


August 22, 2011

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to my “classroom.” I am very excited about working with you this year. My goal is to provide an opportunity for you to learn and understand what physics (and science) is all about.

Please visit my web site (<http://phuhs.org/teachers/schrockj/>). Notes, unit plans and other important papers will be available to download there. Tonight, I'd like you to download and read and review the **Course Outline**. Course objectives, classroom policies and grading criteria are provided there. Take a few minutes to review and discuss these items. Please indicate below that you have read and reviewed the Course Outline and return this letter to me tomorrow. 

Also, I'd like to be able to post pictures of class activities occasionally. If you do **NOT** want your child's picture posted on my web page, please indicate below.

I will expect that each one of my students spend about 30 minutes per night on science “preparation.” This may include written homework, review / study of completed material, or reading our text. “Current events” and other small projects will be assigned throughout the year. These assignments will require some basic research on the internet or at a local or school library.

I recommend that you periodically check with your child concerning academic progress; grades will be posted after each unit. I also encourage you to sign up for *PCS Portal*. It allows you to view your child's grades in all of his or her classes.

My phone number and e-mail address are provided on the *Course Outline* link on my webpage. If the need arises to talk with you, I would like to know the best **number** and/or **e-mail** to “call.” Please indicate below as well.

Forgive me for the impersonal nature of this letter; it's difficult to provide the personal touch that would be nice for the **teacher-parent team!** Please come to Back-to-School Night so we can get better acquainted! **Thank you.**

Let's have a great year,

*Joseph A. Schrock
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“I have read and reviewed the Course Outline as requested above...”

Student's Name (printed) and signature

Parent's Name (printed) and signature

Parent's Name/phone # / e-mail