Welcome to Upper School

New Parent Welcome and Orientation

THE BEAR CREEK SCHOOL

Invested in students. Intentional in outcome.

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

Monday A	Tuesday B	Wednesday A (Late Start)	Thursday B	Friday A
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
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
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
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
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
1:40-3:00 Block 4		1:40-3:00 Block 3		1:40-3:00 Block 2

Week 2

Monday B	Tuesday A	Wednesday B (Late Start)	Thursday A	Friday B
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
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Upper school timetable: 80 min classes

Communication

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

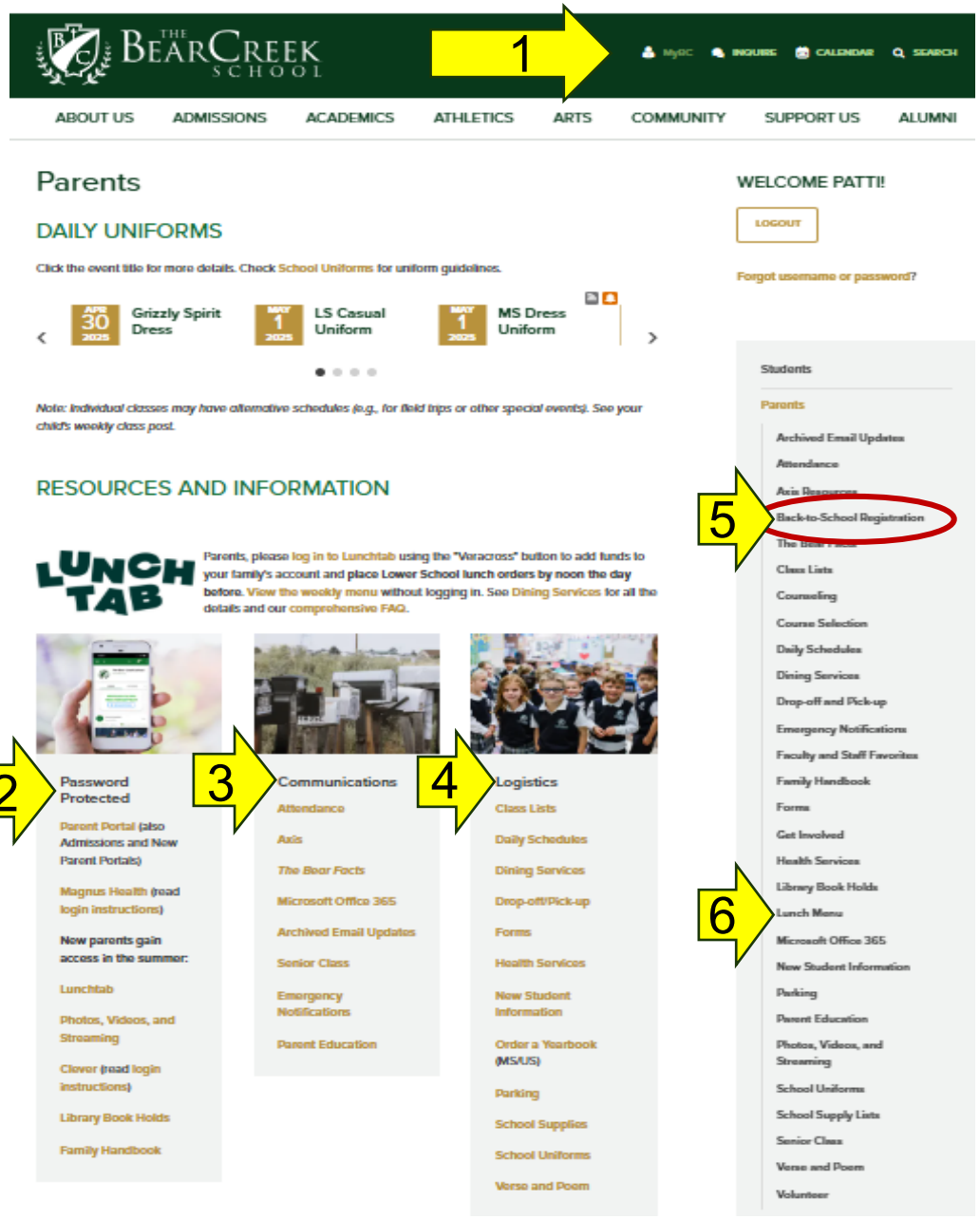
Website Access

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.

