



**Course Outline:** Marine Science –Let’s Set Sail!!!!

**Purpose:** This course is an introductory marine biology/oceanography curriculum designed to provide a scientific understanding of the marine environment and how it impacts our lives.

**Materials:** binder, pens/pencils, folder, calculator

**Textbooks:** The following books are property of the classroom and not to be taken home:

Marine Biology: An Introduction to Ocean Systems (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.), Amy Sauter Hill, 1995, Walch Publishing

Marine Science: Marine Biology and Oceanography (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.), Thomas F. Greene, 2004, Amsco Publications, Inc.

**Quizzes & Exams:** You are responsible for all materials covered in class, in the text, in lab, and in the homework/projects. Test or quizzes missed due to an excused absence must be made up on the day you return to school. No test or quiz will be given if absence is determined to be unexcused by attendance office. (Zero!)

**Labs:** Labs missed due to excused absences must be made up within one week. It is your responsibility to make necessary arrangements. Labs are a significant part of your educational process. Absences and tardiness severely affect your ability to learn.

**Homework:** When you are absent it is your responsibility to find out what you missed.

**Grading:** This is an inquiry based course with focus on laboratory and project based learning as reflected in the grading policy as outlined by the science department.

**No food or drinks are allowed in the laboratory. This includes breakfast items. This classroom is also our laboratory and we will follow safety guidelines as outlined by the school (see safety form)**

You and I are a team with individual tasks and goals to further your education. If you are I are not present in class, learning can not occur. I will make every effort to be in class and prepared on time every day. You must also! You are expected to be in your seat, notebook open and ready to work at the beginning of class. If you run into a problem, I am here to help. I am available for extra help daily in this room (122) from 1:45-2:15 except when I have meetings. You may also reach me by email at [randall@wfsd.k12.ny.us](mailto:randall@wfsd.k12.ny.us). Don’t be afraid to ask for help.

If you work hard, enthusiastically and consistently, you will succeed. If you believe you can’t, you can’t. Believe that you can and you will. Take pride in yourself and enjoy the journey!!!! We will get there together!!!!

**I have read the course guidelines with my parent/guardian. I understand the expectations and will strive to meet them. If you have any questions or concerns, please indicate them below.**

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Student signature

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Parent/guardian signature

Daytime phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_