

August 2017

Dear Parent or Guardian,

I want to welcome you and your student to the 2017 school year and to one of our newest course selections, **Forensic Science**. To help you understand what the class will be doing this year, I am providing the course description and the learning objective for this course:

**Forensic Science is a course that uses a structured and scientific approach to the investigation of crimes of assault, abuse and neglect, domestic violence, accidental death, homicide, and the psychology of criminal behavior. Students will learn terminology and investigative procedures related to crime scene, questioning, interviewing, criminal behavior characteristics, truth detection, and scientific procedures used to solve crimes. Using scientific methods, students will collect and analyze evidence through case studies and simulated crime scenes such as fingerprint analysis, ballistics, and blood spatter analysis. Students will learn the history, legal aspects, and career options for forensic science.**

The syllabus for the course has also been attached for your review.

Forensic Science is a fascinating discipline that draws on many pure sciences to produce methods and processes to aid criminal enquiry and investigation that are constantly evolving.

The processes are scientific. The subject matter, by its very nature, often relates to crimes that challenge conventional societal behaviors and involve sexual and or violent acts.

Great care will be taken to discuss the subject matter in an objective and non-dramatic manner. Our goal is to identify the scientific methods and enquiries that lead to sound, unbiased evidence.

Please talk to your student about the class. This class will demystify media fictions and place forensic scientific enquiry in its true context. The more you talk to your student about these connections, the more meaningful the class experience will be.

Please sign and return the parent acknowledgement form indicating your receipt of this letter and the attached syllabus. Respectfully,

Brandi Haynes  
Claudia Taylor Johnson High School  
Forensic Science teacher

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Please detach and return the following acknowledgement:

I have received and read the syllabus for this course.

Please print student's full name.....

Parent's/Guardian's signature.....

Student's signature.....

Date.....