

Dear Students:

Course planning is an extremely important process every year as you move through the grades to graduation. This Course Planning Guide reflects a broad spectrum of course offerings in Grades 9 through 12. Your task is to use this guide as a resource to plan your schedule each year at BSS.

Choosing courses can be difficult and therefore should be done with the support of parents, counselors, administrators and teachers. This guide should be used as a basis for your discussions and the courses you select should support your goals beyond secondary school.

Your plan should be to choose courses that not only meet graduation requirements, but also keep your options open for the coming years. A unique program at Brookwood is a partnership we have with Kwantlen Polytechnic University, called the Excel Program. This program allows grade 12 students to take first year courses at Kwantlen while still in high school for a reduced cost. For more information, please refer to page 5.

Please examine closely University and College calendars that specify the requirements needed for entry. Making the right decisions now will save you a great deal of time and money in the future. Electives in your senior years should allow you to explore your interests as well as opportunities you may not have a chance to try in the future. Giving yourself a base of skills that will support your transition needs should be the priority. Be an advocate for yourself and be aware that the courses you select can be a springboard to success. Also, be aware of our District's Apprenticeship Program opportunities. This program provides a potential graduate with 16 credits and a \$1000.00 scholarship upon completion, as well as potential job prospects.

In grade 9, please remember that your interests and not friendships should be the emphasis when deciding on your future courses. The ambitions of your friends may be quite different from yours; therefore, selecting courses based on friendships could lead to disappointment if you find that those courses do not appeal to you.

Grade 10 will be the first year of your graduation program and students will be required to write provincial exams in English 10, Science 10, Math 10 and Social Studies 11. These examinations will count for twenty percent of a final letter grade, and will also count towards the Graduation Program Examinations scholarships awarded at the completion of Grade 12.

Course planning is your opportunity to set yourself up for the future. Please take time to speak with parents, counselors, teachers, administrators and potential employers so that the decisions that you make are informed. Remember that an engaging education can provide you with many opportunities to fulfill your dreams and goals. Your choices are important to you and to us.

Sincerely,

John Pusic  
Principal