

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.***

Carol Miller
Upper School Division Head



Weekly Schedule 2026 – 2027

- 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	7	1	8	4	8	2	8
4	8	3	8	2	7	1	7	3	7

- 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 (Late Start)	Thursday B	Friday A		Monday B	Tuesday A	Wednesday B (Late Start)	Thursday A	Friday B
8:00-9:20: Block 1	8:00-9:20: Block 5	9:00-10:20: Block 4	8:00-9:20: Block 6	8:00-9:20: Block 3		8:00-9:20: Block 5	8:00-9:20: Block 2	9:00-10:20: Block 6	8:00-9:20: Block 1	8:00-9:20: Block 5
9:20-9:35 Break	9:20-9:40 Break	10:20-10:25: Passing Time	9:20-9:40 Break	9:20-9:35 Break		9:20-9:35 Break	9:20-9:40 Break	10:20-10:25: Passing Time	9:20-9:40 Break	9:20-9:35 Break
9:35- 10:25 Chapel	9:40-11:00: Block 6	10:25-11:45: Block 1	9:40-11:00: Block 5	9:35-10:55: Block 4		9:35- 10:25 Chapel	9:40-11:00: Block 3	10:25-11:45: Block 5	9:40-11:00: Block 4	9:35-10:55 Block 6
10:25-11:45 Block 2	11:00-11:45: Lunch/Activity	11:45-12:15: Lunch	11:00-11:45: Lunch/Activity	10:55-11:25 Lunch		10:25-11:45 Block 6	11:00-11:45: Lunch/Activity	11:45-12:15: Lunch	11:00-11:45: Lunch/Activity	10:55-11:25 Lunch
11:45-12:15 Lunch	11:45-1:05. Block 7	12:15-1:35: Block 2	11:45-1:05. Block 7	11:25- 12:15 House/MG		11:45-12:15 Lunch	11:45-1:05 Block 4	12:15-1:35: Block 8	11:45-1:05 Block 2	11:25- 12:15 House/MG
12:15-1:35 Block 3	1:10-2:30 Block 8	1:35-1:40 Passing Time	1:10-2:30 Block 8	12:15-1:35 Block 1		12:15-1:35: Block 8	1:10-2:30 Block 1	1:35-1:40 Passing Time	1:10-2:30 Block 3	12:15-1:35: Block 8
1:40-3:00 Block 4		1:40-3:00 Block 3		1:40-3:00 Block 2		1:40-3:00 Block 7		1:40-3:00 Block 7		1:40-3:00 Block 7

Upper school timetable: 80 min classes



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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

Website Access

For NEW parents

- Visit tbcs.org/mybc/parents/new-students/upper-school to access the **New Parent Portal**
 - **Update your contact information**
 - Pay tuition
 - Access Magnus Health portal
- **July 7 → Look for Back-to-School Registration email**

For RETURNING parents

- No change (your username is **firstname.lastname**)
- **June 1 → Look for an email about partial Back-to-School Registration**; fee-based program registration will follow on **July 7**
- **Update your contact info**, who is allowed to pick up your child, etc.

The screenshot shows the website of The Bear Creek School. At the top, a green navigation bar contains the school logo and a menu with items: 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' banner with event cards for 'Grizzly Spirit Dress' (April 30, 2025), 'LS Casual Uniform' (May 1, 2025), and 'MS Dress Uniform' (May 1, 2025). A 'WELCOME PATTI!' message with a 'LOGOUT' button is on the right. A 'RESOURCES AND INFORMATION' section includes a 'LUNCH TAB' advertisement. On the right side, a 'Students' sidebar menu is shown, with a red circle around 'Back-to-School Registration' and a yellow arrow labeled '5' pointing to it. At the bottom, three yellow arrows labeled '2', '3', and '4' point to the 'Password Protected', 'Communications', and 'Logistics' sections respectively. A yellow arrow labeled '6' points to the 'Students' sidebar menu.

