Thank you for considering AP Environmental Science as a Junior or Senior year course. In addition to high grades in the prerequisite classes, a strong work ethic is required for this course. Large amounts of content must be learned quickly and critical thinking ability will be required throughout the class. Please do not apply for this class if you are not committed to making AP Environmental Science a top priority during the upcoming school year.

For the 2014-2015 school year, AP Environmental Science at Bishop O’Connell High School will use the textbook *Living in the Environment*, 18th edition, by G. Tyler Miller and Scott Spoolman. In order to be prepared for the AP Environmental Science Exam on May 4, 2015, students will take a test on Chapters 1 and 2 from the textbook during our first week back from Summer Vacation. We will need a 43-minute class period to accommodate the test, so I will have to find further information on next year’s beginning of school calendar before settling on a firm date. Currently, the most likely dates are Thursday, August 28 or Friday, August 29.

Students should order a copy of the textbook ASAP at the end of the 2014 school year. You may order the text through MBS Direct or through another bookseller of your choice. Be sure to publish the 18th edition of the textbook. The textbook has a cheetah on the cover. The “International Student Edition” of the 18th edition of our textbook is fine for this class. The following website has some purchasing options for the book:

http://www.cengagebrain.com/shop/search/9781133940135

You may find the following website of help as you review for the first test:


Additionally, be sure to know all of the elements, ions, and compounds listed in tables 2-1, 2-2, and 2-3 and the categories of organic compounds on page 38. It is very important that you take the chemistry review seriously. We will discuss these chemicals throughout the course. Do not fall behind on the first test!!!

Please keep me informed of book ordering issues, website malfunctions, etc. Chances are that if you are having a problem, many other students are experiencing similar issue. My e-mail address is nbritt@bishopoconnell.org. Thank you!

I look forward to a great year of APES with this group of students. Have a great summer and we’ll see you in August!