

September 2009 – Intro Physics

Dear Parent or Guardian,

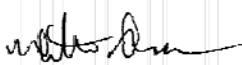
Hello! My name is Matt Anderson and I am your daughter or son's Introductory Physics teacher. I am very excited to be teaching at Newton North for my ninth year and truly look forward to working with your child. Just so you know a little about me, I graduated from Penn State University with a degree and certification in physics education. I was an academic aide for the '00-'01 school year at Bigelow Middle School where I supported students with learning disabilities. In August '06, I completed my Master's of Education through the University of Virginia. As I have been since starting here, I am impressed by the support and enthusiasm of the community around Newton North, and am excited to begin my eighth year here.

I love physics and I thoroughly enjoy sharing this love with high school students. I believe that physics is an essential subject that all people can understand and apply. Our goal in freshmen introductory physics is to tremendously strengthen students' science skills while introducing them to physics concepts. This year we will be studying motion, heat, electricity, magnetism, sound, waves, and light, with the concept of energy as a continuous theme. Introductory physics is a very "hands-on" course and will require many diverse activities in and out of school. Do not be surprised if your child's homework requires experimentation.

Your child has been provided with several pieces of paper from me. One is this letter. A second is my expectations for my students. The third is a sheet identifying the items your student will need to be prepared for this class, and the fourth is an information sheet for your child to complete. Please keep this letter for your reference (please sign it below and return, to indicate that you have read it), review the expectation sheet with your child and have your child place the sheet in her or his introductory physics binder, and lastly please complete the information sheet and have your child return it to me. The expectation sheet lists the required materials for my class. Any student unable to acquire these materials should speak with me as soon as possible. Please be sure to thoroughly review the expectations with your child so you are both aware of what will be demanded of your child.

I look forward to meeting you in October at the Open House night. If at any time during the year you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached by leaving a message on my voice mail (617) 559-6400 x454127 (yes, that really is a 6 digit extension) or via email. My email is Matt_Anderson@newton.k12.ma.us and I check it several times per week. I hope that this will be a fun and safe year for all of us. Finally, you may also keep up to date with the class and know what the topics of study are by checking <http://www.andersonscience.net>, my website for this class.

Sincerely,



Matthew Anderson

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I have read the introduction letter.

Parent/Guardian's Name:

Parent/Guardian's Signature:

Student's name:
