Dear Parent/Guardian, January 2017

Your child has enrolled in CPA Physical Science for the 2016-2017 school year. I wanted to take this opportunity to touch base with you and provide you with some information about this class.

**Overview:** The goal of this class is to provide your child with a fundamental understanding of physical science and its relationship to everyday occurrences. Topics to be covered include: forces and motion, conservation and transmission of energy, structure of matter, electromagnetism and electromagnetic radiation, and sound and light. At the end of the semester, your child will be taking the MCAS test on this subject. A successful score on this test will satisfy the state requirement for MCAS science. In addition to classroom participation, your child will participate in the laboratory portion of this class. Laboratory reports count as 25% of the student’s grade.

**Supplies your child should have for this class:**

* A notebook or binder for daily note taking and storage of handouts
* A pen or pencil
* A **scientific calculator**

**Student Responsibilities:**

* If your child is absent I expect him/her to make up any work that s/he missed during that time. Due to safety concerns, laboratory work cannot be made up after school. If your child has an excused absence during a lab activity, an alternate assignment addressing the lab topic will be given for completion at home.
* Your child is expected to complete homework each night. Homework includes written work and reading from the on-line textbook. Homework 10% of the student’s grade.
* If your child has any difficulty with the material in this class, I strongly encourage him/her to come for extra help. I am available after school on **Tuesday**.

Please consider signing up for “**Remind**” messages. Instructions on how to do so are given on the back side of this welcome letter.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at any time. I look forward to hearing from you.



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