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 Links

Classes & Reports
 Daily Schedule
 Recent Updates
 Assignments

Josh Davis
Dean of Academics



Amanda Hale
Registrar



Back-to-School Registration, Academic Teams, and JanTerm Registration



Registration

Back-to-School

Sports

Academic Teams

Bear Creek *Plus*

Cubs Club

Academic and College Advising



Katie Gomulkiewicz

**Dean of College and
Academic Advising**



Ayoleida Páramo

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

Academic Advising



Academic Planning

Summer Assignments

Advanced Placement

Concurrent Credit

Course Selection

JanTerm

Libraries

Academic Planning

- Course advising appointments
- Summer Assignments
- Study Skills – every Tuesday

Next Steps for Parents and Students

- **Order uniforms** as needed by **June 30**
- **Back-to-School Registration** will be emailed July 7
 - 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 24, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

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

Wednesday, August 26, 8:30 a.m. for Grade 9 and new students

- **First day of school**

Tuesday, September 15, 7:00 p.m.

- **Upper School Curriculum Night**

Thursday, October 15 – Parent-Teacher Conferences

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

Friday, October 16 – Parent-Teacher Conferences

- **8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – online**

Questions?

Year-round contact

Upper School Division Assistant

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French Immersion Trip
Spring Break 2027
France
Information Meeting September 15

Spanish Immersion Trip

Spring Break 2027

Costa Rica

Information Meeting September 15



Latin Language Trip

Spring Break 2027

Italy

Information Meeting September 15



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Performing Arts Trip

Mid-Winter Break 2027

Disneyland

Information Meeting September 15





Register Today!

June 15 – 18

- Boys Basketball Camp (8-12)
- Girls Volleyball Camp (9-12)

June 29 – July 3

- Theater: Acting Intensive (5-12)

