

Earth Science Newsletter – January, 2020
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Dear Students and Families:

Happy New Year to all. I hope that everyone had a restful holiday break and you are feeling ready to kick off the new decade with success in earth science!

We are quickly approaching the halfway point of the school year. As such, the Earth Science Midterm Exam will take place in class on or around Tuesday, January 21st. Although I will provide an in-class review session, students will also need to independently study their notes from the 1st half of the year. I am always available by appointment to help students when they don't understand a concept or if they would like additional practice questions. I have posted a Midterm Study Guide on Google Classroom that students should use to facilitate their studying. In addition to the midterm exam, students will also need to know the 19 SAT vocabulary words (on Classroom) from quarters 1 and 2 prior to the quiz on 1/17.

In the weeks prior to the midterm, students will begin 2020 by finishing up the weathering and erosion unit. We will especially focus on how ice age glaciation has influenced the landscapes in and around Central New York. After the midterm, students will be learning about geologic history, which will bring us through the winter recess in mid-February.

Honors Earth Science Only:

The 2nd draft of the symposium article (25% of 2nd quarter grade) is due on Classroom by 10PM on Thursday, January 16th. Follow the rubric closely, make your article as polished as possible, and be sure that you summarized the key details that you were able to understand from the peer-reviewed articles. Your article must be written in your own "voice". When you use technical terms they should be followed by clear definitions in your text. Your article should "flow" and it should make logical sense when someone reads it out loud to you.

Procrastination is the enemy here, so get to work!

Warm Regards,

Mr. Williams