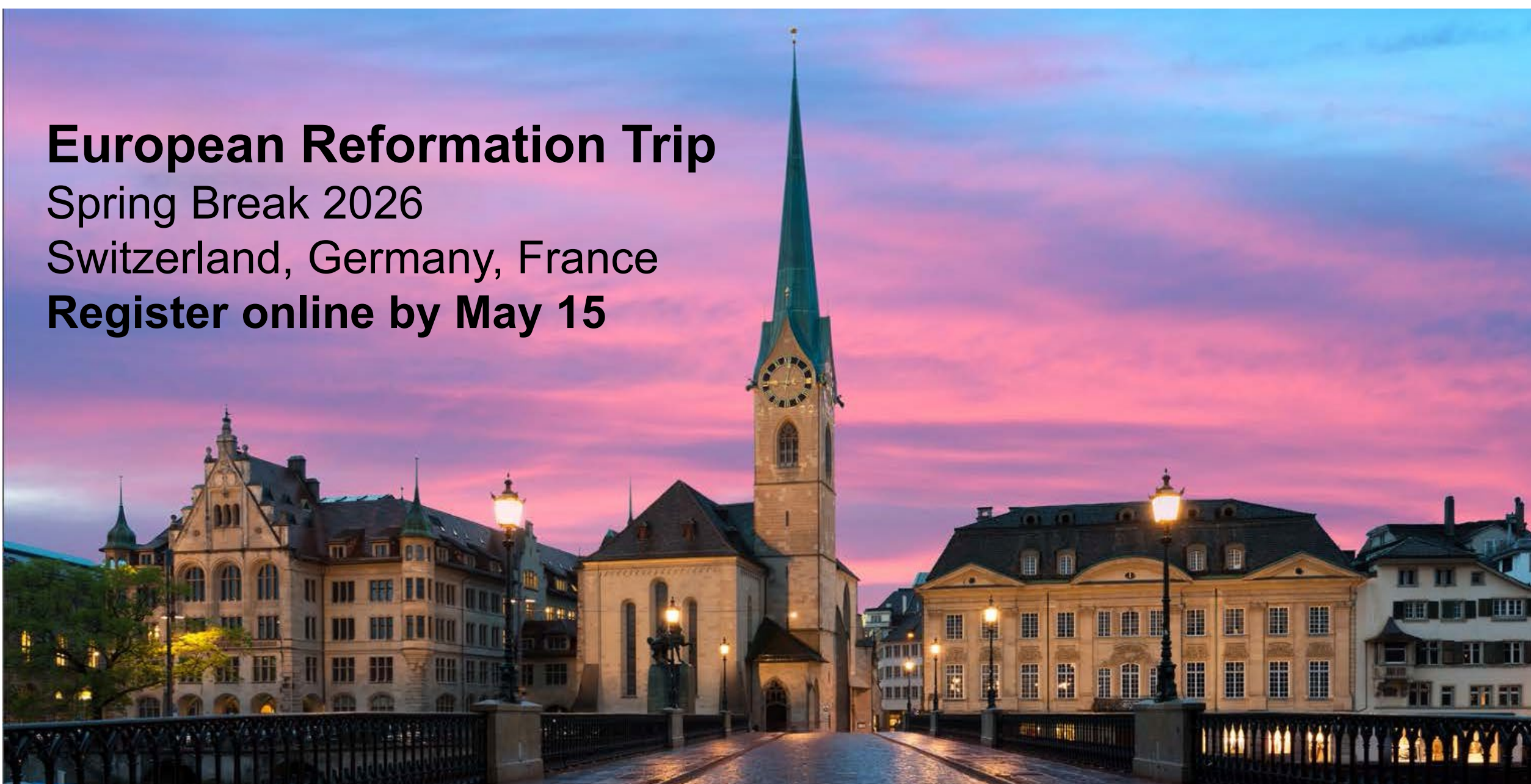
Friday, October 17 – Parent-Teacher Conferences

- **8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – online**

Summer months contact → Division Assistant, Patti Domas

European Reformation Trip

Spring Break 2026
Switzerland, Germany, France
Register online by May 15





Register Today!