Student Life

Dave Urban
Upper School Dean of Students



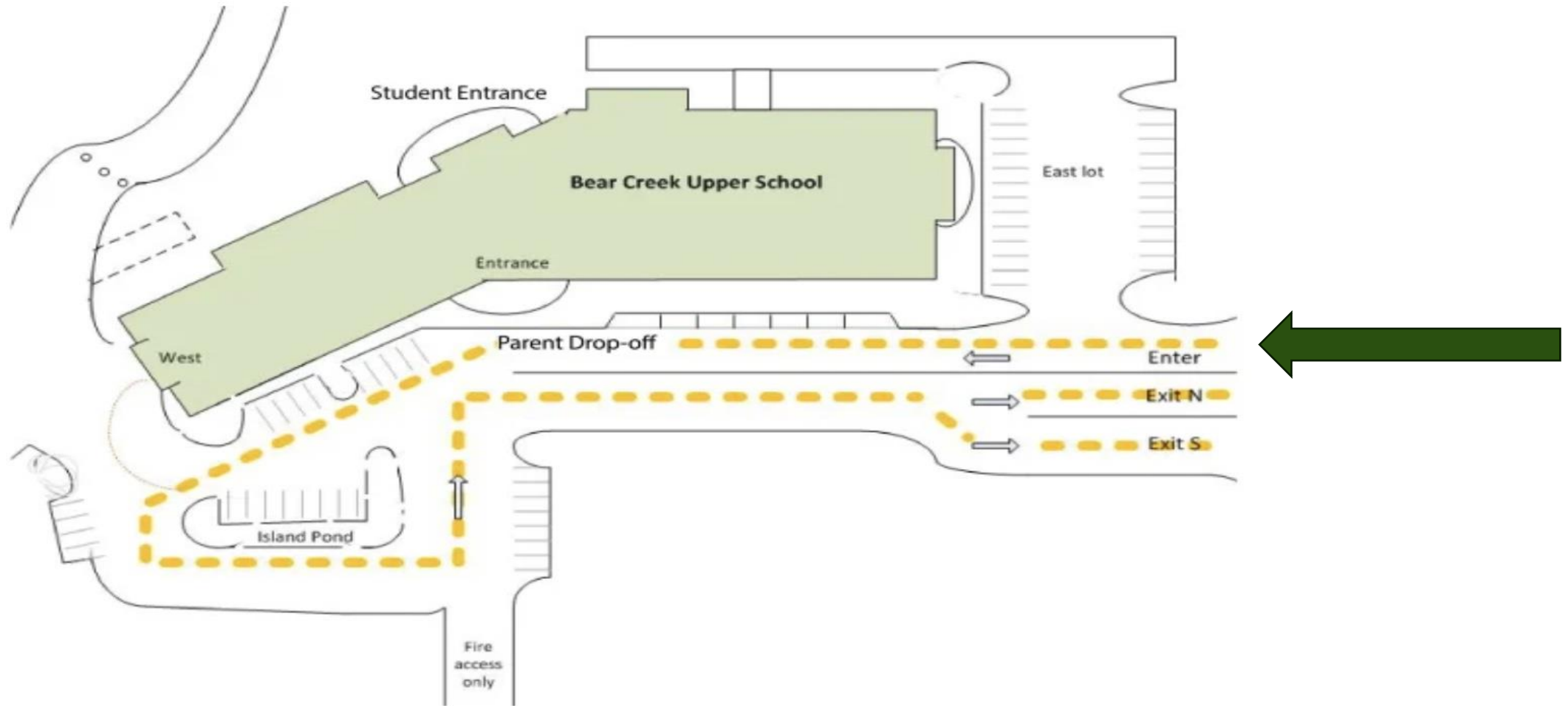
Logistics

See details on the website for:

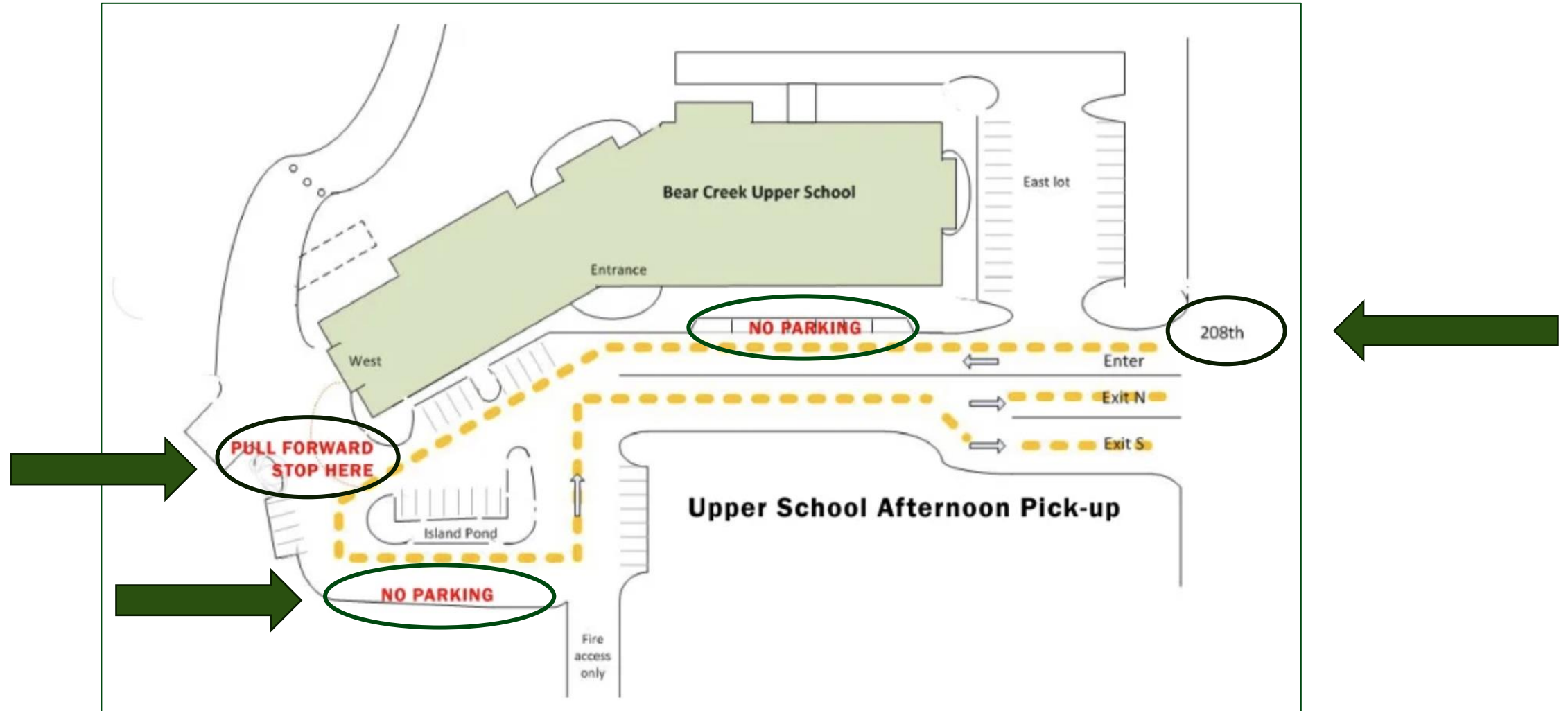
- Drop-off/Pick-up
- New Student Information
- School Uniforms



