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## NORTH GWINNETT MIDDLE SCHOOL

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March 9, 2020

Dear Parent of a Rising Eighth Grade Student,

As a part of North Gwinnett Middle School’s initiative to offer the most challenging academic opportunities available for our students, we will be offering high school Biology for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. This class will be in addition to the accelerated physical science class that is required of all 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

There are TWO options for students to enroll in Biology.

Option 1- Morning Session: This class will be taught at NGMS from 8AM- 9AM **everyday**.

Option 2- Afternoon Session: This class will be taught at NGMS from 4:30PM-5:30PM **everyday**.

**A \$300.00 fee is required to enroll in Biology payable after April 7<sup>th</sup> (there is a \$25 processing fee for canceling participation once the fee has been paid). Parents must provide student transportation drop off for the morning class or pickup for the afternoon class.** No child will be denied the opportunity to participate due to an inability to pay, however a minimal payment may be required.

Upon successful completion of this course, students may opt to receive a Carnegie unit credit for this course. This course will require an End Of Course Test (EOC) that counts 20% of the total grade. The expectation for ninth grade is that all students who successfully complete this course will then take either AP Biology, AP Environmental Science or Chemistry as a high school freshman.

If you are interested in having your child participate in this course, **please return this letter to the NGMS main office by Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Should more students apply than spots are available, a drawing will take place the week of April 6<sup>th</sup>. Enrollment verification letters will be mailed home once the rosters have been finalized. Those accepted will need to pay the \$300 course fee on MyPayments Plus by Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.** If you are not currently registered on MyPayments Plus, instructions can be found on the school website [www.gcpsk12.org/northgwinnetts](http://www.gcpsk12.org/northgwinnetts) under the **Parents/Students** section.

If you have questions, please call me at 678-745-2300 or via email at [stacey.schepens@gcpsk12.org](mailto:stacey.schepens@gcpsk12.org).

Sincerely,  
*Dr. Stacey Schepens*  
Assistant Principal  
North Gwinnett Middle School

I have read and understand the above conditions and wish to enroll my child in the HS Biology course. I understand I must return this form by March 27<sup>th</sup> and if accepted make a payment of \$300 on My Payments Plus after April 7<sup>th</sup> but before April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Circle one option: Morning Session (7:55-8:55) or Afternoon Session (4:30-5:30)

Printed Student Name

Parent Signature

Date

**Please return to the NGMS main office at North Gwinnett Middle School by Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020. (Code LP)**