- **Tennis Camp, June 16 – 20**
- **Theater: Acting Intensive, June 30 – July 3**

Student Life

Dave Urban
Upper School Dean of Students



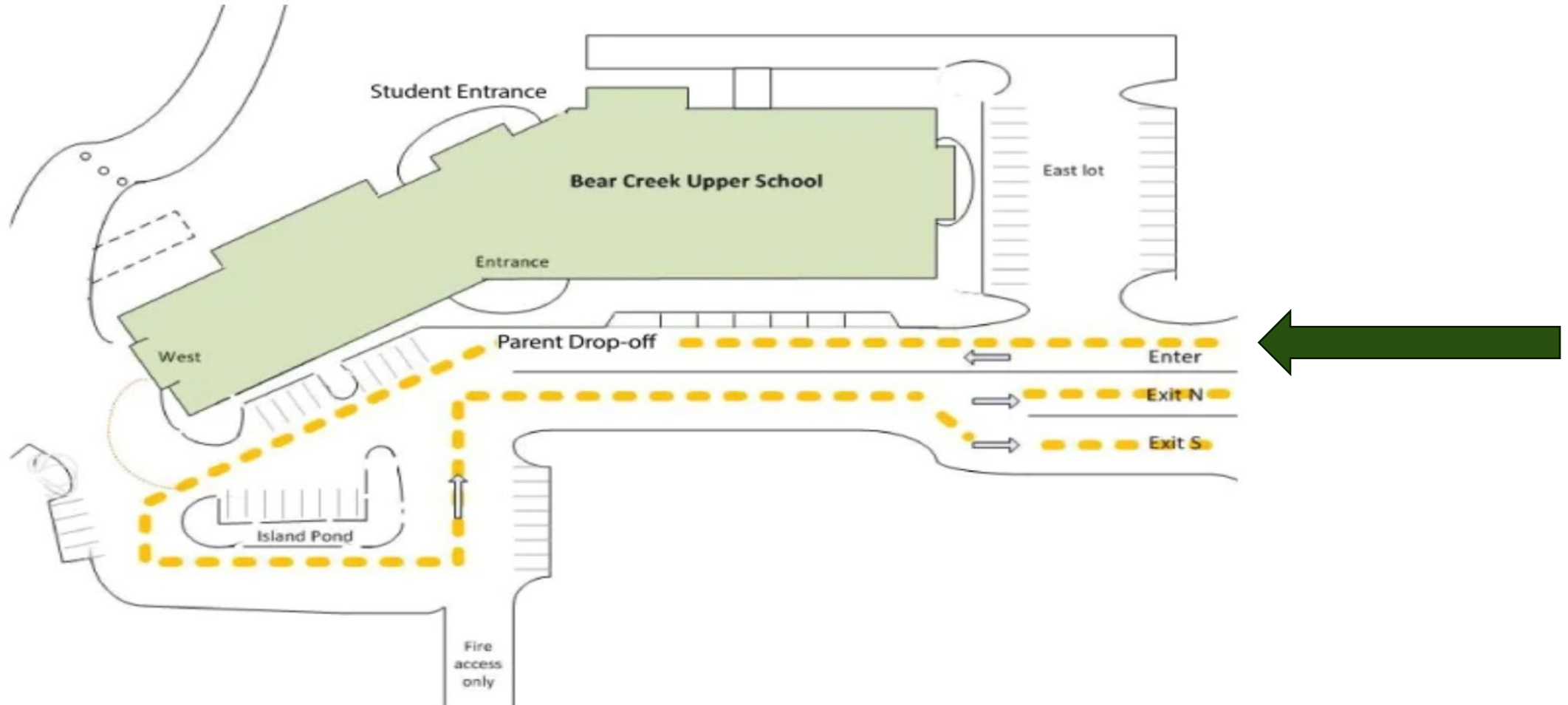
Logistics

- Drop-off/Pick-up
- New Student Information
- Student Parking
- School Uniforms



	Logistics
	Class Lists
	Daily Schedules
➡	Drop-off/Pick-up
	Food Services
	Forms
	Health Services
➡	New Student Information
	Order a Yearbook (MS/US)
➡	Parking
	School Supplies
➡	School Uniforms
	Verse and Poem

Morning Drop-off



Afternoon Pick-up



Student Parking – Decal Required

Upper School Lot:

- ALL cars **must be registered**; sticker in window
- Park in a numbered space, first-come/first-served
- No parallel parking in drop-off spots
- No parking in visitor, disabled, or 15-minute spots

Main Building:

- Park on the side or in the back by Owens Field
- ***No parking anywhere in the front lot***

