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Dear Parents,

As we are preparing for the coming holidays, it is hard to believe that we must begin the process of planning for the 2012-2013 school year, yet here we are discussing course selection.

The first step in preparing for next year includes reviewing opportunities for Advanced Placement courses. AP courses offer students a unique and challenging academic program designed to prepare students for rigorous college-level courses. Near the end of the school year students enrolled in AP courses take the AP Exams. Some colleges and universities will waive courses based on a student's performance on those exams.

Bishop Feehan High School requires students to submit applications for each AP course they are considering for the following year. This application process gives students the opportunity to review the requirements of the AP courses, discuss these requirements with their parents, teachers, and guidance counselors, and determine courses for which they are best suited.

Instructions for applying for AP courses and applications for each course are available on the Bishop Feehan High School website, under the Academics tab. Applications must be signed by students and parents and turned in to the Main Office by the end of the school day on January 6, 2012.

The newest edition of our course catalog, *Shamrock Studies*, will be posted on the school website in January 2012. Until then, we will keep the 2011-2012 version of *Shamrock Studies* on-line so that students and parents may read about our recent AP offerings. Please be aware that we are still in the process of making changes to our course offerings, and prerequisites can change from year to year.

If you have any questions about the AP course application process, please feel free to contact the school. Guidance Counselors and Department Chairs will be happy to help and answer any questions. Additional information about the course selection process will be available in January 2012.

Best wishes for a happy and peaceful Christmas season,

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