



## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Physical Setting/Earth Science

Dear Parents and Students,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome your child to The Bridges Academy's 8<sup>th</sup> grade Physical Setting/Earth Science class. My goal is not only to generate a strong interest in Earth science by connecting it to their everyday experiences, but to ultimately prepare them for the New York State Regents exam in June. I am committed to their success and only ask that they work hard in return. Together we will be able to achieve a fun, and rewarding experience.

Please contact me anytime at [vincent.castelli@bridgesli.org](mailto:vincent.castelli@bridgesli.org)

Regards,

Mr. Castelli

**Trimester Grading Policy:** Trimester grades will be based off of a point system. Tests, Lab Reports, quizzes homework and classwork will be given a point value according to the criticality of assessment. The cumulative points earned out of the total available will determine the trimester's grade. This system will help smooth out the peaks and valleys in grading that occurs during a typical marking period and prevent a single grade from drastically affecting the overall trimester grade.

**Absences:** It is every student's responsibility to make up missed work. Please reference the Student/Parent Handbook for the appropriate timeframe to complete missing work. In the event of an exam or quiz, please have the student see me to reschedule the assessment.

**Homework:** Homework can be expected to be given on average of 3-5 times per week and potentially over the weekends. As per the Student/Parent Handbook, homework will not be accepted two days after a missed assignment and will be recorded as a zero.

**Preparedness/Participation:** It is important that students come prepared to class and actively participate each day. Points towards the trimester grade will be earned weekly if these criteria are met. The cause for not awarding points will be recorded in PowerSchool

### Materials Required Daily:

- Science textbook and workbook
- Binder w/ paper
- Pen/pencil
- Fully Charged Chromebook
- Calculator
- Earth Science Reference Table (ESRT)

**Extra Help:** My extra help schedule will be Wednesday mornings from 7:30-8am and on Thursday afternoons from 3-3:30pm.

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_