



Kindergarten Parent Welcome and Orientation

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**

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- Attendance, absences, or appointments: [Attendance - The Bear Creek School](#)

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



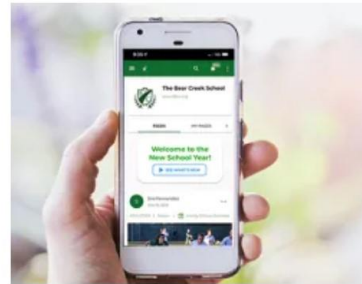
A screenshot of the MyBC website. The top navigation bar is dark green with white text for 'MyBC', 'INQUIRE', 'CALENDAR', and 'SEARCH'. Below this is a white navigation menu with links for 'ABOUT US', 'ADMISSIONS', 'ACADEMICS', 'ATHLETICS', 'ARTS', 'COMMUNITY', 'SUPPORT US', and 'ALUMNI'. The main content area has a heading 'Kindergarten' and a paragraph: 'This page contains information for new kindergarten students and their parents. Please bookmark this page so you can follow up on all the information provided below as it is updated throughout the spring and summer.' Below the paragraph is the word 'WELCOME' in green. On the right side, there is a sidebar with a 'Students' section and a 'Parents' section containing links for 'Archived Email Updates', 'Attendance', 'Axis Resources', and 'Back-to-School Registration'.

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

Attendance

The Bear Facts

Microsoft Office 365

Archived Email Updates

Upper School Announcements

Senior Class

Emergency Notifications



Logistics

Class Lists

Daily Schedules

Drop-off/Pick-up

Food Services

Forms

Health Services

New Student Information

Parking

Back-to-School Registration

Coming to you on July 7.

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 July 7. 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 9 and August 4
- Grades 1 and 3
 - July 14 and July 30
- Grades 2 and 4
 - July 16 and 28

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



Key Dates

- Back-to-School Registration sent July 7, due August 1
- Cookies at the Creek – 4:30 p.m. on August 27
- First day of Lower School classes – September 1
Parents 'n Pastries, 8:30 a.m.
- **All kindergarten classes early dismissal – September 1 – 4**
Pick up 12:00 p.m. for scheduled individual assessment with teacher

Key Dates

- Inside Bear Creek – September 10
- Lower School Curriculum Night – September 24
- Lower School Connection – October 8
- Lower School Fall Carnival – October 20

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.



Dates are subject to change.

Aug 26	First Day of School US
Aug 27	First Day of School MS
Sep 1	First Day of School of LS
Sep 7	No School – Labor Day
Sep 8/9	First Day of School PS
Oct 15 – 16	No School MS/US – Parent/Teacher Conferences
Oct 16	No School LS – Teacher In-Service
Oct 19	No School – Teacher In-Service
Oct 30	No School PS/LS – Teacher In-Service
Nov 11	No School – Veterans Day
Nov 12 – 13	No School LS/PS – Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov 25 – 27	No School – Thanksgiving Break
Dec 16	Early Dismissal US
Dec 17	Early Dismissal Grade 8 and US
Dec 18	Early Dismissal All
Dec 21 – Jan 1	No School – Christmas Break
Jan 4	School Resumes
Jan 8	No School MS/US – Teacher In-Service
Jan 15	No School – Teacher In-Service
Jan 18	No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Feb 15 – 19	No School – Mid-Winter Break
Mar 5	No School – Teacher In-Service
Mar 15 – 16	No School PS/LS/MS – Parent/Teacher Conferences
Mar 26	No School – Good Friday
Mar 29	No School – Easter Monday
Apr 12 – 16	No School – Spring Break
May 31	No School – Memorial Day
Jun 3/4	Last Day of School PS
Jun 7	Early Dismissal US
Jun 8	Early Dismissal Grade 8 and US
Jun 8	Last Day of School US
Jun 9	Early Dismissal LS/MS
Jun 9	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

August/September 2026						
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Yearly Planner 2026 – 2027

Sample Lower School Kindergarten Daily Schedule

Kindergarten									
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday				
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8:20	Drop-off	Drop-off		Drop-off	Drop-off	8:20			
8:25						8:25			
8:30	Homeroom	Homeroom		Homeroom	Homeroom	8:30			
8:35						8:35			
8:40	Math	Chapel	Late Start	Math	Math	8:40			
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Invested in students. Intentional in outcome.

