



It's hard to believe our first day of the 2024/2025 school year is less than a month away! I am so excited to spend time with students in High School Forensic Science Class!

In addition to gaining a better understanding of the field of forensic science, students will leave this class with a better self-awareness and understanding of the dangers in society. Our goal is not to scare students but make them cautious and less naive about their surroundings.

So, we must discuss the inevitable. This is not a comedy class; it is a high school level science class with serious subject content. While we want students to enjoy classroom activities/lessons, we cannot and will not tolerate jokes about sensitive topics. Such behavior will result in the student being removed from the classroom for the remainder of that day. This email is being sent to parents to allow you to discuss the class with your child in advance and to review what behavior/comments are not joking matters. While videos studied will be realistic, they are reenactments and are not inappropriately graphic. For example, if the crime being evaluated involves death with a blunt force object, the video will show the crime scene and evidence collected but obviously not act of the real crime. There will be a lesson where the crime is a suspected rape; not a subject that any of us want to study but a necessary topic in the study of forensic science. We will be sensitive in dealing with this and all topics.

Please note this class is also being offered for middle-school students. The course content for the middle school class WILL NOT cover all of those presented in the high school class! Students should NOT leave this high school class and discuss class subject matter with younger students! They should NOT have discussions in the hallways of TEACH. What happens in the high school class should stay in the high school class until students are off school property and, in an environment, where 'young ears' are not listening!

Homework assigned to this high school level class is required unless you notify me to waive it for your student. I strongly recommend completion of the homework, as it will better prepare your child for the next level of their educational journey. Please tell your son/daughter if there is anything in class that makes them uncomfortable, they should feel free to leave the classroom at any time. Parents, if there is a topic/subject you do not want your child to study, please let me know in advance and I will contact you with the date of the class meeting that will be covering a particular topic. With that being said, I will not be able to keep classroom conversations void of specific topics when we are having general group discussions.

Supplies for this class include a 3-ring-binder, loose leaf paper and pencil.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I will be available to meet in person at the TEACH Open House on Wednesday, July 31. Otherwise, I will see your student in class on August 5!

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