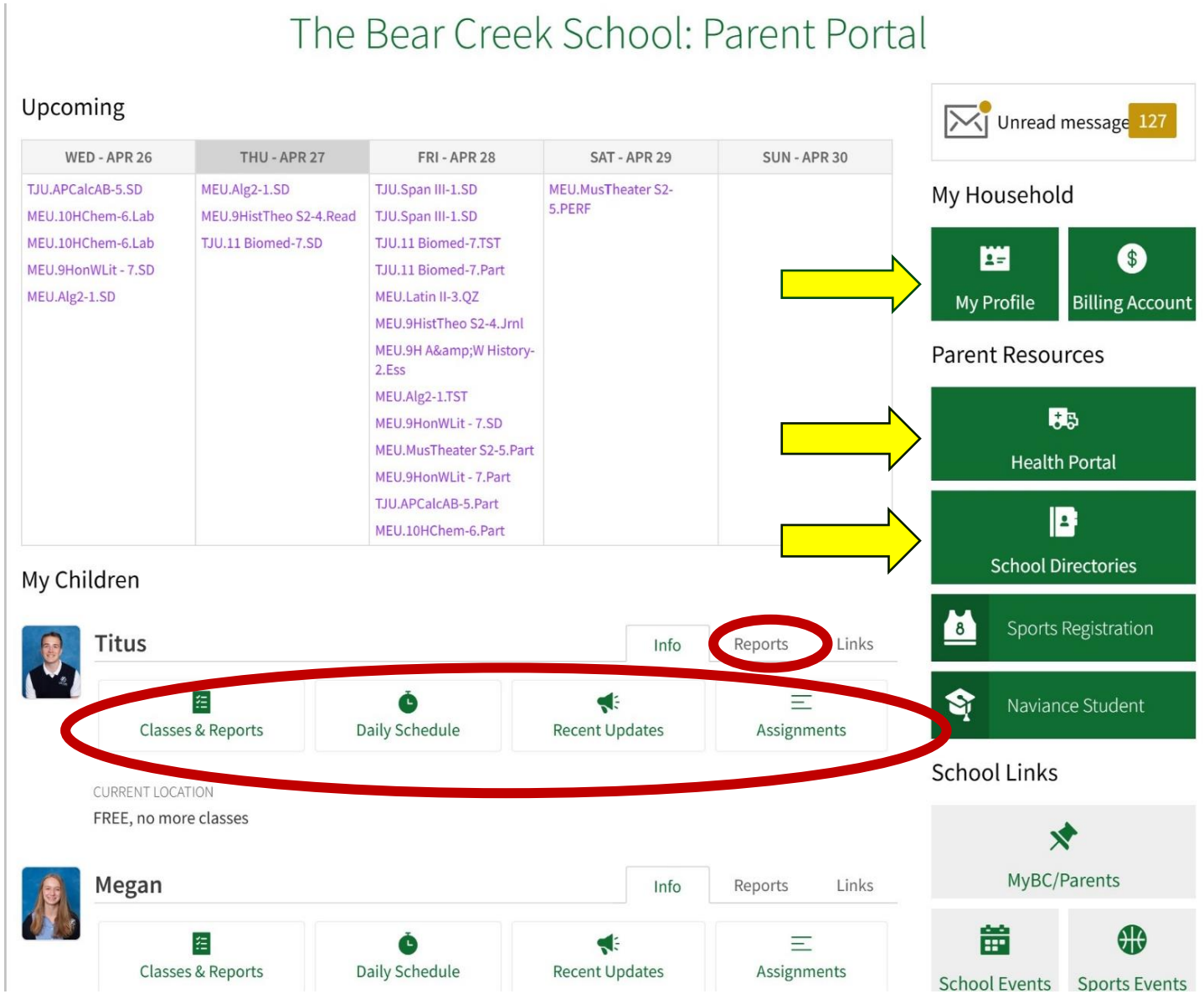


Access parent info via tbcs.org

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



Josh Davis

Dean of Academics

Amanda Hale

Registrar

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

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

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French Immersion Trip

Spring Break 2027

France

Information Meeting September 15

Spanish Immersion Trip

Spring Break 2027

Costa Rica

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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

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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

