

## QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE REGARDING THE SWITCH TO UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE BELLEVUE STORE

### 1. Why the change?

BCS is always looking at ways to improve various aspects of the BCS experience for our families. We were given the opportunity this year to consider some options other than how we have sold textbooks in the past and found that it would be advantageous for our families as well as BCS to partner with the Bellevue branch of University Bookstore.

### 2. When will we change?

Immediately, though it may take a day or two to transfer our stock to University Bookstore. Since most families have purchased their books for the school year it won't affect all families. However, **two** groups of parents need to take note. **Parents of 8<sup>th</sup> graders:** there has been a change in the Washington State History book! The book we planned on using is no longer available from the publisher. A new edition has been ordered and you will need to purchase it at the University Bookstore. If you purchased a Washington State History book from the BCS bookstore in August (only those books purchased in August 2011, for which we have a record of purchase) you will have the opportunity to return the book to the BCS bookstore by January 31<sup>st</sup> for full credit. After January 31<sup>st</sup> credit will not be given. **Parents of 12<sup>th</sup> graders:** if your student is taking Politics/Government in 2<sup>nd</sup> semester and has not yet purchased their textbook it will need to be purchased at University Bookstore, Bellevue.

### 3. Why now?

It will give some parents a "trial" experience to understand how things work before buying books over the summer for next school year. It will also give us a chance to work out any bugs that may come up. Also, we have four departments under curriculum review this year which could mean new textbooks for next year. It was an opportune time to make the transition.

### 4. How will families benefit?

- You will have more time in which to purchase textbooks (no long lines at the bookstore in August☺)
- a generous buyback policy for textbooks that BCS will use again
- a longer period of time in which to return books
- the option to purchase books on-line through University Bookstore as well as buying at the Bellevue store
- More flexible hours for your shopping convenience! University Bookstore of Bellevue is mere blocks away from our campus, and they are open Monday through Friday 9 am – 9 pm, Saturdays 10 am – 6 pm and Sundays 12 pm – 5 pm. *Please see attached welcome letter from University Bookstore.*

### 5. Will there be extra costs for purchasing textbooks at University Bookstore?

No – they have very competitive pricing for their textbooks and there won't be any service fees. The only extra fee would be incurred if you order books on-line and want them shipped to your home, then there would be a small shipping charge. Or, if you ordered on-line and wanted to pick the books up at a University Bookstore branch closer to your home there would be a small transportation cost. Though they are a "for profit" business they have the advantage of volume buying in a way we don't.

## **6. How will I know which textbooks to purchase?**

There will be a link on the BCS website and the University Bookstore website to Bellevue Christian School's textbook requirements. By clicking on the link you will pull up lists by class and grade level. The class names and numbers correspond with those on student schedules which are e-mailed to you by BCS. The list for the current school year will be online as soon as we complete the transition. University Bookstore will have all 2<sup>nd</sup> semester books in stock.

## **7. What about class fees that were charged by the bookstore for some classes (art, science, Core 4 math)?**

Some classes may have fees or charges for materials that have been billed by the bookstore in the past. These will now be charged as a class fee on your tuition account. If there were materials delivered to class before, they will still be delivered to class.

## **8. Will I be able to return the textbooks I currently have?**

University Bookstore will have the same policy we have had. As long as BCS is using the book the next school year you will be able to return the book for credit. *Reminder: we have four departments under curriculum review and there will be changes.*

## **9. When will I be able to purchase books for the next school year?**

University Bookstore Bellevue hopes to have some textbooks for next year available for purchase as early as mid-June 2012. Our goal is to help make that happen! When they have to order new textbooks it may take longer to get those stocked, just as it did with our bookstore.

## **10. What if my student makes a schedule change in August or early September?**

University Bookstore understands that this can happen and they will work with you to exchange books. With a receipt you will be able to return books in the same condition in which they are purchased as long as they are returned by the end of September.

## **11. I used to be able to do schedule changes in August for my student(s) when I was buying books – will that change?**

No – schedule changes will take place as they always have.

## **12. What will happen to my bookstore credit?**

Parents with 12<sup>th</sup> graders who end up with a bookstore credit will be sent a check as has been our policy in the past. For all others your credit will be transferred to your tuition account.

## **13. What will happen to the BCS Bookstore and to Mrs. Sorensen?**

The BCS Bookstore will become a student store – still selling school supplies, athletic bags, etc. Mrs. Sorensen will still be organizing student fundraising, working as the performing arts coordinator, managing parking applications, lockers, etc.

Hopefully this has answered the bulk of your questions. If you need further information feel free to e-mail Mrs. Sorensen [lsorensen@bcsmail.org](mailto:lsorensen@bcsmail.org)