

## Welcome to *Back to School Night* and Thank You for Coming!

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**Prep Period:** 2<sup>nd</sup> period, 9:02 – 9:48 AM on *Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday* and on *Wednesday 9:56 – 10:34 AM*

### Agenda

- I. **Curriculum:** The syllabus (please see Egan website) includes a brief outline of all the various topics we will cover and the order we will cover them.
- II. **Textbook:** Science Explorer by Prentice Hall, Life and Physical Science. We have class sets of books in the classroom for student use. Chapters we cover extensively will be copied and sent home with students.
- III. **Homework:** Homework is given out several nights per week. All homework assignments for the week are listed on the whiteboard on Monday. Sometimes a classwork assignment that is not completed in class is also given out for homework on a daily basis.
- IV. **Evaluation:** Students receive grades for homework, class work, projects, labs, quizzes and tests. To see what your daughter or son is doing in science, ask to see their journal and their science 3 ring binder.
- V. **Student Feedback:** Students can check their grades any time. I also highly encourage you to look on *Power School* once or twice a week to track their grades. (*If an assignment is missing there will be a "0" AND an "m"*).
- VI. **Parent Feedback:** Parents can contact me by phone during my prep period or any time of the day by voicemail. I check my email daily and will do my best to respond within 24 hours. On the weekends, use my personal email account to reach me.
- VII. **Special Projects:** This fall, students will complete the *Human Disease Project* and in the spring they will complete the *Invention Project*. Several other smaller projects will also be completed.
- VIII. **Donations to the Science Department:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH to the many parents who have already donated materials to the science department. Please see the note below\* and donate what you can.
- IX. **Teaching Style:** I enjoy teaching to as many different learning styles as possible. A typical day includes a journal exploration, mini-lecture/class discussion and a hands-on lab activity. Also, I have developed a style of "whiteboard art" that illuminates scientific concepts.

**\*Please see the Egan website for our updated wish list! We also accept cash or checks made out to the Egan Science Department** to fund the purchase of crickets, mice, mealworms, fish food, and other items to supplement our live animals in the classroom. Thank you for your wonderful support, as always!