

Dear Parent of Prospective Earth Science Honors Student,

As the 2008-2009 school year comes to a close and summer break quickly approaches, the WCA faculty is busy preparing for the upcoming school year. We have many exciting plans for next year and we hope they will serve to enrich your child's academic experience. In an effort to provide your student with a rigorous and fulfilling academic schedule, we are offering a new Honors Program for selected High School classes. This program will focus on developing higher-level critical thinking skills, offering research opportunities, and providing hands-on learning experiences. It will also serve as preparation for advanced course work in the future.

Only a select group of students will participate in the Honors classes. These students will be challenged to delve more deeply into the subject matter and earn a weighted grade in the process. Teacher recommendations are based on the Honors/AP Recommendation Policy that is attached to this letter. Based on my past experiences with your child, I recognize his or her academic abilities, motivation and desire to learn. It is for these reasons that I am recommending your student for the Honors Earth Science course.

In Honors Earth Science, we will practice becoming expert mineral and rock identifiers, research and present the geologic evidence of Noah's flood, and delve into the geology, chemistry and physics of the ocean. Over the summer, students will create a geologic photo journal. Whether you travel during the summer or stay here in Williamsburg, aspects of Earth Science will be evident all around you. The summer assignment will be to explore ten Earth Science topics through photography and research and craft a photographic journal of your summer.

As you and your child make decisions about the upcoming academic year, please prayerfully consider this academic opportunity. I hope your child will choose to join me on this journey of scientific inquiry and discovery. You may reach me at eltonr@williamsburgchristian.org if you have any questions.

Have a great summer!

Rebecca Elton