**Welcome To Regents Earth Science**

**Mr. Jones**

This is a full year course that ends with the completion and passing of a New York State Regents exam. The goal of the course is to not only help each student pass the exam but to show them how our planet works in a beautiful dynamic balance of creation and destruction. To achieve these objectives, the student will be asked to complete and pass 1200 minutes of lab work, review in-class notes ***at least 2 times per week***, demonstrate mastery of content on quizzes and unit exams, and maintain an organized science notebook/binder.

**Required Materials**

* Pencil and Pen
* 3 inch 3-ring Binder with paper and pockets ***that has to be specific to Earth Science class***
* Calculator
* Earth Science Reference Tables

**Grading**

* There will be 3 categories to a student’s grade:

1. Participation/HW/Classwork **15%**
2. Labs **30%**
3. Tests/Quizzes **55%**

* An organized notebook is essential for studying and vital to passing the course. Therefore Mr. Jones will be taking the time to collect each notebook every 5 weeks and give the student a grade based on organization and completeness.
* If a student is absent they will have an extra day to make up the homework, quiz, or test which may have been completed on their day of absence.
* If a student misses a lab or fails a lab they will have to stay after school to make it up within 1 week of the lab being returned to the student. If this does not happen, the student will receive a grade of a “0” on the lab. An afterschool late bus will bring a student home if they stay.

**Extra Help**

* I will make myself available on Thursdays of each week for afterschool help. This could include lab make-up or extra help for struggling students.

**Discipline**

* I will be strictly following the AHS Cellphone Policy. Please familiarize yourself with this policy.
* If a student is late to class more than 3 times there will be disciplinary action.
* Respectful classroom behavior is needed to ensure a positive learning environment. If the behavior of a student starts to restrict the learning of others, disciplinary action will be taken.

**Communication**

* All assignments and major class announcements can be found on my EDLINE website. Please visit this site at least 2 times per week.
* Communication between teacher-student-parent is crucial for a successful year. My email address is [cjones@acsdny.org](mailto:cjones@acsdny.org)

**Requirements Needed to Pass the Course**

* **Complete 1200 minutes (30 passing labs) before June 1st**
* **Maintain a current class average above 65%**
* **Pass the State Regents final with a grade of 65% or higher**
* **Be in school and participate in class**
* **Stay off your phone!!!!!**
* **Make up missed class work and labs on time.**
* **Keep an organized 3-ring Science binder.**
* **Check teacher EDLINE nightly for assigned work and important dates.**