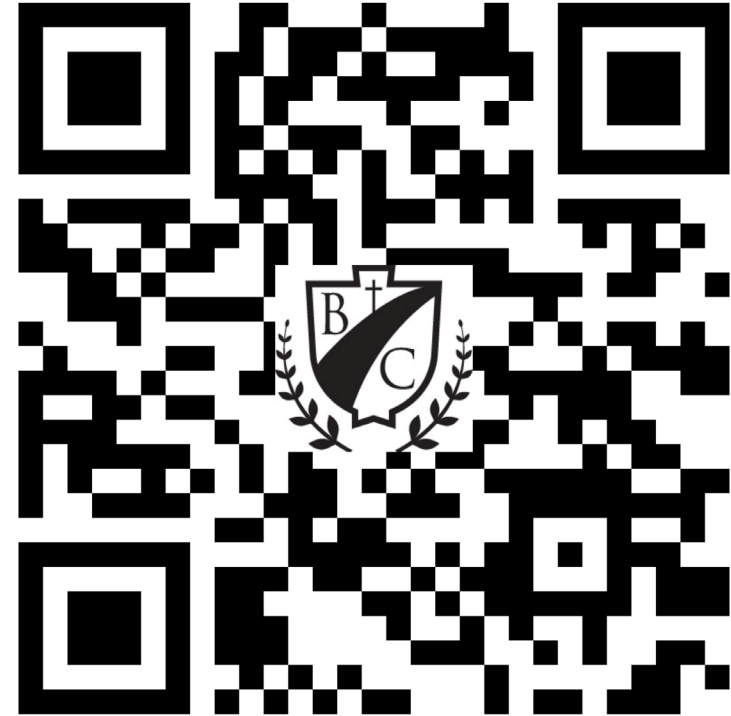
Farmhouse Gravel Lot:

- Park in any spot that does not block another car




Student Vehicle Registration

Register your child's car
to get a parking decal.



Uniforms

- See **MyBC/Parents/LOGISTICS** for the guides and links for ordering
- Refer to the Family Handbook for details



UPPER
SCHOOL
UNIFORM
GUIDE

LADIES dress

DENNIS, LANDS' END, OR TOMMY HILFINGER
NAVY, KHAKI, CHRISTOPHER
PLAID UNIFORM PANTS, SKIRT,
OR SKORT

WHITE OR BLUE OXFORD OR
NAVY, WHITE, OR GREEN POLO
(VENDOR OF CHOICE)

Bear Creek
logo required on
sweaters, vests,
and fleece.
(casual and dress)

DENNIS NAVY OR
GREEN SWEATER OR
SWEATER VEST

NAVY LOGO FLEECE
OPTIONAL

NAVY BLAZER
OPTIONAL

LADIES casual

NAVY OR KHAKI UNIFORM-
STYLE PANTS OR SHORTS OR
NAVY, KHAKI, OR CHRISTOPHER
PLAID SKIRT OR SKORT
NO DENIM OR LEGGINGS

NAVY, WHITE, OR GREEN
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WITH OR WITHOUT LOGO;
ALSO SCHOOL-BRANDED OR
SCHOOL-SPONSORED T-SHIRT

School-branded
or school-
sponsored
sweatshirt

DENNIS NAVY OR
GREEN SWEATER OR
SWEATER VEST
OPTIONAL

See the complete uniform guidelines in the Family Handbook. Allowed vendors linked on tbc.org/mybc/parents/school-uniforms.



UPPER SCHOOL
UNIFORM GUIDE

Gentlemen casual

DENNIS NAVY OR
GREEN SWEATER OR
SWEATER VEST
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NAVY, WHITE, OR GREEN POLO SHIRT
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Community Service

Serve This Summer

- 100 hours required before graduation
- Non-profit organizations only
- Make note of your supervisors' contact information
- MobileServe accounts activated at orientation in August

Easily Create & Verify Service Logs

The screenshot shows the MobileServe web application interface. The browser address bar displays the URL <https://app.mobileserve.com/log-hours/>. The page features a blue header with the "mobileserve" logo and a "START SERVING" button. A left sidebar contains navigation links: HOME, ACTIVITY, FRIENDS, EVENTS, PHOTOS, SERVICE RESUME, and DASHBOARD. The main content area is titled "RECORD YOUR HOURS HERE" and shows a date selector for "February 7, 2017" and a large display of "5.00" under the heading "TOTAL SERVICE HOURS". Below this, the "SERVICE DETAILS" section includes a text input field with "Habitat" and a dropdown menu showing "Habitat ReStore Louisville, KY" and "Habitat for Humanity, Metro Louisville Louisville, KY". A "TELL YOUR STORY" text area is also present. At the bottom, there is a "WANT TO GEO-VERIFY?" section and a "LOGOUT" button in the sidebar.