Memory Verses

3-year rotation

	2024 – 2025 2027 – 2028	2025 – 2026 2028 – 2029	2026 – 2027 2029 – 2030	
God	"For the Lord your God is a merciful God; he will not abandon or destroy you or forget the covenant with your ancestors, which he confirmed to them by oath." Deuteronomy 4:31	"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John 1:1	"Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God." Psalms 90:2	God
The Bible	"How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word." Psalms 119:9	"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." Psalms 119:11	"Your Word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." Psalms 119:105	The Bible
Prayer	"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9	"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." 2 Timothy 3:16	"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6,7	Prayer
Creation	"For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him." Colossians 1:16	"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18	"So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them, male and female he created them." Genesis 1:27	Creation
The Fall	"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." Psalms 139:13-14	"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1	"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23	The Fall
Atonement	"As it is written: 'There is no one righteous, not even one;'" Romans 3:10	"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23	"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45	Atonement
Justification	"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8	"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6	"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him." Hebrews 11:6	Justification
Sanctification	"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." Romans 8:1	"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" John 14:6	"He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy." Titus 3:5	Sanctification
	"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes." Romans 1:16a	"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8-9	"Then he said to them all, 'whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.'" Luke 9:23	
	"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." Philippians 4:8	"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" 2 Corinthians 5:17	"I can do all this through him who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13	
	"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others." Philippians 2:3-4	"being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:6	"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23	
	"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7	"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28	"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6	
	"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." Romans 12:2	"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8	"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10	
	"Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:30-31	"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32	"And in the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16	

Chapel Topics

3-year rotation

	2024 – 2025 2027 – 2028	2025 – 2026 2028 – 2029	2026 – 2027 2029 – 2030
God	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.	God made man in His image. God is the Creator and we are the Created.
	Trinity: God is our Father.	The Bible was written by holy men who were taught by the Holy Spirit.	All things were created and are sustained by God. He sovereignly rules over all of his creation and creatures.
	Trinity: God the Son.	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.	The Bible contains the words of God we need for salvation, for trusting Him perfectly, and for obeying Him perfectly.	The earth and everything in it was affected by the fall. Things are no longer as they once were. Our sin deserves the wrath of God. Christ satisfied divine justice by his suffering 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 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 is asking God for things which He has promised to give.	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.	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.	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.	What matters now? Developing virtue.
God is wise and powerful.	Our hearts can only change through the Holy Spirit.	Christ rose from the tomb, on the third day after his death and is now in 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.	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.	What matters now? How we treat people; parents, adults, classmates and strangers.	
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.	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	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.	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	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.			



BOYS LOWER SCHOOL UNIFORM GUIDE

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



casual



WHITE POLO OR BUTTON-UP (VENDOR OF CHOICE)



SCHOOL-SPONSORED OR BEAR CREEK LOGO WEAR; PURCHASED FROM TOMMY HILFIGER OR GRIZZLY GEAR SHOP



NAVY BLUE UNIFORM-STYLE PANTS OR SHORTS (VENDOR OF CHOICE)

Logo not required on white shirts. (casual and dress)

dress



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LANDS' END, OR TOMMY HILFIGER NAVY BLUE SWEATER OR SWEATER VEST

WHITE POLO OR BUTTON-UP (VENDOR OF CHOICE)




LANDS' END, OR TOMMY HILFIGER NAVY UNIFORM PANTS



NAVY LOGO FLEECE OPTIONAL

See the complete uniform guidelines in the Family Handbook. Allowed vendors linked on tbcs.org/mybc/parents/school-uniforms. Students may also wear items previously purchased from DENNIS Uniform.


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CHRISTOPHER PLAID OR NAVY BLUE UNIFORM-STYLE PANTS, SHORTS, JUMPER, SKIRT, OR SKORT



WHITE POLO OR BUTTON-UP BLOUSE (VENDOR OF CHOICE)



SCHOOL-SPONSORED OR BEAR CREEK LOGO WEAR; PURCHASED FROM **TOMMY HILFIGER** OR **GRIZZLY GEAR SHOP**

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dress

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LANDS' END OR **TOMMY HILFIGER** NAVY UNIFORM PANTS OR **TOMMY HILFIGER** CHRISTOPHER PLAID JUMPER, SKIRT, OR SKORT



WHITE POLO OR BUTTON-UP BLOUSE (VENDOR OF CHOICE)



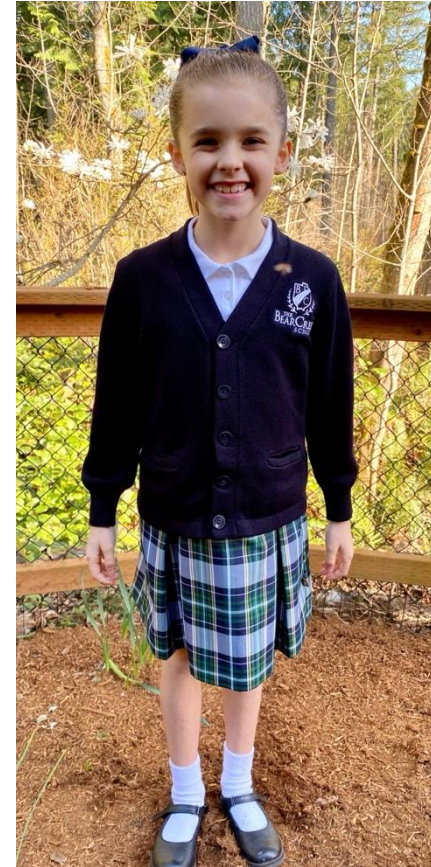
LANDS' END OR **TOMMY HILFIGER** NAVY BLUE SWEATER OR SWEATER VEST



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Dress Uniform



Casual Uniform



Special Dress Days

Grade Level Shirts

Grade Level Shirts and
free dress bottoms



Grizzly Sprit Dress

Green, white, and/or
Grizzly gear



Free Dress

Student
Choice



School Supplies



Click Lower School

Scroll down to grade level

Summer Assignments



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 nut-free and include an ingredient list