Morning Drop-off



Afternoon Pick-up



Uniforms

- See **MyBC/Parents/LOGISTICS** for the guides and links for ordering
- Refer to the Family Handbook for details
- Discounts this week for Tommy; Lands End discount this summer



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
POLO SHIRT OR OXFORD
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
OPTIONAL

NAVY, WHITE, OR GREEN POLO SHIRT
OR OXFORD WITH OR WITHOUT LOGO;
ALSO SCHOOL-BRANDED OR SCHOOL-
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KHAKI UNIFORM PANTS

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Community Service

Serve This Summer

- 100 hours required before graduation
- Non-profit organizations only
- Make note of your supervisor's contact information at the time you serve
- MobileServe accounts activated at orientation in August

Easily Create & Verify Service Logs

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the MobileServe application. The interface includes a sidebar menu with options: HOME, ACTIVITY, FRIENDS, EVENTS, PHOTOS, SERVICE RESUME, and DASHBOARD. The main content area is titled 'RECORD YOUR HOURS HERE' and shows a date of 'February 7, 2017' with a large '5.00' indicating 'TOTAL SERVICE HOURS'. Below this is a 'SERVICE DETAILS' section with a text input field containing 'Habitat ReStore Louisville, KY' and a 'TELL YOUR STORY' text area. A 'WANT TO GEO-VERIFY?' button is at the bottom right. The browser's address bar shows the URL 'https://app.mobileserve.com/log-hours/'.

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 – Warm Beach**



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



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

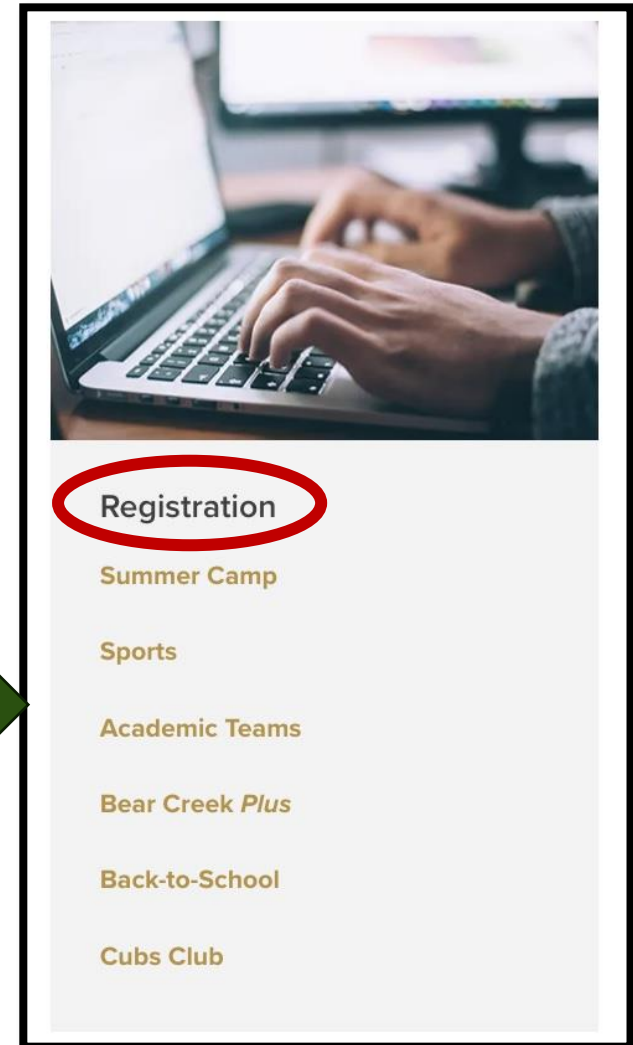
"For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline."

2 Timothy 1:7



Athletics

- **Aug 1 – Fall sports registration deadline**
 - **Physical exam required**
- **Aug 24 – 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

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We look forward to seeing you in August!

