

## Mount Michael Benedictine School Bookstore

### Explanation of Textbook Sources and Supplies

**Textbook Loan Program (TLP):** Many of our textbooks for core classes are on loan from the State of Nebraska through the Textbook Loan Program. These textbooks are distributed by teachers on the first day. As part of the registration paperwork, parents are asked to sign paperwork required by the State of NE so that their son can participate in this FREE program for the upcoming school year. An important part of this agreement is that students take care of the books on loan, cover them, and return them in the same condition at year end. ***If a book is lost or damaged, there will be a fine assessed to replace it which is a minimum of \$25 or the cost to replace the book, whichever is greater.***

**Classroom Book Sets:** Some teachers choose to provide one classroom set of books for students to use in class. These may be loaned out or made available in the classroom to use and should be returned to the teacher when not in use.

**English Novels:** The curriculum for all English classes includes several novels which are purchased by the Mount Michael Bookstore and then distributed in class. The cost to purchase these novels is included as part of tuition and the books are yours to keep.

**Spanish Workbooks:** All Spanish classes utilize workbooks to supplement the textbook. The school purchases the workbooks for the students, and they are distributed in class at the start of the year. Students are required to turn in the completed workbooks at year end. ***If the workbook is lost, the student will have to pay \$25 to replace it.***

**Spanish and French Supplies:** All of the language classes utilize “flash cards” as a teaching tool. These are simply the 3x5 index cards you can purchase at the store (plain or lined white index cards are used), which the students use to write out vocabulary words in a specific color of ink. Every year the required ink color changes so that index cards cannot be shared from year to year. Ask in the Bookstore to find out this year’s ink color.

**Student Purchase Textbooks:** Several textbooks are “Student Purchase” on the Book List, which means students must purchase these required books at their own expense. All theology classes and a few other elective classes are included in this category. To ensure you are purchasing the correct book, look at the ISBN (International Standard Book Number). All textbooks have a unique ISBN which is used to identify the version and publication date of the book. On the Book List, the ISBN number is listed as a clickable link that will take you to new and used prices.

***All required Student Purchase books should be purchased prior to the start of the school year.*** As a convenience to families, the Bookstore sells used books at competitive prices (purchased back from current students at year end). The signup link to reserve these used copies goes out at the end of the year and fills up VERY quickly. Please do not wait until August to purchase books, as the supplies are very limited, and prices from resellers will increase due to supply and demand. Furthermore, it is likely the books will not be available for your son until after school starts. ***Teachers expect them to have their books on the first day of school.***

**Other Supplies:** Any supplies needed will be communicated by teachers on the first day. Plan to have at least one notebook, a pencil, and a pen for the first day, and then purchase remaining supplies as soon as you can. Incoming freshmen and boarders may have a separate supply list sent out by the deans. For your son’s convenience, the Bookstore sells a limited amount of school and personal supplies as well as snack food and beverages throughout the year. Calculators and other supplies are also listed on the Book List each year.

If you have questions regarding books or any other items, please feel free to contact the Bookstore ***(402)253-0976 or bookstore@mountmichael.org.***