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FEBRUARY 2022

BEAR CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As usual, our spring semester is off to a fast start. Our students have begun to settle in and they are starting off strong following winter break. We value our partnership with parents and guardians as we support students on their journey through high school. In continuing this strong partnership, we would love to have you attend our Parent/Teacher Conferences evening on Wednesday March 2nd. The first two hours (3:00-5:00pm) of conferences will be virtual and the last two hours (5:15-7:15pm) will be in-person. Please watch for more information as we get closer to March 2, 2022.

District level conversations regarding the shifting of school start times has heated up. There is momentum to shift all high schools to a later start time of 8:15am, with a 3:30pm release time, as early as the fall of 2022. There will be opportunities for family and community engagement on this topic during the month of February. Please watch your email for opportunities to join in this conversation if you have a strong opinion on the changing of start times.

Preparations have begun to celebrate another wonderful group of seniors that have started their final semester with us. These seniors should be working closely with their counselors and parents to ensure that they remain on track for graduation in May. **Should a student fail to earn the required core credits for graduation, they will need to arrange make-up credit through Edgenuity, on-line, night school, summer school, and/or correspondence courses. Seniors that have not attained the required number of credits by the deadline will not be permitted to participate in commencement activities.** Bear Creek has many intervention structures to support students should they find themselves in need of help. Reaching the goal of graduation is a coordinated effort between home and school and your involvement is greatly respected and appreciated!

We value your continued support as we navigate this school year. Please reach out to your student's counselor or assistant principal if you have any questions or concerns that need to be addressed.

Sincerely,

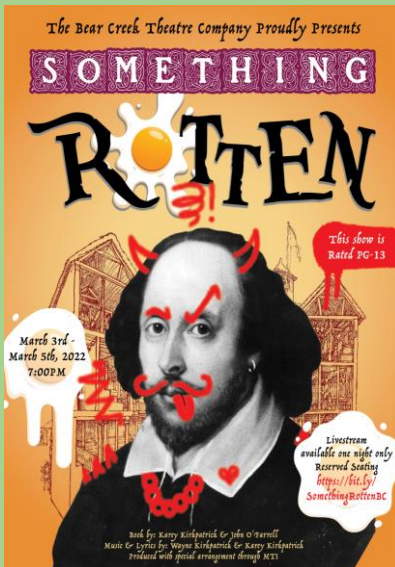
Mr. Lynn Torr
Principal

NEWS AND EVENTS

2021-2022 YEARBOOKS

The last day to reserve a 2021-2022 Yearbook is Friday, April 29, 2022, by 3:00 p.m. There are a very limited number of yearbooks still available for purchase. Yearbooks can be purchased on Jeffco Connect – where all other student fees are paid – up until April 29th or until the books are sold out.

Reserve one today in the financial office for \$80.00. You don't want to miss out!



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on March 2nd.
3:15 to 5:00 p.m. virtual
5:00 to 5:15 p.m. BREAK
5:15 to 7:15 in-person

PARENTS OF GRADUATING SENIORS

Please print a copy of your student's immunization record from Parent Portal, before graduation, as your student will need a copy to enroll in college.

COURSE SELECTION FOR 2022-2023

Students will begin the course selection process for 2022-23 on February 8th. The information and guides will be distributed through Connections classes. They will be working with their core subject area teachers to enter the core requests, and they will be turning in their request sheet by February 17th.



BEAR CREEK HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR 2021-2022

02/15/22	End of Fourth Six Weeks	03/03-03/05	Spring Musical
02/21/22	President's Day/No School	03/15/22	Spring Choir Concert
03/02/22	Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:00-5:00 p.m. virtual/5:15-7:15 in-person	03/21-03/25	Spring Break

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (CDE) SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORKS

State Accreditation is the Colorado Department of Education's annual accreditation assessment report for school districts. The accreditation process is a comprehensive system which reviews many performance indicators in school districts, including academic achievement and growth for students in reading, writing, math, and science.

CDE's District Performance Framework ("DPF") and School Performance Framework ("SPF") reports provide information about the levels of attainment in each of the four key performance indicators:

Academic Achievement

Academic Longitudinal Growth

Postsecondary Workforce Readiness (high school only).

