



### **MISSION**

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# 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**

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   <u>School</u>

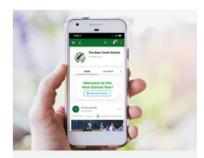


#### MyBC/Parents

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** 

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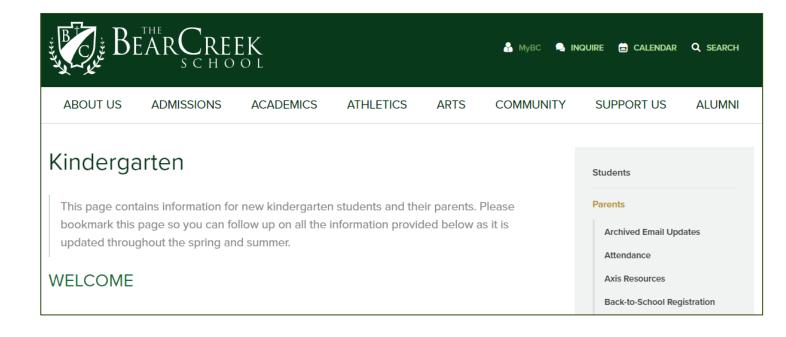


### MyBC/Parents

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/kindergarten







### 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. Click Lower School tab for a focused view of your events.

- 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
- All kindergarten classes dismissed at noon for 1-1 assessments September 2 5, pick up between noon and 12:10 p.m.
- Inside Bear Creek September 4
- Lower School Curriculum Night September 25
- Lower School Connection October 9
- Lower School Fall Carnival October 21

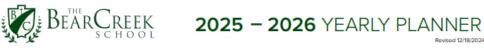


### Microsoft 365 Passwords

- 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

No School MS/US - Teacher In-Service Jan 9 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 Last Day of School LS/MS

No School - All students No School - Some divisions - PS, LS, MS, or US see details Early Dismissal or combination - See details for division and specifics First Day of School – See details for specifics

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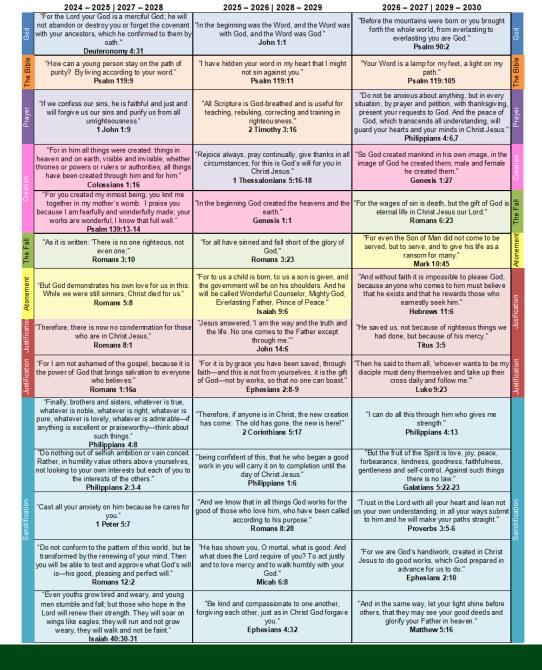


### Sample Lower School Kindergarten Daily Schedule

Kindergarten										
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday					
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8:30 8:35	Homeroom	Homeroom	Late Start	Homeroom	Homeroom	8:30 8:35				
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2:00 2:05 2:10	Reading	Music	Jingles	Writing	Handwriting	2:00 2:05 2:10				
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2:30		Kir	ndergarten Pick-	up		2:30				
2.45 2.50 2.55 3.00			Choice Time			2.45 2.50 2.55 3.00				
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3:20 3:25 3:30	Grades 1 – 4 Pick-up									



