Dear Parents and Guardians,

In some ways, this has been the fastest school year ever, and in other ways it feels like we have been doing this much longer. In what has been an interrupted and difficult school year for many, we must continue to persevere as we finish up this semester. For our graduating class, their attention is turning toward life after high school. This transition can be both exciting and difficult for students and families to manage. We tend to see nervousness, excitement, anxiety, and joy as we approach our graduation ceremony at Red Rocks on Thursday May 20, 2021 at 9:00am. Our juniors are beginning the mental transition to becoming seniors and focusing on life after high school. Summer break is an excellent opportunity for our current juniors and their families to schedule college visits as they begin to develop a vision for their senior of high school.

We are excited to welcome our hybrid students to 100% in-person learning (Monday-Thursday) beginning April 5, 2021. The opportunity to have more students in the building is encouraging as we attempt to return to some level of normalcy in the school setting. There will still be numerous challenges as we close out the school year. We are hopeful and optimistic as we finish out this semester and start preparing for Fall 2021. Please see recent letter/communication from 3/24/21 for specific details related to our 100% in-person return.

Please pay special attention to information in this newsletter about upcoming state testing. Our testing schedule involves students in grades 9-11 and we will incorporate a special schedule for school during testing week. This is an intense series of assessments designed to diagnose how students are performing compared to state standards. We take the results of these tests very seriously and we use them for instructional planning and interventions.

Please stay tuned for information related to summer school opportunities at Bear Creek High School. We are working out the details of an in-person summer school opportunity and will communicate these plans in the near future. If your student is in need of credit recovery, please reach out to your counselor to discuss options.

We are excited to finish the current school year with great momentum. We value our partnership with parents and guardians as we work together to serve our wonderful students at Bear Creek High School! Thank you for all you do to support your children and our school.

Sincerely,

Lynn Torr
Principal
2020-2021 YEARBOOKS

The last day to reserve a 2020-2021 Yearbook is Thursday, April 29, 2021, 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 $70.00. You don’t want to miss out!

SFS students engage in experiential learning through firsthand experiences in urban, rural, and wilderness settings. The program includes:

- a two-week backpacking and rock climbing trip to Arizona
- a one-week live-in on a farm or ranch somewhere in Colorado
- a nine-day white water rafting trip in Utah
- and dozens of urban field trips!

SFS is for second semester seniors and--and addition to all the adventures--provides 3.0 academic credits! For more information, please join us for the informational meeting on April 20th, visit seniorfieldstudies.org, or email Mr. Porentas at Steve.Porentas@jeffco.k12.co.us

STUDENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

A reminder to parents, the faculty staff parking lot is not to be used for student drop-off or pick-up anytime during the school day, especially after school. Parents may park in the student parking lot on the north side along Dartmouth and your student may meet you there in the afternoons. In leaving the student parking lot, parents are able to make a right turn out of the student lot and drive straight to Dartmouth without making a left into traffic from the faculty staff parking lot which will create less congestion. Thank you for your consideration in keeping our students and staff safe.
BEAR CREEK HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR 2020-2021

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FROM THE FINANCIAL OFFICE

Due to the current situation, we are unable to post our annual fines list this year. Please log onto Jeffco Connect and check for any outstanding fees and/or fines your student may have. If you are having problems logging on to Jeffco Connect, please call the school. If your student has outstanding fees and/or fines, you should have received an email at the end of March. Students, if you have any questions concerning your account, stop by and talk to Ms. Shellhorn in the Financial Office.

Yearbooks and graduation cap and gown will not be distributed to students who have outstanding fines. If you have a fine from last year, and picked up your yearbook that just means a fine was put on after yearbook distribution.

We need communication from parents if you cannot afford to pay part or all of your student’s school fees. We can work with you so we are not continuously trying to collect from you. However, we cannot waive fines for textbooks, library books, music pieces, parking citations and various other fines that may have been issued. If your student has any of the textbooks, library books, etc. in their possession, please have them bring them to the Financial Office.

Seniors Please Note: Yearbook and Cap and Gown distribution is right around the corner! Don’t be turned away because you have an outstanding fine. All seniors must have their accounts at a ZERO balance in order to receive their cap and gown for graduation. The sooner you take care of this, the less you have to worry about at year’s end.