For districts, the overall evaluation leads to their accreditation.

For schools, the overall evaluation leads to the type of plan schools will implement.

DISTRICT ACCREDITATION AND SCHOOL PLAN CATEGORIES

The District Performance Framework (DPF) assigns to each district one of five accreditation categories:

- 1) **Accredited with Distinction:** The district meets or exceeds statewide attainment on the performance indicators and is required to adopt and implement a Performance Plan.
- 2) **Accredited:** The district meets statewide attainment on the performance indicators and is required to adopt and implement a Performance Plan.
- 3) **Accredited with Improvement Plan:** The district is required to adopt and implement an Improvement Plan.
- 4) **Accredited with Priority Improvement Plan:** The district is required to adopt and implement a Priority Improvement Plan.
- 5) **Accredited with Turnaround Plan:** The district is required to adopt and implement a Turnaround Plan.

Jeffco Schools is Accredited and is assigned a Performance Plan.

The School Performance Framework (SPF) assigns to each school one of four plan types:

- 1) **Performance Plan:** The school meets or exceeds statewide attainment on the performance indicators and is required to adopt and implement a Performance Plan.
- 2) **Improvement Plan:** The school is required to adopt and implement an Improvement Plan.
- 3) **Priority Improvement Plan:** The school is required to adopt and implement a Priority Improvement Plan.
- 4) **Turnaround Plan:** The school is required to adopt and implement a Turnaround Plan.

The SPF for Bear Creek High School assigns our school a Performance Plan.

For additional information on accreditation, please contact Lynn Torr, Principal, Bear Creek High School. Additional information is available at www.cde.state.co.us/schoolview.



UPDATE SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

During registration this school year, parents completed contact information for their students in Jeffco Connect, the school district's online student information system. The contact information allows the school to contact parents, guardians and care-givers about emergencies and other important school-related issues. Parents should now log on to Jeffco Connect to review this information and make any necessary updates so the school will have up-to-date contact information. Parents can log on to Jeffco Connect at:

http://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/jeffco_connect/index.html.

Parents should also ensure that the school can contact them through School Messenger, the emergency contact system. Please log on to School Messenger and review the account settings to ensure that the message settings have not been blocked. Log on at:

<http://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/schoolmessenger/index.html>

GRADUATION INFORMATION ~CLASS OF 2022~

CONTACT PERSON

Mr. Jose Martinez III joamarti@jeffcoschools.us
(303) 982-8776

TIMELINE OF EVENTS

SENIOR FINALS

05/13/22 – Periods 1, 3, 5, 7 (Wednesday Schedule)
05/16/22 – Periods 4, 6, 7 (Thursday Schedule)

GRADUATION REHEARSAL

Wednesday, March 18th – 12:00 p.m. in the BCHS Main Gym
All students who plan on participating in Graduation at Red Rocks must attend

SENIOR PICNIC

Wednesday, May 18th – Immediately following Graduation Rehearsal
Location: Clement Park Pavilions

GRADUATION CEREMONY

Thursday, May 19, 2022
2:00 pm
Red Rocks Amphitheatre (Map and Handicapped Access)
Graduates must report no later than 1:00 pm at the top of Red Rocks Amphitheatre

GENERAL INFORMATION

Cap and Gown – Caps and Gowns will be distributed after rehearsal on 05/18 after all fines and fees are cleared. Caps and Gowns can be ordered through Jostens at (303) 985-0095.

Bear Creek High School April 2022 Testing Days Schedule

Below is the information for the SAT and PSAT testing days for April 13th and 14th. We strongly encourage parents/guardians not to schedule appointments on these days if it is a testing day for their student. Should you have any questions about this schedule or about testing in general, please contact Assistant Principal, Ms. Shanor at: Alison.shanor@jeffco.k12.co.us

9th grade schedule

Wed. 4/13:

No testing scheduled
No classes

Thurs. 4/14:

7:15 – 11:15 PSAT 9
No afternoon classes

10th grade schedule

Wed. 4/13:

No testing scheduled
No classes

Thurs. 4/14:

7:15 – 11:15 PSAT 10
No afternoon classes

11th grade schedule

Wed. 4/13:

7:15 – 11:15 SAT Test
(SAT with writing until 12:30)

Thurs. 4/14:

No Scheduled classes at this time
*CMAS science testing schedule TBD

*****12th grade does not have classes on 4/13 and 4/14**

Buses will run on a normal schedule these days, and depart from BCHS at 2:40pm – students are permitted to wait in the cafeteria for the bus departure if a ride cannot be arranged.

