**Parent Letter for Advanced Middle School Courses:**

***Advanced Life Science 7/Advanced Physical Science 8***

Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parent/Guardian of: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Your son/daughter has been identified for Advanced Life Science 7 or Advanced Physical Science 8 based on the following criteria:

* 1st semester science classroom grade\*
* Fall and/or Winter Math benchmark assessment score through STAR

If your child chooses to be a part of an Advanced Life Science or Advanced Physical Science class next year, he/she will be learning the same material as other science students, but in greater depth and at a faster, more challenging pace. The advanced middle school courses are intended to be a preparation for higher-level high school classes (i.e., Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, etc.) and to give students the opportunity to experience a more challenging curriculum before the transition to high school.

Students enrolled in advanced courses must recognize and understand that they will be responsible for extended academic responsibilities and expectations, which may include a more challenging workload as well as additional writing and reading assignments inside and outside of class. Though students making the transition to advanced classes sometimes find they earn a lower classroom grade than they have in the past, the content and strategies they pursue in advanced coursework will better prepare them for success in their high school and college-level studies. A commitment to the course and its depth of content, along with good time management and study skills, is essential to your child’s success. **Once your child has committed to the advanced class, schedule changes should not be expected.**

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Gambino, the 7th Grade Counselor, at mgambino@bcbe.org or 928-2573 or the Department of Secondary Curriculum at 972-8525.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Angie Hall

Fairhope Middle School Principal

**Please sign below and return to your child’s Homeroom Teacher by April 6, 2023.**

I have read the above letter and understand the expectations for middle school Advanced Life Science and Advanced Physical Science. I am requesting that my child be enrolled in this class.

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**Parent’s Printed Name**

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**Parent Signature**

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**Student Signature**

*\*If the student’s grade falls to a D or an F by the end of the school year, then taking the advanced class will not be recommended. The student will be placed in a standard class unless the parent completes and returns the “Request to Enroll” form that is located at* [*www.bcbe.org*](http://www.bcbe.org)*. Parents should contact their child’s middle school to find out the date this form is due.*