

## **\*COURSE SELECTION**

Dear Parents:

Students who attend Abbotsford Christian School choose a variety of courses during their high school years. It is our desire to work through the process with students and their parents to help them recognize their God-given gifts and abilities, using that information to help make them make decisions to enable them to be servants of God. In order to accomplish this we meet with parents & students in a variety of different settings throughout their years at the ACS high school campus.

**GRADE 8 STUDENTS** who enter grade 9 in September 2011 will attend an information evening at the ACS high school campus **Tuesday, MARCH 15** to learn about the graduation program. Every student is required to take courses prescribed by the Ministry of Education & ACS. Students will complete a form listing their electives in order of choice. We will do our best to meet the student's requests, but there are no guarantees that your child will get their electives in order of choice.

**GRADE 9 STUDENTS** who enter grade 10 in September 2011 will attend a course information evening at the high school campus. Students have only 2 elective choices in grade 10 – 6 of 8 courses are **required**. The electives available for grade 10 include: French, Foods, Textiles, Tech Ed Wood, Tech Ed Mechanics, Band, Choir, Art, Drama

**GRADE 10 STUDENTS** who enter grade 11 in September 2011 will attend an individual, mandatory course planning meeting. Parent(s), their grade 10 child and the school counselor will discuss the student's goals for the future. It is a great time for asking questions, an opportunity to revisit the graduation program requirements and the perfect time to focus on the individual student. We will also discuss course requirements to meet the student's goals. **(THESE APPOINTMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN FEBRUARY (only) THIS YEAR!)**

**GRADE 11 STUDENTS** who enter grade 12 in September 2011 will have access to the school counsellor throughout the year for questions / course changes ... The goal is to clarify their goals and desires as well as to transfer the responsibility for course selection & decisions to the student. Contact will be made with parents if there are issues, and parents will sign off on course changes. Students with specific questions will be encouraged to meet with the counsellor before spring break.

**GRADE 12 STUDENTS** who graduate in June 2012 will have a mandatory meeting with the school counsellor in September/October to review their graduation plan and to double check that all graduation requirements are met. The school counsellor is available to all students at any time through the year to answer questions, review course requirements, assist with changes, answer questions about scholarships / bursaries and assist with post-secondary information. Every grade 12 student must complete Graduation Transitions as prescribed by the Ministry of Education.

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**NOTE TO PARENTS OF ALL STUDENTS:**

- \* All students will enter their course selections online @ school
- \* Completed online course selection forms will be sent home with students. Please review the forms with your son/daughter, sign them & return to the school immediately.
- \* Soon after the forms are sent home - the schedule for 2011/2012 will be built. We feel that it is critically important to do the best that we can to build a schedule to suit the needs of our students.
- \* Students will receive a copy of their schedule for the 2011 / 2012 school year
- \* There will be times when we are not able to schedule a course that a student wishes to take (lack of interest in the course / conflicts in the student's schedule...) The counsellor will work with students in June and September to resolve as many of the issues as possible.

**If you have any questions please call Mrs. Bakker @ 604-755-1891 (local 3235)**