Lunch will be served on 4/13 and 4/14, but will be a limited menu.

*CMAS testing window for 11th grade students is 4/11- 4/29. Please check the website and future communications for more information on specific testing dates and times for CMAS.

The Counselor Corner

The mission of the BCHS school counseling program is to Educate, Empower, and Encourage Everyone Every Day.



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Joy Pearson	M-Ri	303-982-5283
Melanie Ryer	Rj-Z	303-982-8777
Allison Erwin (Intervention Counselor)		303-982-4529
Tami Danks	Registrar	303-982-8728

Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP):

All students at Bear Creek High School update their Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP) in each grade level. Students complete tasks related to their developmental level through the **Naviance** tool, available from the Bear Creek website <https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/auth/login/?hsid=bearcreek> (Login using Clever on the Naviance login screen and your Jeffco login information)

Counselors have had the opportunity to present to all grade levels to provide an opportunity to update their ICAPs. Ask your student to show you some of their work and what they have learned about planning for their future.

ICAP tasks include:

- exploring **career** interests
- making career plans
- reviewing **graduation** requirements
- setting goals
- searching for **scholarships**
- investigating **colleges**
- selecting high school course plans

Don't forget: There are new graduation requirements starting with the Class of 2022. The requirements now include earning credits PLUS demonstrating knowledge in English and Math. Check out the details here:

https://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/academics/graduation_requirements

SENIOR TIPS:

- Spring break is a great time to **visit** the top colleges you are considering. Be sure to **reserve a time** through the colleges' website.
- If you have not already, please apply for financial aid for college using the **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. This requires 2020 tax information for student and parent/guardian/s, Social Security numbers for each person, records of other untaxed income (ex.: veteran's benefits, bank statements, stocks, welfare benefits, Social Security benefits, TANF, business records, alien registration, etc.) The application opens every year in October.
- **CAFSA** – Colorado Application For State Financial Aid is available for Non-US Citizens and Not Permanent Residents of the US. See additional information and application: <https://cdhe.colorado.gov/students/preparing-for-college/colorado-application-for-state-financial-aid>

JUNIOR TIPS:

- **The state SAT is on Wednesday, April 13th.** All juniors are automatically registered. If students want to take the Essay portion of the SAT, students must sign up at www.collegeboard.org before Feb. 15th. **Study prep is available on the BCHS Counseling website and through Khan Academy.**
- When college representatives come to visit Bear Creek, sign up (through Naviance) and attend their virtual visits to learn more about your options for college. AND, spring break is a great time to **visit** the top colleges you are considering in person if you are able to safely in person or they are also offering virtual visits. Be sure to **reserve a time** through the colleges' website.
- If you're considering playing college-level sports, you must meet certain academic criteria through **NCAA** Eligibility Center. Visit www.ncaa.org to register and see your counselor to check your academic plan.

SOPHOMORE TIPS:

- All sophomores are automatically registered for and will take the PSAT 10 on Thursday, April 14th 2022. Students can find test prep information on www.collegeboard.org and Khan Academy.
- If you're considering playing college-level sports, you must meet certain academic criteria through **NCAA** Eligibility Center. Visit www.ncaa.org to register and see your counselor to check your academic plan.
- When college representatives come to visit Bear Creek, sign up (through Naviance) and attend their visits to learn more about your options for college.

FRESHMAN TIPS:

- All freshman are automatically registered for and will take the PSAT 9 on Thursday, April 14th, 2022 Students can find test prep information on www.collegeboard.org and Khan Academy.
- When college representatives come to visit Bear Creek, sign up (through Naviance) and attend their visits to learn more about your options for college.

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