**LUNCH
TAB**

Independence – grow over the summer

- Lunch –fruit snacks, straws, yogurt, oranges, bananas, string cheese
 - Some families pre-cut ahead
 - Practice using new thermos
- Restrooms
 - Boys – use of a urinal
 - Stall doors, how to lock/unlock
 - How to flush
 - Comfort to use
 - Use of new features with uniforms (fly, buttons)



Main Entrance: Door 1



K – 1 Hallway: Door 6



Playground: Door 5

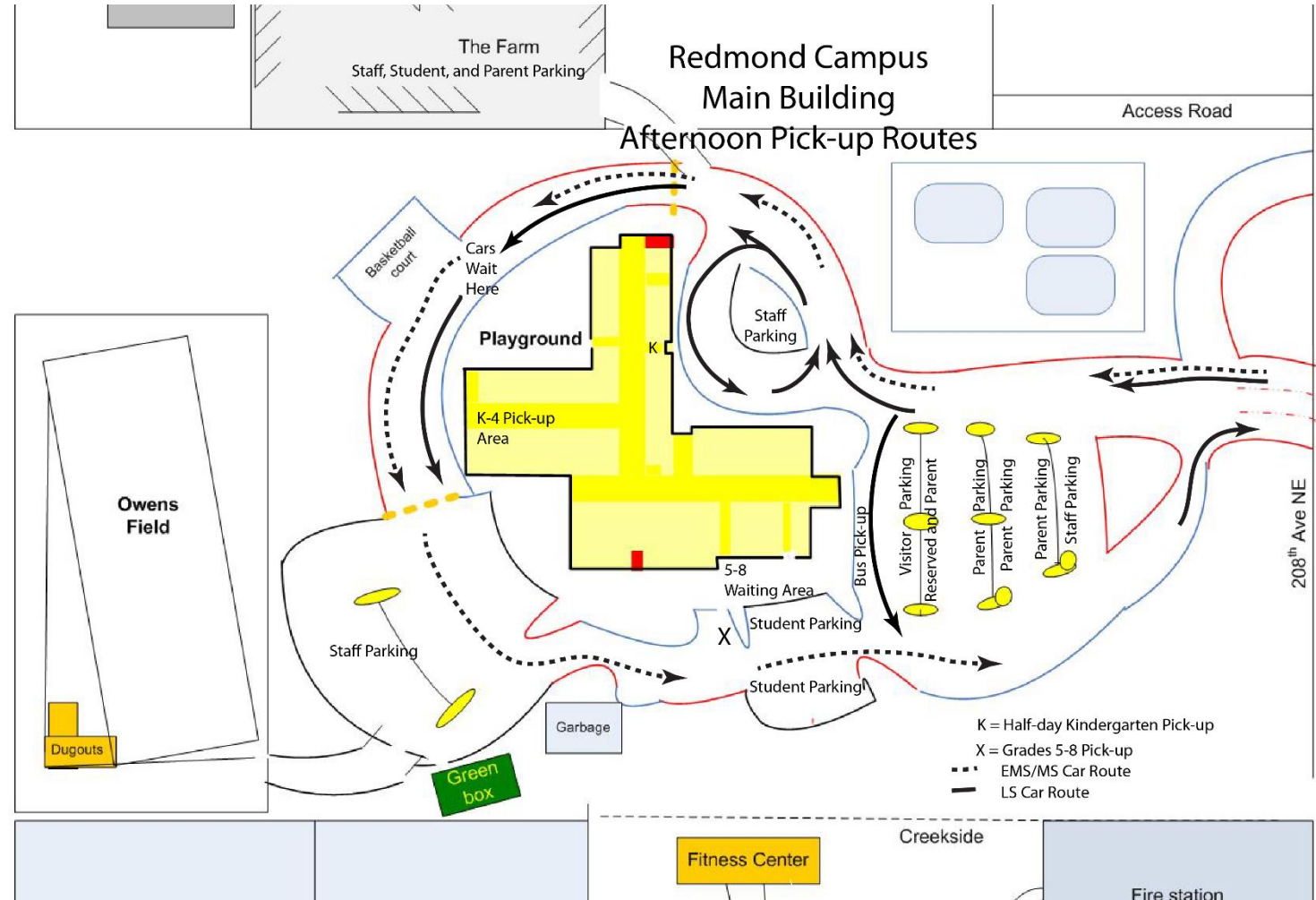


Commons: Door 8

Afternoon Pick-up

2:30 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.

Students can stay until
Lower School pick-up from
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



Moms
in Prayer
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