

Dear Parent,

Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons is pleased to announce that we have partnered with Follet Virtual Bookstores as our exclusive retailer for student workbooks and review books for the upcoming school year. We believe that this new system will greatly streamline the previous one in which students purchased workbooks and review books (which the public school districts did not provide) from the school bookstore or from orders which classroom teachers placed.

Since districts do vary in their interpretation of the NYS Textbook Law, it is necessary to offer some explanations so that you can order the correct books needed for the courses that your child takes.

First, all districts follow the law's requirement that parents must assume the cost for all Religion books (hard cover and workbooks). Therefore, you will **not** see any Religion books listed in the Follett catalog just as you do **not** see any Religion books listed on your son or daughter's textbook requisition.

Next, the Follett orders pertain primarily to consumable texts (workbooks) and exam review books. Public school districts must still provide hard cover texts (such as Geometry, Earth Science, Global Studies). Parents will need to order from Follett **ONLY** those books which districts have traditionally failed to supply. Since the districts are **NOT** uniform as to which consumable texts/review books they will supply, we will be enclosing a copy of your child's textbook requisition for 2010-2011 in student packets highlighting those books which your child's district will not provide and which you need to purchase from Follett. Just a few general distinctions:

Only Mohonasen and Shenendehowa districts will **not** provide any consumable texts. **Only** South Colonie will provide paperback literature books as their reserve supply will allow. For example, if South Colonie has only 4 copies of Macbeth, four students may use a district copy but the fifth and any other students will need to purchase their own copies from Follett.

Follett does provide for return service provided the book is **not marked** in any way, including a student name. Therefore, please do not mark the books ordered from Follett in any way **until** the teacher has verified it is both the correct book and edition. Please contact Follett directly with questions you may have about their ordering process.

Please remember that it is still the student/parent's responsibility to return all texts borrowed from the district in Sept. to that same district in June. Failure or even delay in returning these borrowed texts will delay the loan process in Sept.2011.

I am very pleased to take on the role of textbook coordinator at ND-BG. If I can clarify any of the material in this letter or other, non-Follett questions, please contact me at 393 3131 X.

Sincerely,

Ritch Harrigan

Textbook Coordinator

***As a side note, just prior to sending out this information we were informed of changes to the following books

- As per the new NYS Budget, the 5th Grade and 8th Grade Social Studies tests have been eliminated. Therefore, the review book for the 8th Grade Social Studies does not have to be ordered.
- All **Middle School Math Review Books** will be ordered through your child's classroom teacher, not through Follet. Please contact Christine Knutti if you have any questions.