

## **Saint John Brebeuf Regional Secondary School**

### **Academic Program ~ Career Planning ~ Scholarships**

#### ***Courses and Curriculum***

The course of studies at SJB follows that which is prescribed by the B. C. Ministry of Education, with the addition of a compulsory course of Religious Studies at all grade levels. The courses offered follow the outlines in the IRP's (Integrated Resource Packages) issued by the Ministry of Education.

In Grades 8 and 9, most students will take the following courses:

Religion, English, Math, Science, Social Studies, French, Physical Education, Career and Personal Planning, and an elective. Traditional electives have included Band, Art, Foods, and Computers (Information Technology), Daily Physical Activity (150 minutes/week of moderate to vigorous activity)

Students in Grades 10 to 12 will follow the Graduation 2004 program as established by the Ministry.

In general, students will be required to take the following courses:

Religion 10, 11 and 12

Social Studies 10 and 11

English 10 plus one of English 11 or Communications 11

One of English 12 or Communications 12

Math 10 plus one Math 11 course

Science 10 plus one Science 11 course

A Fine Arts and Applied Skills 11 course (Art, Drama, Band, etc.)

Graduation Transitions

-150 minutes per week of moderate to vigorous activity

-30 hours of approved work experience &/or community service

-Complete graduation transition plan

Four other provincially authorized Grade 12 courses

#### ***The Semester System***

Daily instruction, Monday through Friday, is presented in four blocks of 75 minutes duration and one 10 minute homeroom period. Blocks may be missed on days when Mass is offered. Each student's schedule will consist of four subjects in each of the two semesters for a total of eight courses.

2015 – 2016 Timetable

Daily Class Schedule	
8:30 am	Welcome
8:35 – 9:50	Period A
9:55 – 11:10	Period B
11:10 – 11:20	Break
11:25 – 12:40	Period C
12:40 – 1:10	Lunch
1:15 – 2:40	Period D

<u>MASS Day ~ Alternate Schedule</u>	
8:30	Welcome
8:35 – 9:50	Period 1
9:50 – 10:00	Break
10:05 – 11:15	Period 2
11:20 – 12:35	Mass
12:40 – 1:10	Lunch
1:15 – 2:40	Period 3

*Study Blocks*

- \* Only Grade 12 students may be granted a study block based on their course load and approval by administration.
- \* Study blocks will be supervised. As with regular classes, attendance will be taken, and students must be on time with work to keep them busy.
- \* Students not using their study blocks effectively or causing disruptions will be scheduled into a class in that block for the purposes of supervision.

***Evaluation of Progress and Basis for Grading****a. Four Progress Reports*

Student progress reports will be issued four times during the year: Interim reports will be issued in November and April, final semester reports will be issued in February and June. Each report will contain a percentage, letter grade, and skill-based comment in each of the four areas of study. Formal parent-teacher interviews are held following the interim reports in November and April. As well, parents may request interviews with teachers at any time throughout the semester. Final year-end progress reports will normally not be issued until a student pays for all textbooks, library books and fines.

*b. Grading System*

SJB uses a conventional grading system approved by the Ministry of Education. Grade points will be based on an aggregate of the student's test, assignment and project results. An average of 80% is required in order to achieve Honors standing. The grading system is as follows:

86 – 100%	=	A	=	4	GPA (grade point average)
73 – 85%	=	B	=	3	
67 – 72%	=	C+	=	2.5	
60 – 66%	=	C	=	2	
50 – 59%	=	C-	=	1	
0 – 49%	=	F	=	0	
*	=	I	=	0	

A student will receive an "I" (in progress/incomplete) grade before a failing grade (F) can be issued. Teachers must work together with the student and parents to complete an improvement plan following an "I" grade.

*c. Evaluation Periods*

The academic year is divided into two semesters both ending in formal examination periods as described below. There will be four reporting periods; two semester-end

reports and two interim reports. Marks will be cumulative from September up to and including the January exam. The second semester cumulative mark will include evaluation of work from February until the final exam in June.

*d. Formal Evaluations; Exam Periods*

Two formal evaluation (exam) periods will occur during the year as follows: Semester exams will take place in January and June for all students. Regular classes will not be scheduled at this time. In addition, mid-semester evaluations will take place in most academic subjects, at all grade levels, and will test knowledge and skills acquired in the first half of each semester. Grade 10 students will be required to write provincial exams in Language Arts (English), Math and Science. Grade 11 students will be required to write a provincial exam in Social Studies 11. Grade 12 students will be required to write provincial exams as determined by their course selection and future education plans.

*e. Failure to Pass a Course*

Students who fail a course during the regular school year may be required to attend summer school to upgrade their mark to a passing percentage. Summer school is available through the Public School District. Contact the SJB office for details.