To view and pay your student’s fees and/or fines, you can log onto Jeffco Connect and click on the “Jeffco Student Fee Payment” link (left hand side – last in list). If there are optional fees showing, remember, those you do not have to pay, they are optional.

GRADUATION INFORMATION
~Class of 2021~

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

GRADUATION CEREMONY
Thursday, May 20, 2021
9:00 am
Red Rocks Amphitheatre
Graduates must report no later than 8:00 am at the top of Red Rocks Amphitheatre

MORE INFORMATION TO COME SOON!

WE ARE CURRENTLY WAITING ON GUIDANCE FROM JEFFCO PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE CITY OF DENVER.
April Testing Schedule

Below is the information for the testing days in April. We want to strongly encourage parents/guardians not to schedule appointments on these days if it is a testing day for their student. All testing will take place in person at Bear Creek High School. Remote learners are full time Jeffco students instructed by Jeffco educators are required to test CMAS, PSAT/SAT. 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

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**Schedule:**
Monday April 12th will be remote, synchronous learning day students will attend all classes (1-6). The rest of the week will be asynchronous learning unless a student is testing. Friday the 16th will be remote asynchronous, as usual.

**CMAS**
*IF Colorado is granted a testing waiver from the federal government we will not test CMAS science. If CMAS is required, in person learners will test in their connections classes the week of April 19th-22nd and testing will take place for remote only learners on Friday, April 16th. No hybrid learners will be in the building this day.

**Lunch:**
A limited menu lunch will be available for students to grab and go after testing

**Transportation:**
Busses will run on a normal schedule on these days and depart from BCHS at 1:20- students are permitted to wait in the cafeteria for the bus departure if a ride cannot be arranged.
**KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE**

Statistics:

- Students who are bullied are more likely to feel lonely, want to avoid school, and are more likely to experience anxiety, depression, and/or low self-esteem.
- 76.8 percent of students in one study stated they had been bullied and they had experienced severe reactions to the abuse.
- A survey conducted by the American Association of University Women reported that 85 percent of girls and 76 percent of boys have been sexually harassed in some form.

These numbers are alarming and with the latest generation the ability to utilize technology has expanded the reach for abuse in what we now call **cyber bullying**. It has been estimated that approximately 20 percent of children 11-18 years have been a victim at some point of their life. The effects are devastating leading to depression, anxiety and low self-confidence. Some cyber bullied youth have also reported suicidal thoughts. In addition to the cyber abuse sustained by their peers the possibility for victimization by sexual predators is real. While access to the internet can provide children with important learning experiences the internet provides access to large numbers of children and allows the sexual predator to remain anonymous. Results of a recent national survey have indicated one in nine youth is sexually solicited over the internet. It has also been reported that only about 40% of parents regularly discuss internet safety with their students. Given the potential dangers of children’s internet usage, and other media sources such as instagram and snapchat, the following strategies are offered for parents in keeping their children safe.

1. Talk with your adolescent about the potential hazards of online sexual solicitation and the risks associated with internet communication with strangers.
2. Discuss the dangers of face-to-face contact with someone met online.
3. Teach your child to avoid sending personally identifying information (e.g. real name, address, school, telephone number, photos) via the internet.
4. Encrypt your wireless home network.
5. Discourage your child from downloading games and other media which could contain Trojan and worm programs that enable remote access to computers by unauthorized users.
6. Supervise/monitor internet friends in a fashion similar to how neighborhood and school friends are monitored.
7. Set the internet browser (e.g. Internet Explorer) security feature to “high”.
8. Place the computer in a public location such as a family room as opposed to a child’s bedroom.
9. Monitor the amount of time your child spends online and frequently check the computer’s Web browsers, which provide information on the websites that have been accessed.
10. Contact the Cyber Tip Line at (800)843-5678 or [www.cybertipline.com](http://www.cybertipline.com) if you suspect an online predator has contacted your child.
11. Some apps that help track students activities online include FamiSafe, Qustodio, Nex Nanny, Mama Bear, Screen Time, You Tube Kids, Bouncie, Respond ASAP, Bark, and Checky. For more information on these apps check out familyeducation.com/10-apps-for-parents-to-monitor-kids-mobile-use.
12. Periodically check your adolescent’s phone to check their apps; not all apps are legitimate or safe. You might also want to view the saved memories on snapchat.

