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Dear students, parents and guardians,

December 5, 2010

Welcome to the second trimester of the 2010-2011 school year! I hope this letter finds you recharged and ready for another busy trimester. The intent of this letter is to introduce you to my class and myself as well as encourage parent-teacher communication.

My name is Denise Michaelsen, and I will be your son/daughter's Anatomy and Physiology teacher this year. I spent most of my childhood living on the beautiful shores of Lake Superior in Washburn, WI, where I graduated from high school in 1993. After high school, I attended UW-Eau Claire and completed my B.S. degree in Biology Education in 1998. I began teaching in the fall of 1999 and can hardly believe I am already beginning my twelfth year here in Chetek. I recently finished my Master of Science in Biology degree from the University of Nebraska and graduated July 31, 2009. As you might expect, I am quite passionate about wildlife and the outdoors. My husband and I couldn't be happier enjoying all of the recreation the Chetek area has to offer. We spend much of our free time in The North Woods: camping, biking, hiking, kayaking and just enjoying wildlife. Aside from outdoor recreation, I also enjoy traveling, gardening, cooking, and spending time with my family and friends.

Whether your student is an aspiring health care or fitness professional or just somebody who's curious about the human body and how it works, this course is designed to introduce the basics of anatomy and physiology. Over the next two terms the students will spend their time learning the body's anatomical structures—from head to toe. Your student will explore the body's systems and how they interact to maintain homeostasis, gain insights into how the structures and systems function in health and disease, and consistently use and develop an understanding of basic medical terminology. This will be accomplished through laboratory and lecture experiences, along with reinforcement through videos and computer-based activities. We will complete the course with a hands-on dissection of a fetal pig and end the term with a practical exam on the material covered.

Because you are an integral part of your child's education, I feel that parent-teacher communication is of vital importance. Accompanying this letter, you should find my classroom syllabus and a safety contract. In order to prevent future confusion, please take some time to look over this information with your student and verify with your signature that you have had the opportunity to read the information. I would also like to extend the invitation for you to contact me before school (7:30-8:00), during my prep time (1:00-2:10), and after school (3:20-3:45). I can be reached at the high school at 924-3137 ext. 2076 or via email at denisemichaelsen@chetek.k12.wi.us. Please don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about your student's Anatomy and Physiology class. I am looking forward to another exciting year at Chetek-Weyerhaeuser High School and look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

Denise Michaelsen

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