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## 2008-2009 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 2008-2009 school year is 682, Kindergarten through Grade Twelve. The Upper School enrollment is 184 students, of whom 33 are seniors.

### Faculty

Thirty-five faculty teach in the Upper School, with 63% 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 18.

### 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	3.0
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>27.0 credits minimum</b>

### National Merit Recognition (Recognized/Class Size)

Class of 2006	6/24 students
Class of 2007	11/43 students
Class of 2008	4/52 students
Class of 2009	7/33 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, Calculus A/B and B/C, and Statistics. Other AP courses may be offered based on interest.

### AP Summary Statistics 2008

Students Tested	93
Exams Taken	142
% of Grades 10-12 testing	74%
% scoring "3" or higher	85%
% scoring "4" or higher	55%
% scoring "5"	25%

### Class of 2009 Junior year SAT Distribution (as of 6/08).

Range	CR	M	W
750-800	4	4	0
700-740	4	5	5
650-690	7	5	8
600-640	10	6	10
550-590	5	5	4
500-540	1	4	3
450-490	1	3	2
440-below	0	0	0

### Standardized Test Performance

Statistics represent the middle 50% range and mean SAT scores during the junior year for the **Class of 2009** (as of 6/08).

	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
Mean Score	646	629	624
Mid-50%	610-690	570-650	550-660

For the Class of 2008, the mid-50% ranged from 540-660 on Critical Reading, from 570-650 on Math, and 550-650 on Writing.

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.

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**Grading Scale**

<b>GPA</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Grade</b>
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 2009 GPA Distribution**

<b>GPA</b>	<b>#Students</b>
4.0	1
3.75-3.99	16
3.50-3.74	6
3.25-3.49	6
3.00-3.24	3
2.75-2.99	0
2.50-2.74	1
2.25-2.49	0
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 within one calendar year of graduation.

**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 may 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 Grizzly teams participated in post-season playoffs in the 2007-08 school year, including Boys Basketball, which finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the State Playoffs.

**Community Service**

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 Recent Senior Projects**

Design and hand-crafting of wood flute

Mechanical and cosmetic restoration of vintage automobile

C.G.I Animation of Poetry

Climbing and study of Mt. Kilimanjaro

Peace Corps trip to El Salvador

Organization and creation of integrative garden at retirement home

Performance of Japanese Tea Ceremony

Medical mission trip to Honduras

**College Matriculation List**

**Partial list of schools attended by recent graduates**

***Italics, Matriculated 2007 or 2008***

Acadia University – Nova Scotia

*Azusa Pacific University, CA*

Biola University, CA

Boston University, MA

California Technical Institute

Claremont McKenna College, CA

*Columbia University, NY*

*Cornell University, NY*

Drexel University, PA

Emory University, GA

George Fox University, OR

*Gonzaga University, WA*

*Harvey Mudd College, CA*

*James Madison University, VA*

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*

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*

*Trinity College, IRE*

Tulane University, LA

*University of Arizona, AZ*

University of British Columbia

University of California –Berkeley, CA

University of California-San Diego, CA

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 the Pacific, CA*

*University of Tulsa, OK*

*University of Washington, WA*

Virginia Military Institute, VA

Vanderbilt University, TN

*Washington University in St Louis, MO*

Washington & Lee, VA

*Western Washington University, WA*

*Westmont College, CA*

*Wheaton College, IL*

*Whitworth College, WA*

*Willamette College, OR*

*Williams College, MA*