Student Life Overview

- **First Day of School**
- **Icebreaker**
- **House and House Placement**

First Day of School

Beginning of the year objectives:

- **Build Community**
 - Set the tone for the year
 - Convocation
- **House Induction**
 - House meetings
- **Depart for Icebreaker**



House

- Encourages a sense of tradition and pride
- Cultivates student leadership and faculty mentorship
- Demonstrates a personal and relational faith in Christ among students
- Spurs the development of virtue in the community
- Expresses love, care, and support to each member
- House placement



Icebreaker

Goals:

- Have fun
- Enfold freshmen and new students into the Upper School
- Encourage bonding
- Build school spirit and unity
- Foster community
- Inter-House challenges



Involvement

- Opportunities for freshmen and new Upper School students
- Involvement fairs in September
- Freshmen student council members (1 male, 1 female) will be selected; students apply in September

Student Council

Sports

Clubs

Attend a social event

Social Committee

House events

Grizzly Spirit Committee

Musical Theater

Student Outreach Committee

Cubbies

- **Students do not have traditional lockers**
- **Limited number of cubbies**
- **Day-use cubbies may be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis**
- **Reserve this summer at the front desk**
- **Sports bags are stored in the Nagel Commons in large cubbies**



Marissa Krauskopf
Upper School Counselor



Social Emotional Support

Topics of Concern:

- Academic stress, balance
- Friendship
- Relationship
- Cultural barriers
- Depression, anxiety
- Grief



Appointments with Mrs. Krauskopf

Schedule an individual session via:

- **Bookings**
- **Teams Message**
- **In-person**

Chad Pohlman
Athletics Director



How we integrate sports and our school mission

- The Bear Creek School Mission
- Philosophy of athletics

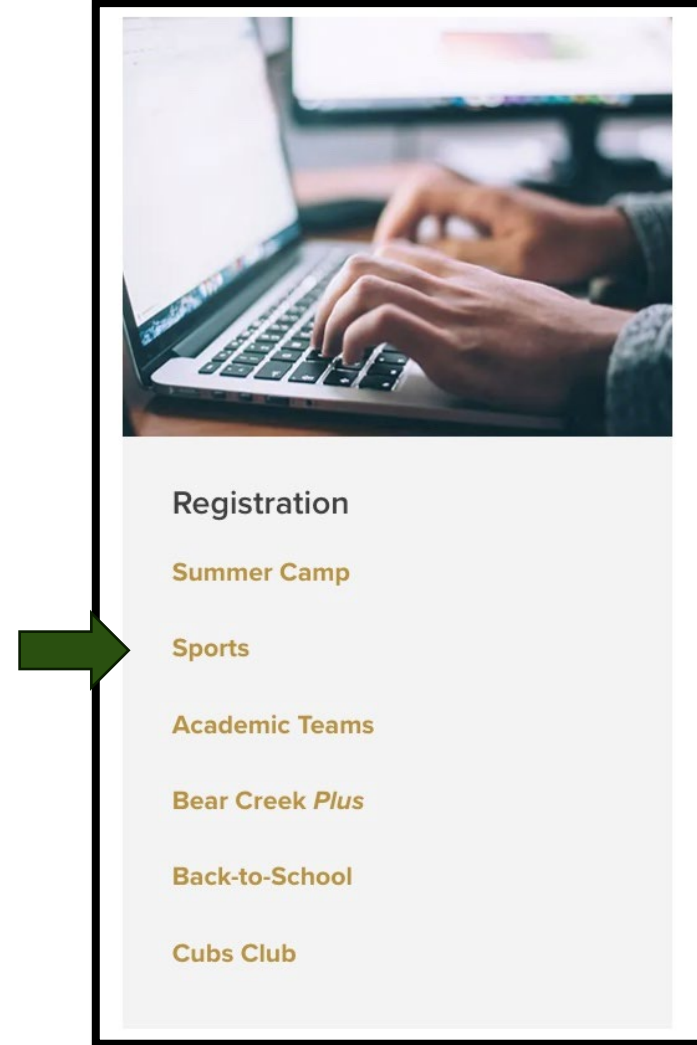
"For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline."

2 Timothy 1:7



Athletics

- **Aug 1 – Fall sports registration deadline**
 - **Physical exam required**
- **Aug 25 – First day of practice**
 - **All Back-to-School Registration items must be complete before practice**



Athletics

What to expect:

- Length of season
- Practice schedule
- Commitment
- Varsity vs. Junior Varsity vs. “C” teams
- Communication

We look forward to seeing you in August!