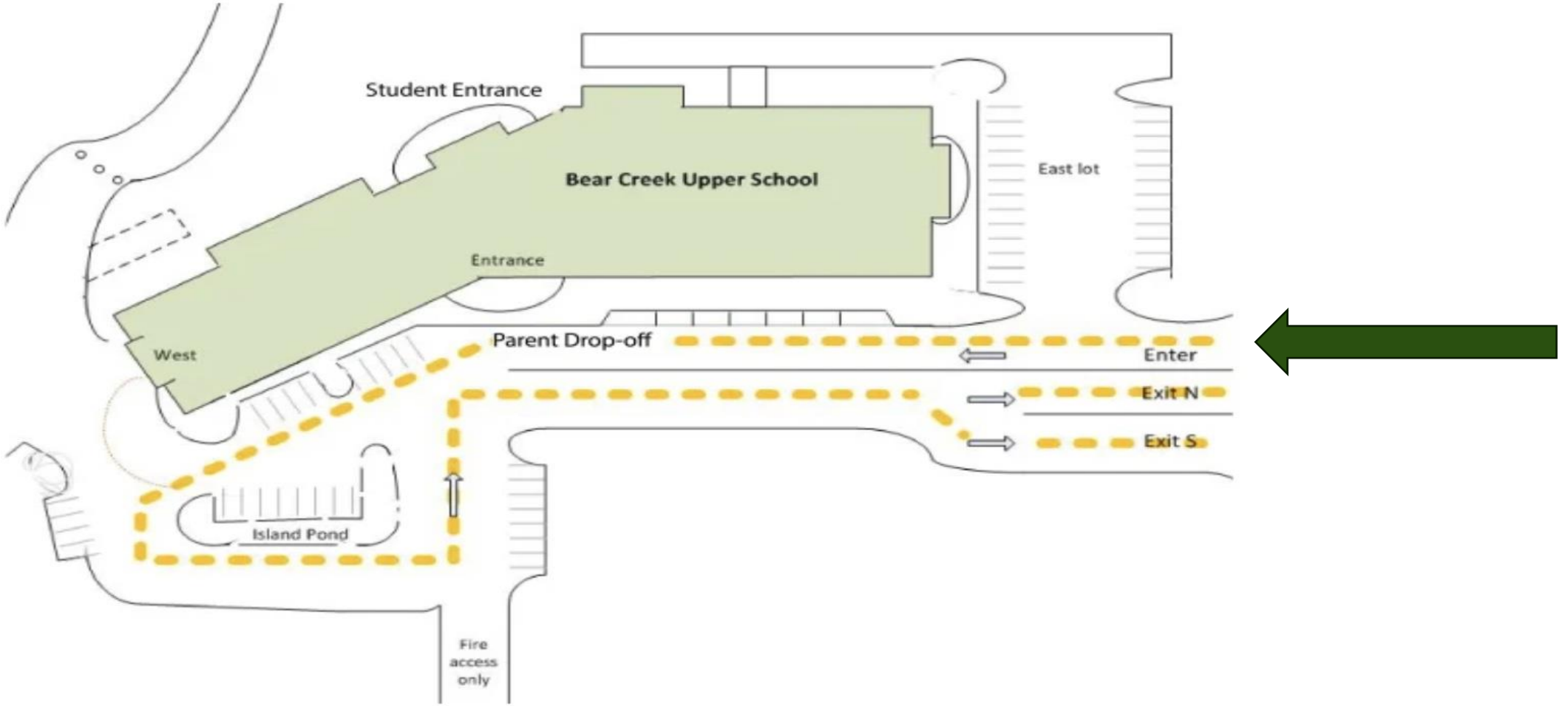
Upper School Dean of Students

Logistics

