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2007-2008 School Profile

Overview

Founded in 1988, the mission of The Bear Creek School is to provide a classical Christian education in a nurturing environment that will enable each student to become the individual God intends. The Bear Creek School is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities and the Pacific Northwest Association of Independent Schools. A member of the Pacific Northwest Association of College Admission Counseling, Bear Creek complies with the NACAC Statement of Principles and Good Practice.

Admission Guidelines

A successful academic record with demonstrated diligence, evidence of the potential to make a positive contribution to the school community and a desire to live by Christian standards are important admission considerations. Results from the Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE), teacher recommendations, and a personal interview are required.

Enrollment

The total enrollment for the 2007-2008 school year is 682, Kindergarten through Grade Twelve. The Upper School enrollment is 194 students, of whom 52 are seniors.

Faculty

Thirty faculty members teach in the Upper School, with 60% holding academic degrees at the Masters level or above.

Course Load

The standard course load is seven classes per semester. The average class size is 17.

Curriculum

The Bear Creek School's curriculum is a rigorous college preparatory program. All students take a balanced and comprehensive core of classes. Students must complete four credits in at least one of the following: world language, math or science.

Graduation Requirements

English/Rhetoric	4.5
History	4.5
Mathematics	3-5
Science	3-4
Christian Studies/Philosophy	3
World Language	3-4
Physical Education	1.5
Health	0.5
Washington State History	0.5
General Electives	2.0
Fine Arts Electives	0.5
Senior Project	0.5

Total 27.0 credits minimum

National Merit Recognition (Recognized/Total)

Class of 2004	6/30	students
Class of 2005	3/38	students
Class of 2006	6/24	students
Class of 2007	11/43	students
Class of 2008	5/52	students

Advanced Placement Program

Current students have the opportunity to enroll in Advanced Placement courses offered in Biology, Physics, Chemistry, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, U.S. History, European History, Music Theory, Calculus A/B and B/C, Statistics, Spanish and Latin.

AP Summary Statistics 2007

Students Tested	108
Exams Taken	182
% of students in Grades 10-12	82%
% scoring "3" or higher	84%
% scoring "4" or higher	55%
% scoring "5"	24%

Class of 2008 Junior year

SAT Distribution (as of 6/07).

Range	CR	M	W
750-800	0	2	2
700-740	4	2	5
650-690	13	8	6
600-640	9	13	8
550-590	4	6	11
500-540	3	5	5
450-490	6	5	3
440-below	2	0	1

(Sample excludes Bear Creek students who have taken the TOEFL exam.)

Standardized Test Performance

Statistics represent the middle 50% range and mean SAT scores during the junior year for the **Class of 2008** (as of 6/07).

	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
Mean Score	597	601	602
Mid-50%	540-660	570-650	550-660

For the Class of 2007, the mid-50% ranged from 555-750 on Critical Reading, from 555-640 on Math, and 580-720 on Writing.

Grading Distribution

GPA	Percent	Grade
4.0	100-94	A
3.7	93-90	A-
3.3	89-87	B+
3.0	86-83	B
2.7	82-80	B-
2.3	79-77	C+
2.0	76-73	C
1.7	72-70	C-
1.3	69-67	D+
1.0	66-60	D

Calculation of GPA

All Upper School grades are based on an A to F, 4.0 scale. Course grades are not weighted. Only grades earned at The Bear Creek School are included in the GPA calculation.

Ranking Policy-The Bear Creek School does not rank students but provides the following distribution to highlight the academic strength of the senior class.

Class of 2008 GPA Distribution

GPA	#Students
4.0	1
3.75-3.99	13
3.50-3.74	16
3.25-3.49	5
3.00-3.24	5
2.75-2.99	3
2.50-2.74	1
2.25-2.49	2
2.00-2.24	0

(Represents all Bear Creek courses through the end of the junior year)

Academic Honors

Head's List	3.50-4.00
Dean's List	3.00-3.49

University Bound

As a college preparatory environment, typically 100% of our graduates enroll in domestic or international 4-year colleges or universities.

Disciplinary Consequences

The Bear Creek School reports all serious breaches of our community's honor code and will report potentially harmful patterns of behavior resulting in suspension or expulsion from the school.

Fine and Performing Arts

Bear Creek Upper School students participate in four separate year-round vocal and instrumental performance groups, as well as two theatre performances each year.

Upper School classes are offered in Art History, Drawing, Painting, Sculpture, Graphic Design and Photography.

Athletics

Bear Creek Upper School athletic teams compete in SeaTac league at the 2B level. All Bear Creek teams participated in post-season playoffs in the 2006-07 school year, including Boys Soccer which won the 2006 State Title.

Special Programs

Community service is an integral part of our school community and an important opportunity to serve others and follow Christ's example of servant leadership. All Upper School students complete a minimum of 100 hours of community service by the end of their senior year, spreading their service throughout the school, community and world.

Senior Project

All seniors are required to develop and present a senior project prior to graduation. Projects are approved by a faculty advisor. Presentations are evaluated by a panel of faculty and administrators.

Sample of 2007 Senior Project Topics

Design and hand-crafting of wood flute

Mechanical and cosmetic restoration of vintage automobile

Development of asp.net website

Video and production of biographical heritage film

Peace Corps trip to El Salvador

Organization and creation of integrative garden at retirement home

Travel, language-immersion study, and analysis of Japan-Korea relations

Admissions Acceptance List (partial)

***Matriculated 2001-2006**

Italics, Matriculated 2007

Acadia University – Nova Scotia*
Azusa Pacific University, CA*
Berklee College of Music, MA
Biola University, CA*
Boston University, MA*
California Technical Institute*
Claremont McKenna College, CA*
*Columbia University, NY**
*Cornell University, NY**
Drexel University, PA*
Duke University, NC
Emory University, GA*
George Fox University, OR*
*Gonzaga University, WA**
*Harvey Mudd College, CA**
Johns Hopkins University*
Lehigh University, PA*
Linfield College, OR*
*New York University, NY**
Northwest Nazarene University, ID*
Pacific Lutheran University, WA*
Parsons School of Design, NY*
Pepperdine University, CA*
Pomona College, CA
Point Loma University, CA*
Rollins College, FL*
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, IN*
*Santa Clara University, CA**
*Seattle Pacific University, WA**
*St. Andrews College, UK**
*St. Olaf College, MN**
*Stanford University, CA**
Tulane University, LA*
*University of Arizona, AZ**
University of British Columbia*
University of California – Berkeley, CA*
University of California-San Diego, CA*
University of Chicago, IL
University of Dallas, TX*
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, MI*
University of Pennsylvania, PA*
University of Puget Sound, WA*
*University of Southern California, CA**
*University of Tulsa, OK**
*University of Washington, WA**
Virginia Military Institute, VA*
Vanderbilt University, TN*
Washington & Lee, VA*
*Western Washington University, WA**
Westmont College, CA*
*Wheaton College – IL**
Whitman College, WA
*Whitworth College, WA**