

# ACADEMIC ADVISING

Preparation for Grades 7 and 8

# Course Selections

Grades 7 and 8 students will automatically be assigned to the following:

- Christian Studies
- History
- Science
- English
- Latin
- Logic
- Math – next sequence
- Physical Education

# Math Challenge

Some students might choose to challenge next level Math sequence.

**Step 1: Student and Parent** – speak with current math teacher to seek endorsement and earn 90+% each semester in current math class

*If endorsement provided...*

**Step 2: Parent** – complete online Request for Math Challenge form by **March 31**, selecting Challenge Exam date(s)

*If request accepted...*

**Step 3: Student** – score 85+% on both sections of the Math Challenge exam on selected date(s). **Exam Dates:** May 24, June 28, July 19

# Electives

Students are enrolled in one elective during the semester they have P.E. and in two electives during the other semester for a total of three electives each year.

- Art\*
- Band\*
- Choir\*
- Drama\*
- Rhetoric
- Introduction to Computer Programming
- Intermediate Computer Programming
- Advanced Computer Programming
- Creation Lab
- Creative Writing Lab
- Digital Storytelling
- Strength Training
- Robotics
- Study Hall (by exception; form required)

\* At least one elective each year must be an Arts elective

# Important Elective Notes

**P.E. is required** – parents may petition to waive by **March 31** if:

- Student participates in year-round directed athletics (outside participation in Bear Creek sports programs)
- Student has a physical disability (requires doctor's note)
- Family has a religious belief that prevents participation

<https://forms.office.com/r/Q6vrcHEzNH>

**Band/Choir** – full-year participation is recommended

- During registration be sure to select either Band or Choir **twice**
- Allows the registrar to schedule electives effectively for all students

# A few final reminders

Detailed instructions for course preferencing emailed on **February 28** and is due by **March 7**. *Students have one week to register.*

- Electives are **not** first come first serve
  - several choices and best effort to get you into preferred courses
- P.E. is **required**.
  - waivers are for limited/specific scenarios and online petition is due by **March 31**.
- Math Challenge
  - speak with current math teacher first and online request is due by **March 31**.

# Questions?

- Academic Advising – Mrs. McDonough [jmcdonough@tbcs.org](mailto:jmcdonough@tbcs.org)
- Student and Parent Portals – Mrs. Mickelsen [vmickelsen@tbcs.org](mailto:vmickelsen@tbcs.org)

# Email – Parent Part

Each student must have his/her own email address in order to register for next year's classes. It may **not** be the same as either of your parent's email addresses.

## **Take the following steps:**

1. Have your parents update their Household Profile (go to MyBC/Parents on Bear Creek's website, click the Parent Portal link, and log in).
2. On the Parent Portal, parents should review their Profile, editing their child's contact information if necessary. Ensure he/she has a unique email address on file (do not enter a parent's email address as a child's email address – it **must** be a unique email address that the student can use).



# Email – Student Part

- Once your parents have updated your contact information, students then go to <https://www.tbcs.org/mybc/students>. If you are a first-time user, you may need to click on Forgot username or password, then enter your email address as listed by your parents in your contact information on the Household Profile.
- Your username and a password reset link will be emailed to you at the email address in the Household Profile. (This is why it is so important that each student has unique email address that he/she can access.)
- You can use the username and password to log into the Student Portal.