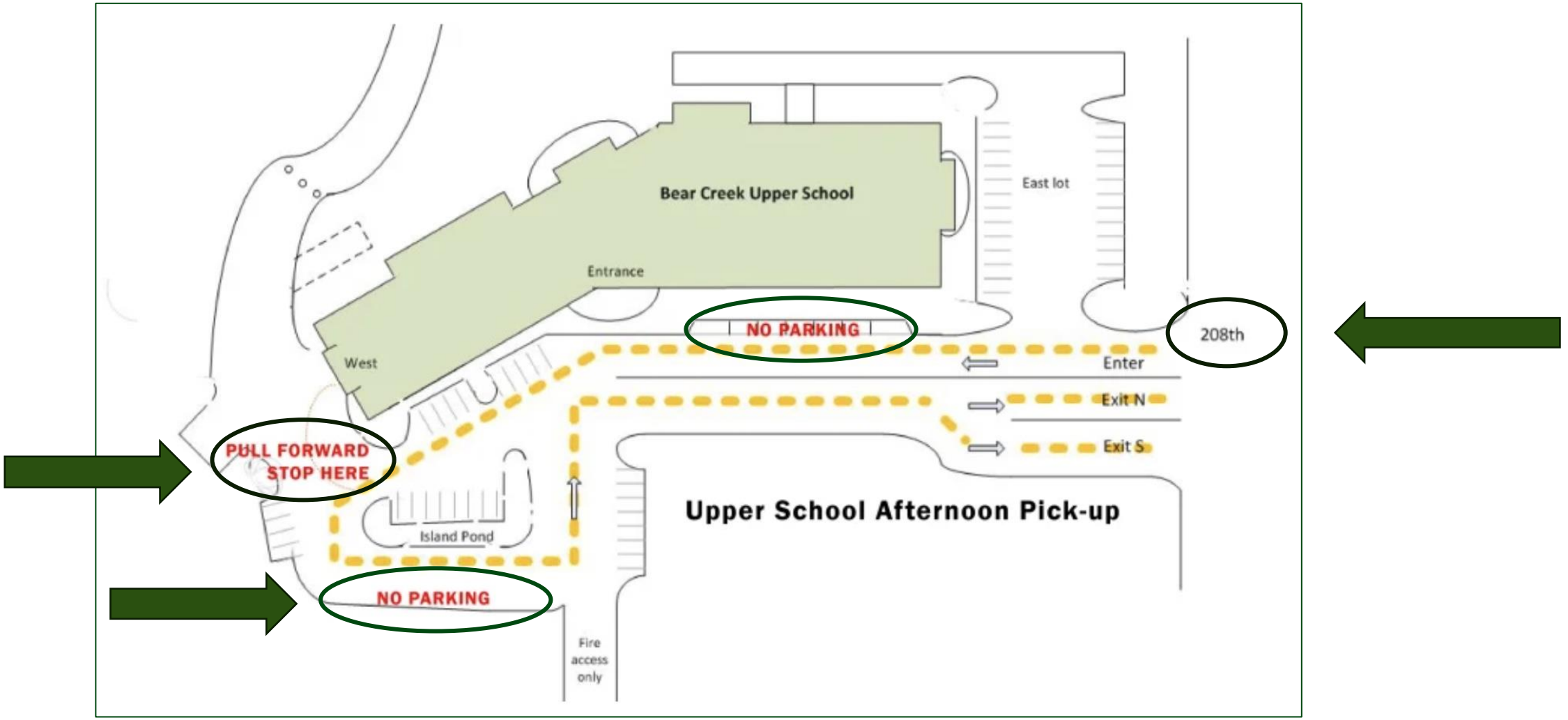
See details on the website for:

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

Morning Drop-off

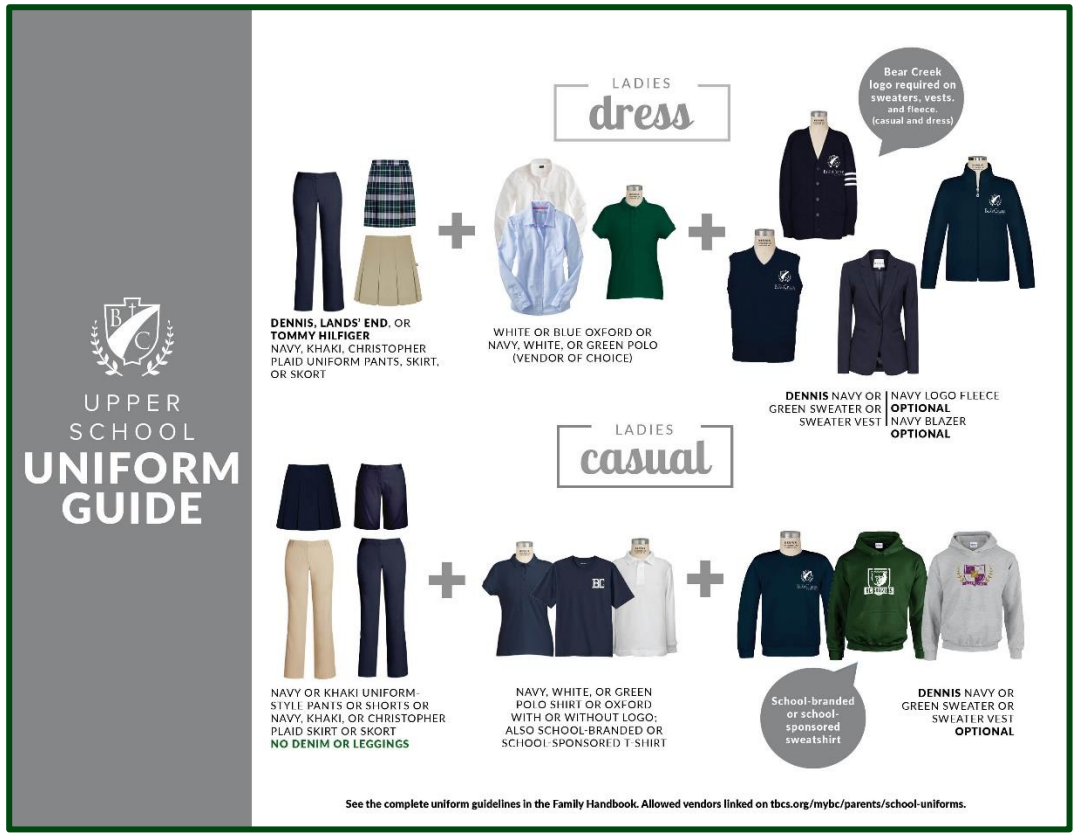


Afternoon Pick-up



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

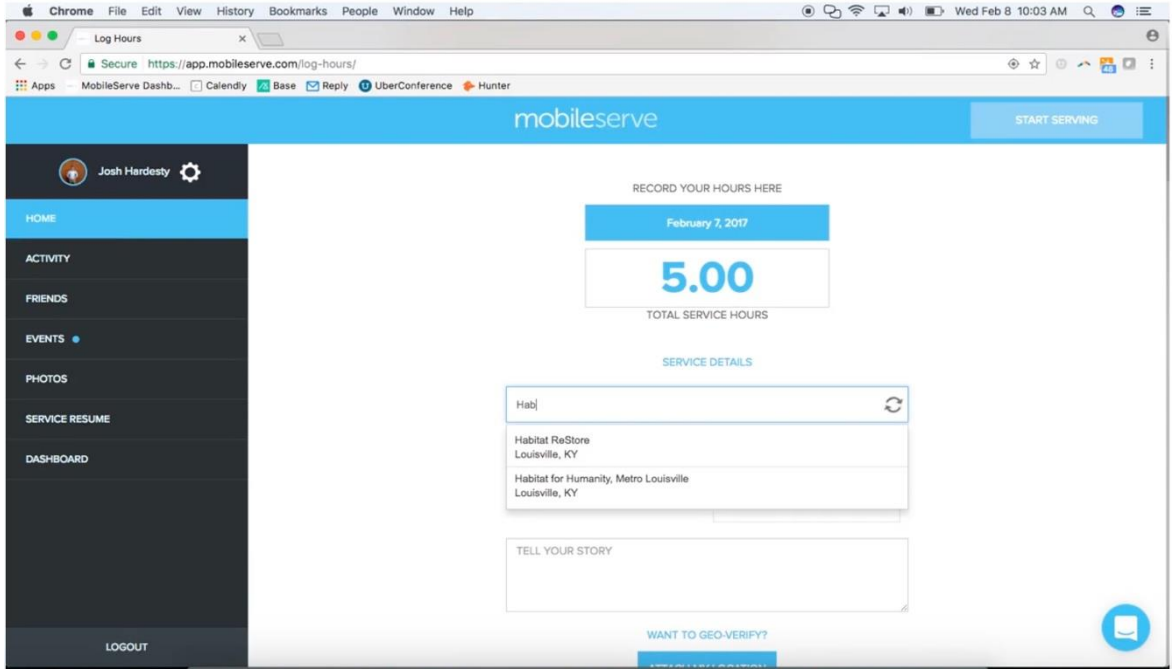


Community Service

