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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week, we mailed home to our families a form called the “Course Request.” This is a personalized list of all of the classes your son will be taking in the fall semester. It is not his schedule; that will include when he will be taking the various classes (which period) and it will arrive the first week of August. Unfortunately, with the recent holiday, the course requests went out later than planned, so this letter is to help you plan for book buying until your son’s request list arrives.

The Course Request form is an important tool for you and your son to use to determine if any errors were made in his course planning for the fall. Additionally, this list, along with the 2017-2018 Booklist, will guide you in buying the correct books that will be required. There are three common ways for families to obtain books:

First, the school Parent Council hosts a book ‘swap meet’ on Saturday, July 8, from 8am-12pm on the basketball courts. This event is run entirely by our parents and, although convenient, there is no guarantee as to what books will be available. The second method is using the online bookstore, operated by *Adams K12 Direct* book sellers. Information about this provider is available on our website and they will have all of the books on the booklist available to ship direct to your home. The book store is schedule to open July 20. Finally, you can research and find other online suppliers to obtain your books. One caution; be sure the ISBN (like a book serial number) from the booklist matches exactly any books you buy online.

If your course request form does arrive when planned, please accept our apologies, but don’t worry. I am including with this letter a quick look-up guide for most of the courses your son will need to obtain books for. To save space, our published booklist organizes all courses by course number. That is a two to four letter abbreviation usually followed by three numbers. You use these course numbers to cross-reference between the course request form and the booklist.

If you have any questions regarding your son’s academic curriculum, one of our counselors, Mr. Merced Contreras (MContreras@boscotech.edu), is available during the summer to assist. If you think an error has been made in course placement for a math or science course, you can contact Mr. Eric Tom (ETom@boscotech.edu).

Typical Freshmen Courses (course number)

English 9 (EN101)

Health/PE (HE110)

Algebra I (MA101)

Biology (SC203)

World History (SO101)

Freshmen Theology (THEO101 & 102);

Technology courses (due to tech rotation, materials are available at the start of the school year)

Additional Courses: Honors English (EN101H), Honors Biology (SC203H), Honors World History (SO101H);

Assigned math course is based on 8th grade report cards and testing.

Typical Sophomore Courses (course number)

English 10 (EN201)

Fine Arts – Visual Arts or Intro to Music (FA201 or FA202)

World Languages – Spanish I, Bilingual Spanish I, or Japanese I (FL102, FL104 or FL105)

Geometry (MA202)

Physical Science (SC205)

Sophomore Theology (THEO201 & 202)

Technology courses (sophomore tech courses all have a number in the 200's)

Additional Courses: Honors English (EN201H), Honors Chemistry (SC301H);

Assigned math course is based on last successfully completed level.

Typical Junior Courses (Course number)

English 11 (EN301)

World Languages – Spanish II, Bilingual Spanish II, or Japanese II (FL202, FL204 or FL205)

Algebra II (MA301)

Chemistry (SC301)

US History (SO301)

Junior Theology (THEO301 & 302)

Technology courses (junior tech courses all have a number in the 300's)

Additional Courses: Honors English (EN302), AP Spanish Language (FL304AP),

AP Chemistry (SC302AP), Physics (SC401), AP US History (SO302AP);

Assigned math course is based on last successfully completed level.

Typical Senior Courses (Course number)

English 12 (EN402)

Senior Elective – Spanish III (FL302)
AP Spanish Literature (FL401AP)
Creative Writing (EN409)
AP Human Geography (SO410)
Speech and Communications (EN400)

Pre-Calculus (MA303)

Physics (SC401) or Anatomy & Physiology (SC404)

Government (SO401) and Economics (SO404)

Senior Theology (THEO402 & 401)

Technology courses (senior tech courses all have a number in the 400's)

Additional Courses: AP English (EN407), Calculus (401), AP Calculus AB (MA406),
AP Calculus BC (MA407), Statistics (MA403), AP Statistics (MA408), AP
Physics (SC403AP), AP Government (SO402),
AP Macroeconomics (SO403);
Assigned math course is based on last successfully completed level.

I hope this information is helpful to you and makes the book buying process a little less painful!
Please contact me at the email below if you have any questions. May the remainder of your summer
be productive and we look forward to seeing all of our students in the fall.

Sincerely,



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