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Dear 7th Grade Families,

As the year begins to draw to a close we are busy making arrangements for your child's academic program for 8th grade. In 8th grade, there are three courses offered in science. We are in the process of reviewing which science program best fits your child's individual needs.

Science 8 is the New York State curriculum that is taken by the majority of 8th grade students across New York State. Science 8 is also a preparatory course for Earth Science, which will be taken in 9th grade. Students take the New York State ILS exams at the end of the year.

In addition to Science 8, Ardsley also offers Advanced Science 8, which follows the same curriculum as Science 8, but is more rigorous. Advanced Science 8 provides students with enriching opportunities to develop deeper scientific skills in preparation for Earth Science in 9th grade. Students taking Advanced Science 8 take the New York State ILS exams at the end of the year as well.

The third course is Earth Science. This is a Regents-level course that requires students to take the New York State Regents exam in June. As a Regents course, the course grade and the score on the Regents exam will appear on student transcripts in high school.

We will be hosting an informational question-and-answer session for any parent who would like more information regarding our science courses for 8th grade. Mr. Brysen Van Eck (AHS Science Curriculum Leader) will be joining us.

We encourage you to join us on Thursday, May 26, 2022 from 4:00 – 5:00 PM in the back of the Ardsley Middle School Library. Please use this [Google Form](#) to RSVP.

Sincerely,

Stuart Horlacher
Principal

Mrs. Enjoli Joseph
Science Curriculum Leader