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



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

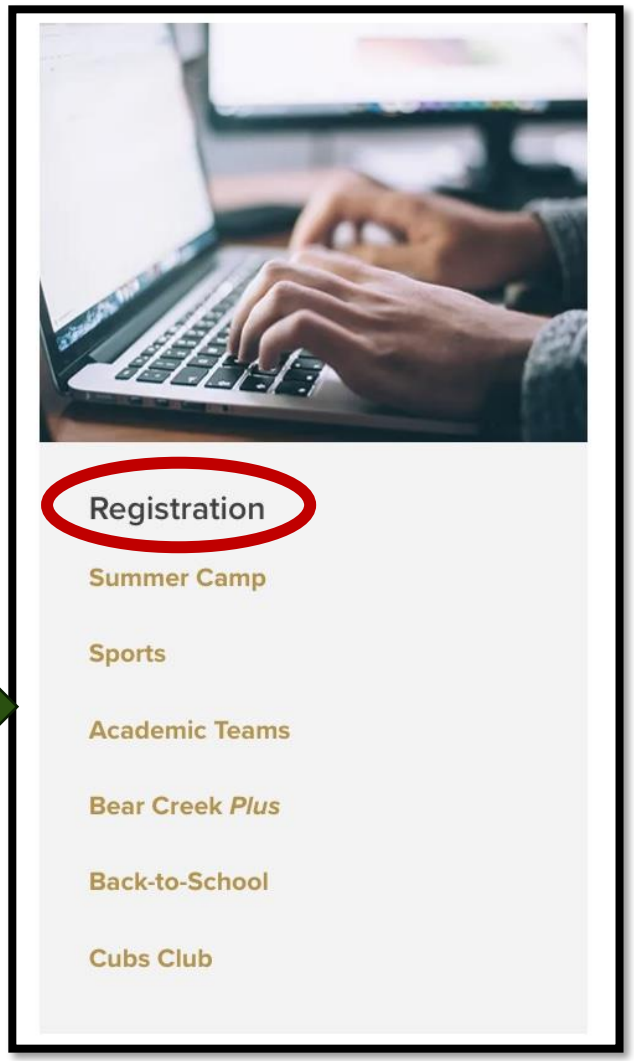
- **The Bear Creek School Mission**
- **Philosophy of athletics**

"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!