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**Ashley Gray, LSW**  
*School Social Worker*  
Bear Creek High School  
303-982-1865
The Counselor Corner

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

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Gretchen Slaughter  F-L  303-982-0109
Joy Pearson  M-Ri  303-982-5253
Melanie Ryer  RJ-Z  303-982-8777
Sam Feeney Intervention Counselor  303-982-8647
Tami Danks  Registrar  303-982-8728

MENTAL HEALTH

During these times of stress and uncertainty as we navigate the 20/21 school year, the mental health effects of COVID-19 are as essential to address as are the physical health effects. Below you will find a link to resources to support you and your family members during this time.

https://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=627965&pageId=14357095

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 2019 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.

NEED HELP WITH FAFSA?

Our partners at the Educational Opportunity Center at Community College of Denver (CCD) are ready to help you during this time. Schedule a virtual appointment during business hours, Monday - Friday from 8am-5pm. Call EOC’s main number at 303.352.8746 or email them at eoc@ccd.edu to schedule your virtual (WebEx) appointment. This is free support offered to any high school senior regardless of where they are planning on attending college.

JUNIOR TIPS:

- The state SAT is on Tuesday, April 13th. All juniors are automatically registered.
- Study prep is available on the BCHS Counseling website and through Khan Academy.
- SAT study prep course through Sycamore Learning www.prepforthefuture.com
- When college representatives come to visit Bear Creek virtually, sign up (through Naviance) and attend their 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. 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 15th. 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 Wednesday, April 14**th. Students can find test prep information on [www.collegeboard.org](http://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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**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](https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/auth/login/?hsid=bearcreek) (Login using Clever on the Naviance login screen and your Jeffco login information).

At this time, all of our Bear Creek students at all grade levels have been provided with an opportunity to update their ICAP. 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](https://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/academics/graduation_requirements)

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**BELL SCHEDULE**

**FINALS GRADES 9TH THROUGH 11TH**

Wednesday, May 25
Final Exam Bell Schedule

- **Green Day**
  - Periods 1, 3, 5

Wednesday, May 26
Final Exam Bell Schedule

- **Gold Day**
  - Periods 2, 4, 6

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![Last Day of School](image-url)
BEARS HONORED BY THE COLLEGE BOARD

Congratulations to our BCHS Bears who were honored by the College Board for their strong performances on their Advanced Placement Exams.

AP Scholar with Distinction: Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

Dominick Le

AP Scholar with Honor: Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and score of 3 or high on four or more of these exams.

Prasanga Barakoti
Emily Chambers
Cameron Christner
Graycee Maldonado
Dylan Nagao
Eldon Ngo
Jimmy Rodas
Grace Wade

AP Scholars: Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams.

Devon Bountry
Rebecca Busche
Brandi Bustos
Emily Hernandez
Ehlanna Herron
Alex Huynh
Kylie Knutson
Hannah Mason
Mai Nguyen
Alexander Peters
Jenny Ro
Caiden Scott
Makayla Smith
Claire St. Bernard
Kaylee Stanton
Angeline Stoller
Rowan Taylor-Laska
Jacob Vigil
Sophia Wenholz
March 18, 2021

Dear Jeffco parents & families,

With the anticipation of most students returning to the classroom on a full-time basis beginning April 5, 2021, we at Jeffco Food & Nutrition Services are facing a severe and dire need for employees to help serve breakfasts and lunches to kids in our schools.

Currently, we are looking at a staffing shortfall of roughly 85 employees to serve the needs of nearly 150 schools.

For some kids, breakfast and hot lunch are the only nutritious meals being served to each of them on a daily basis. The work we do for the schools and these kids is vital to the overall strength of our community.

- Are you looking for full- or part-time work?
- Has COVID left you furloughed, or unemployed?
- With your kids returning to the classroom, do you have the ability to dedicate your time to feeding kids for anywhere from four to eight hours each day?

If you answered, “Yes!” to any of these questions, we encourage you to go on to our web site and apply:

https://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/employment/jobs

The more adequately staffed we are, the less likely there is to be any disruption to our students in the course of their workday within their learning environment. We have the ability to work with your schedule, offer flexible options, discuss benefits (if they are needed), and even provide potential opportunities for supplemental income in our summer food service program.

If you are interested, please do not wait and contact us or apply TODAY. Thank you!