**FORENSIC SCIENCE PARENT LETTER**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Hello, I am Ms. Zangara and I am excited to be teaching a new science course called Forensic Science at WDHS. I want to make certain that you are informed about the topics your child will be learning.  In an effort to be realistic and scientific as possible, we will be discussing some sensitive issues.  These **may** include the following:

* crime scene situations and evidence
* fingerprinting, hair and fiber analysis
* firearm and bullet analysis
* the effects of a fired bullet on objects and people
* use and detection of blood/spatter
* time of death determinations, autopsy procedures, photos, and
* videos

Not only will the student learn about these topics, he or she will have guest speakers and labs to gain hands-on experience. Several graphic demonstrations, pictures, videos, and illustrations are included in the class so as to further the understanding of certain topics.  It is important to note that to convict criminals, one must first understand the circumstances of criminals, the crimes they commit, and the tools that are used to commit them.  This must be done at the crime scenes, in laboratories, jailhouse, and courts.

Your teen received a hard copy of the course outline and requirements.  This information is also available at: http://wdhsforensicscience.weebly.com/.  Please feel free to look it over.  If you have any questions or concerns, or you child ever becomes uncomfortable with certain topics please contact me at work at 563-876-3442 x 3070 or email me at cecelia.zangara@wdbqschools.org or have them talk to me immediately.

Sincerely,

Ms. Zangara

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