



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 Middle 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 science class with serious subject content. While we want students to enjoy classroom activities/lessons, we will not tolerate jokes about sensitive topics. Such behavior will cause the student to be removed from the classroom for the remainder of the 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.

When videos are presented for case studies, they will be realistic, but they are reenactments and are not inappropriately graphic. Our focus will be on the scientific evidence not the criminal act. Please note this class is also being offered for high school students. The course content for the middle school class WILL NOT cover all of those presented in the high school class. The lesson subject matter may be the same, but the content will be adapted for a middle school level appropriateness. Students should NOT leave this middle school class and discuss class subject matter with younger students. They should NOT have discussions in the hallways of TEACH. What happens in the forensics class should stay in the forensics classroom until students are off school property and, in an environment, where 'young ears' are not listening.

Please tell your son/daughter if there is anything in class that makes him/her uncomfortable, he/she 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.

As far as required classroom supplies, your student will need a 3-ring-binder with loose leaf paper and pencil.

I look forward to seeing your student at the TEACH Open House on Wednesday, July 31. If you are unable to attend the Open House, I will see your son/daughter on Monday, August 5.

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