

WELCOME TO CHEMISTRY 1!

Useful Information Mrs. Kitchener's Class 2014-2015

Class Website: kitchenerchem.tripod.com - your source for the syllabus, study tips, and useful links.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- 1. ATTENDANCE:** Regular attendance is essential to success in this course. In the event of an excused absence, **YOU** are responsible for obtaining missed assignments and taking notes from other students. Cumulative tests, given at the end of each unit of study, may be used to make up for any quiz missed. End of quarter tests may be used to make up for missed tests. Broward School Board policy allows a student two days to make up work for each day of that student's excused absence.
- 2. HOMEWORK:** Homework will be assigned regularly. Assignments must be turned in at the **beginning of class** on the due date, otherwise a grade of **zero** will be given for that assignment.
- 3. CLASSWORK:** Each student is required to keep an orderly binder for this course. This must include some sort of calendar for assignment dates, course information and lab safety rules, all classwork and homework, hand-outs, class notes, student and teacher generated study guides, and special assignments such as chapter outlines, essays, and assigned practice problems. Students should have this with them every day as it will be checked periodically, unannounced, and stamped. A grade will be given, based on the number of stamps accumulated, at midterms and finals.
- 4. RESEARCHING SCIENCE:** Students will be given weekly science questions or articles to research and analyze. Most of these will be completed in class. In the case of an absence, the topic can be found on the class website.
- 5. STUDYING:** Chemistry requires a lot of study time for most students to be successful. Even when there is no assigned homework, you should be studying each night - reviewing notes, practicing problems, and reading the appropriate part of the text. Most students cannot pass a Chemistry course by reviewing only in class and the night before a test.
- 6. MATERIALS NEEDED:** You will need to bring the following supplies to class **EVERY DAY:**
Binder with paper, number 2 pencils, eraser, a pack of multi-colored highlighters, pens with blue or black ink, and a **SCIENTIFIC CALCULATOR**.
- 7. LAB SUPPLIES NEEDED (BONUS POINTS):** The following supplies are needed for labs and activities throughout the year. If you are able to bring in some of the items you will receive bonus points. Alternatively, you may opt to do an extra research question assignment to receive those points. The last day for the supplies or extra research question is August 30.
Paper towels
Printer/ copy paper
Pack of Dry Erase/ whiteboard markers
Freezer bags (sealable quart sized Ex: Ziploc)
Kleenex/ facial tissue

CLASSROOM RULES AND PROCEDURES

1. Be in your assigned seat when the bell rings. You should remain in your seat at the end of class until dismissed.
2. Come to class prepared (see materials needed above).

3. **DO NOT BE TARDY.** If you come in late with a pass please put it on my desk and take your seat as quietly as possible. Another teacher may not excuse you from my class for any reason.
4. **NO DISTRACTORS:** We will be focusing on Chemistry during every available minute we have; instructional time will run bell to bell. In order to ensure your understanding of the material and your safety during labs, it is imperative that you are not distracted during class time, therefore you will be required to **SWITCH OFF AND PUT AWAY ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING CLASS.**
5. **Remember your manners.** Do not interrupt when someone else is talking to the class. Raise your hand and wait to be called on. Do not talk louder than necessary. Be courteous to others and think before acting.
6. **Bathroom passes** will be issued for emergencies only. Restrooms should be used before or after class. Passes will not be given during tests, lectures, notes, videos or labs.
7. **Keep the area around your desk clean** - no papers on the floor and no writing/marks on the desks. If we cannot keep the room tidy, students will be assigned to clean up every day.
8. **No sleeping in class.** If staying awake is a problem for you, I will be contacting your parents to ensure you are getting the rest you need. If you are sick, you should go to the clinic.

Penalties for failing to observe classroom rules may include verbal warnings, writing assignments, student-teacher conferences, parent-teacher conferences, and administrative referrals.

CHEATING POLICY

Cheating: Cheating is obtaining information from any sources other than those prescribed (approved) by the teacher for the specific assignment.

Some cheating offenses would be:

- a. having a "cheat sheet"
- b. copying from someone else's paper during a test or homework assignment
- c. talking during a test
- d. plagiarism (copying, word for word, or ideas without giving credit to your source)
- e. creating data for science projects and labs
- f. copying a research paper, (even with modifications) from another student, the Internet, or other such sources

ANY STUDENT GIVING INFORMATION IS TO BE CONSIDERED EQUALLY AS GUILTY OF CHEATING AS THE STUDENT RECEIVING INFORMATION.

Teachers will also notify the sponsors of groups in which good character is a stipulation for entry or continued membership (i. e. National Honor Society).

Penalties for cheating:

1. automatic zero on the ENTIRE assignment or test
2. parent notification
3. referral to Guidance, creating an official record of the incident
4. repeat offenders will be given administrative referral

Please be advised that this policy will be strictly enforced.

STUDENTS: It is recommended that you record the names and phone numbers of at least two other class members.

PARENT/GUARDIAN: Please check with your child frequently to see how he or she is doing in class. It is important that you be aware of his or her progress. Grades and attendance can be found on the Pinnacle system.