A student who fails the religious education course will be given a series of assignments to be completed in a satisfactory manner during the summer. It will be necessary for students to pass their religious education course in order to advance to the next grade. Assignments may include community church service as well as course content.

*f. Completion of Assignments*

At St. John Brebeuf, students are expected to complete all assignments. Students who fall behind may be required to attend regular study hall on their own time.

*g. Expectations for Homework*

Rationale:

- Regular, systematic and effective home study is one of the greatest contributors to a student's success in school.
- Studies have shown that to be effective, homework is best done at a consistent time each day, and in a controlled environment

Student Responsibilities:

- Record homework, assignments, projects and tests in student agenda book daily.
- Finish work from the day's class.

- Complete all assigned work.
- Review work from the previous lessons.
- Preview upcoming lessons.
- Prepare for tests.
- Take initiative to obtain assistance as required.

Parent Responsibilities:

- Provide an environment that is conducive to learning.
- Encourage regular study time and place.
- Actively participate in homework completion.
- Contact teacher with questions and/or concerns.
- Regularly check student agenda book.

Teacher Responsibilities:

- Clearly state expectations for homework.
- Provide clear criteria for assignments and projects.
- Contact parents when students are not meeting expectations.
- Provide learning opportunities that will give the students the ability to successfully complete the assigned work.
- Encourage students to use the agenda book.

## ***Career Planning: Academic Advice***

### *a. The Academic Advisor*

The role of the Academic Advisor is to assist parents and teachers in ensuring that our students are successful in their courses. The Academic Advisor helps students with course selection, career counseling, post-secondary education counseling, scholarship preparation and study skills. The Academic Advisor also assists Administration with Ministry of Education documentation, course scheduling, transcripts and Provincial Exams.

### *b. Planning 10 / Personal Health*

This program is intended to contribute to the development of students in becoming rounded, balanced individuals. It helps students to relate their school activities to their future plans, to make appropriate personal decisions, and to manage their lives more effectively. Topics such as anti-smoking and responsible driving (Counter Attack) are typically included. Students will complete a Student Learning Plan.

### *c. Grade 12 Student Requirements*

Grade 12 students must complete 30 hours of work experience, 150 minutes per week of physical activity, and a graduation transition plan. Criteria for completion of work experience hours will be forwarded to parents.

### **Scholarships and Bursaries**

#### **a. Graduate Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards Administered by SJB**

The following Graduate awards do not require an application form. Recipients will be chosen by the Administration. Unless indicated otherwise, these awards are honours that do not involve money.

1. SJB Echon Award – student who best exemplifies the spirit of St. Jean de Brebeuf: a strong faith in Jesus Christ and the courage to live and share that faith
2. Governor General’s Bronze Medal – top academic student
3. Areas of Study Awards – top students in designated subject areas
4. Archbishop James Carney Archdiocesan Scholarships (two awards) – two Catholic students exemplifying Christian witness, school community involvement, and both Christian education and academic achievement
5. Canuel Caterers’ Bursary (variable monetary value) – awarded to a student who has demonstrated dedication to St. John Brebeuf Secondary.
6. Dr. Ken Newcombe Memorial Scholarship (one award,) – top science student
7. Francois Joseph Croquet Memorial Bursary (one award) – student pursuing career in health field
8. Abbotsford and District Medical and Dental Bursary (one award) – student pursuing a career in medicine, dentistry or health field
9. James Omelus Memorial Bursary (variable monetary value) – hard-working student who is pursuing Post Secondary Studies

*Please Note: This is not a comprehensive list of the scholarships/bursaries we award. While many of the above mentioned awards are presented annually, some are issued on a periodic basis only. The availability of these awards is subject to change without notice.*

#### **b. Graduate Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards Administered by Other Agencies**

The Catholic Women’s League and Knights of Columbus groups of the various Parishes have also traditionally offered awards. These awards are for students pursuing post secondary studies and range in value from \$150 - \$750. Eligibility requirements vary.

These awards require an application form, which is available from the Academic Advisor.

The Academic Advisor will inform students of the many other scholarships and bursaries available outside of SJB. These awards are typically based on academic performance and community/school involvement. Bursaries require evidence of financial need.

*c. University/College Entrance Scholarships*

St. John Brebeuf Secondary students have the same access to entrance scholarships at colleges and universities as those students attending public schools. These awards typically range in value from \$2000 - \$3000 per year and are based primarily on academic performance. Our students have traditionally been very successful in receiving these awards.

*Transcript Requests*

Many students may require a transcript (**a listing of their final marks for the previous year and the courses currently enrolled in**) for submission to post-secondary institutions. Forms may also be obtained from the office. Transcript requests require **five complete school days**' notice to prepare after receipt by office staff. Please ensure that your request for a transcript is submitted well in advance of the deadline date, as there may be many other students requesting transcripts around the same time.