# Memory Verses 3-year rotation





# Chapel Topics 3-year rotation



Chapel Topics: Three-Year Plan

	2024 - 2025   2027 - 2028		2025 - 2026   2028 - 2029		2026 - 2027   2029 - 2030
	There is only one God.		The Bible is God's word.		God spoke the creation and everything in it into existence, out of nothing, and it is good.
	God exists in 3 persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.		The Bible can be trusted.	ion	God made man in His image. God is the Creator and we are the Created.
	Trinity: God is our Father.	ole	The Bible was written by holy men who were taught by the Holy Spirit.	Creation	All things were created and are sustained by God. He sovereignly rules over all of his creation and creatures.
	Trinity: God the Son.	he Bib	God gave us the Bible to teach us about Himself and to show us how to live.		Creation - Fall - Redemption Theme introduction
-	Trinity: God the Holy Spirit.	T	The Bible contains the words of God we need for salvation, for trusting Him perfectly, and for obeying Him perfectly.	Fall	The earth and everything in it was affected by the fall. Things are no longer as they once were. Our sin deserves the warth of God. Christ satisfied divine justice by his suffereing and death, in the place of sinners. Christ was perfect and kept the whole law for his people, and suffered the punishment for their sins.
God	God is creator and is above all, over all and before all.		Prayer is talking to God.		Christ became fully human but remained sinless.
	God is worthy of our praise and gratitude.	Prayer	Prayer is asking God for things which He has promised to give.	Fall	Sin is not being or doing what God requires. Sin brought mankind into sin and misery. All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Humans have a fallen nature. We no longer have perfect communion and fellowship with God, with our selves, with each other, with nature. People are restored to a right relationship with God through Christ.
	God is God with us: Emmanuel		Prayer is offering our desires unto God for things agreeable to His will, confessions of our sins, and thankfully acknowledging His blessings and mercy.	anctification	Once we believe and receive his Grace: What does God want to do with our lives now? What is his work through us? Why does it matter? What Matters now? How we treat his creation and how we participate with him to love the world bringing justice and mercy.
	God is God apart from us.		God gave us "The Lord's Prayer" to teach us how to pray.	S	What matters now? Vocation, the job (being a student) that God calls us to.
	God is eternal and unchangeable.		God makes sinners holy in heart and conduct.	ut	What matters now? Developing virtue.
	God is wise and powerful.		Our hearts can only change through the Holy Spirit.	Atoneme	Christ rose from the tomb, on the third day after his death and is now is heaven interceding for us. Why is this significant?
	God is just and merciful.		We are a part of His glorious act of redemption by making a substantial difference in restoring the earth and everything in it.	Glorification	The Bible promises that God has a perfect plan for making all things right. He will come to judge the world and come again for all his children. Our bodies and souls will be raised to life. God will give us a home in the new heaven and the new earth; a glorious and happy place where the saved will be with Jesus forever.
	God is sovereign and all knowing.		The will of God is to be done on earth, as it is in heaven.	u	What matters now? How we treat people; parents, adults, classmates and strangers.
god	God is both infinite and personal.		God revealed His moral law to man in the ten commandments. The ten commandments teach us our duty and show us our need for a Savior.	anctificatio	What matters now? How we use the gifts and talents God has given to us.
	God made you and all things for his glory.		Ten Commandments, # 1-4 - vertical relationship	Š	What matters now? How we treat the Earth and the whole of God's creation.
	God is Holy and Good.		Ten Commandments, # 5-10 - horizontal relationships		
	God 's will is good, pleasing and perfect.	stification	Those who repent of sin and believe in Christ will be saved. Repenting means to be sorry for sin, and to hate and forsake it because it is displeasing to God. Believing in Christ is to trust in Christ alone for salvation.		
	Jesus was fully Man - placed in history	ul	None can be saved through works. Our hearts must be changed before we can be fit for heaven.		
	Jesus was fully God.	-			
	Jesus is our High Priest.				
	Jesus is our Savior.				



# UNIFORM GUIDE



Students may also wear items previously purchased from DENNIS Uniform.







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

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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



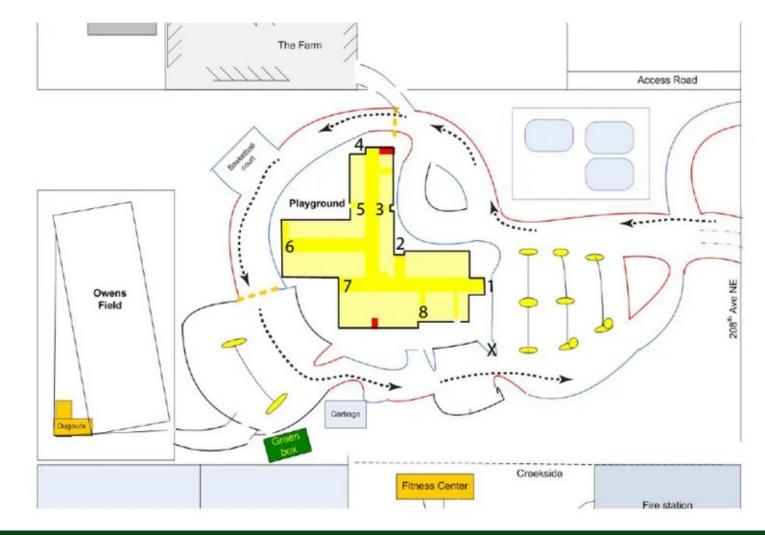


# Morning Drop-off

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

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9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.









Main Entrance: Door 1

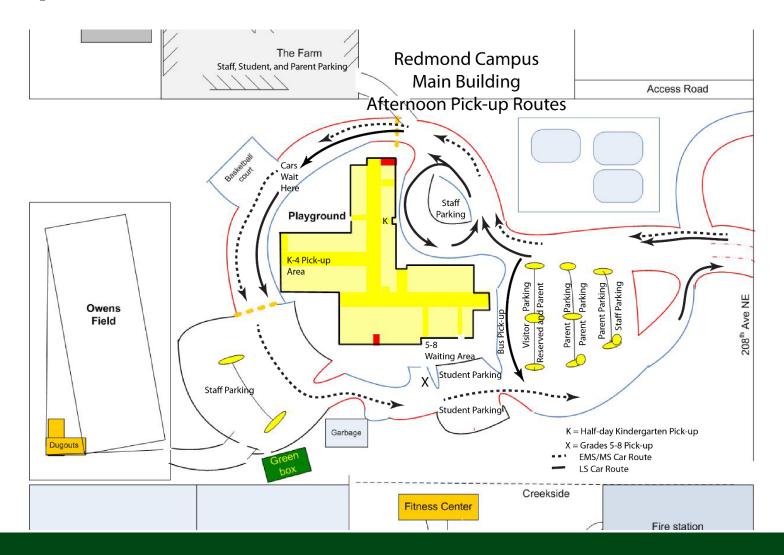
K – 1 Hallway: Door 6



## Afternoon Pick-up

2:30 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.

Students can stay until Lower School pick-up between 3:15 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.





### Dashboard Pick-up Sign

Gephart Alex, K



# Bear Creek *Plus*Bear Creek Summer Camp







# Bear Creek Parent Groups









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