Dear APES student,

I’m glad to have you as an AP Environmental Science student for next year. Remember, this is an honors level advanced placement course so you can expect a fair amount of work. I am assuming that you signed up because you want to learn about the environment, because you want a challenging course, and because you plan to take the AP exam next May.

We work hard in this class. In order to prepare you for the AP exam, we must finish the material in our textbook by the beginning of May. The APES exam will be Monday, May 11th! The cost will be $94. That means we will move quickly and you must keep up with the work.

To start you off, you will need to sign out a textbook and join the Google Classroom (class code: ocsg7b). Below is your summer assignment. Please try to use your textbook as your primary source for 2 & 3, but you may do additional online research, if needed.

1. Watch the TedEd Video: “What is the tragedy of the commons? - Nicholas Amendolare”. Write a brief paragraph explaining in your own words what tragedy of the commons means to you. Make sure to also give an example NOT in the video of a tragedy of the commons...it does not have to be related to environmental science.

2. Complete the Biome Take-Home Quiz (posted on and must be submitted to Google classroom)

3. Complete the Aquatic Ecosystems Sheet

4. Walking Field Trip Permission
Slip

5. Cell Phone Contract

**we will have a quiz on #1,2,3 on Friday, August 30th**

Visit, review and bookmark the AP Central website (about 20 minutes). This is the organization that sets the standards for AP courses. We will adhere to the standards set by AP so that your work will best prepare you for the AP exam. This year there will be new digital tools to help us all prepare for the exam.

Also, you should know that there is field work required in this course. We do water sampling, soil sampling, leaf collecting, and other fun things. Please try to find/keep an old pair of sneakers or water shoes you will wear when we stand in different bodies of water. These shoes will get wet and they will get dirty.
If you have any questions between now and the start of school, please email me at jbutryman@npsct.org.

Have a great summer. Be aware of environmental stories in the news. We have a lot to discuss. See you in August!

Sincerely, Mrs. Butryman