

September 6, 2011

Dear Parent:

As your child begins the course of Regents Earth Science I'd like to share with you some important information that will help them be successful. Please take time to review the attached class expectations and grading scheme, preferably with your child present, and sign below to indicate that you have done so. Please have your child return this form next class along with any comments or questions you may have.

It is essential that the lines of communication are open and to this end please note any comments, suggestions, or questions you may have below. I can also be reached by email at [jstern@newpaltz.k12.ny.us](mailto:jstern@newpaltz.k12.ny.us) (preferred contact method) or at school via phone at 256-4172 x69546 and will return all inquiries as promptly as possible.

**If you have access to the internet you can view your child's grades through "Parent Portal" as described in the information sent home by the school.** I urge you to take advantage of this service as it allows you to see every grade and your child's current average. Those without internet capability can request an update at any time by giving me a call. The course web site can be found at [www.newpaltz.k12.ny.us/local](http://www.newpaltz.k12.ny.us/local) ( then click on high school, then teachers, then Stern.) Here you will find information about the class, projects, and important links. Copies of many of the activities we are working on in class can also be found here in pdf format for which you will need Adobe Reader (available as a free download from [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com)). Also, each night's homework assignment can be found by selecting the Homework and Event Calendar link found on the course homepage.

This course may be the first regents level course your child has taken and will therefore require that much more focus and dedication. Thank you for your support...I look forward to meeting you soon. Remember Open House is on Tuesday, September 20th!

Sincerely,

Jon Stern

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(Detach and return)

**Child's Name (please print)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent (guardian) Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Your comments or questions:**