



SOUTHWESTERN MIDDLE SCHOOL

September 2019

Dear Parent,

The Middle School Science Department accelerates a group of 8th grade science students to take the NYS Regents Living Environment course. This course will push students to academic levels that will help to prepare them for their high school and college experience. Due to the rigor of this course, students should plan on spending a significant amount of time doing work outside of class. There will be homework assigned weekly and over holiday breaks. There will be no EET for these students so they can complete the required laboratory hours. Due to the vast amount of information covered in class each day and a required number of lab hours, absences need to be kept to a minimum. In June of their 8th grade year, the students will take a Regents exam and will earn a Regents credit upon successful completion of the course. The students must maintain an 85% average each quarter to remain in the class. If the quarterly averages falls below 85%, the student will transfer to Life Science.

The first requirement for entrance into this course is to achieve a high cumulative average at the conclusion of 7th grade science. Teacher recommendation based on class participation, homework completion, and classroom behavior will also be considered.

Class size is limited so only those students that meet the requirements will be eligible for this course.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Middle School Counseling Office @ 484-6842.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
SW Science Department