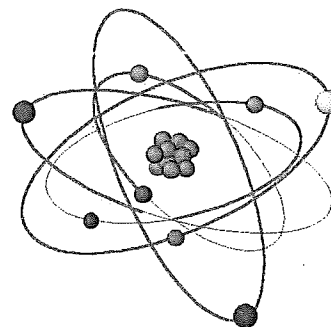


8th Grade Science 2023-2024

Mr. Kosensky

Room D218



Class Agenda and Guidelines

Classroom Expectations

- **General School Rules Are In Effect At All Times**
 - Respect yourself and your peers – treat others as you would you want to be treated!
- **Class Entry and Dismissal**
 - At the beginning of the class, you are expected to be in your assigned seat and ready to work.
 - Every class will begin with a “Do-Now” question posted on the whiteboard – question and determined answer must be copied in notebook.
 - Dated “Do-Now” questions will be evaluated in a quiz form.
 - You should have homework assignments due for the day readily available for review (**unless you are instructed differently**).
 - Most classes will conclude with an activity to review the material during the class period.
 - **Dismissal is at the direction of the teacher, not the clock!**
 - Any casual departures from the class (drink, lavatory, etc.) will utilize a hall pass
 - Any emergencies and/or special passes for the nurse, guidance office, etc.

Bring The Appropriate Materials To Class

- For each class period, you should always bring your science notebook (3 ring binder), a pen or pencil, and your Chromebook.
- Calculators may be required for data analysis during lab, but this will be announced prior to class.
- If any class materials are forgotten, **a completed hall pass is required to get the material from your locker.**

Homework/Long Term Project Assignment Guidelines – JP Case Policies

- For an excused absence, you will be allowed the number of days absent to complete homework assignment(s) that were missed.
 - Assignments and worksheets from each class of the week are located on my desk.
- For unexcused absences, you will be allowed half the number of days absent to complete homework assignment(s) that were missed.
- If you are present in school but excused from class, homework assignments should be completed for the next class – make arrangements **prior** to class to get these assignments.

- For long term projects requiring several days/weeks to prepare, assignments turned in 2 school days late will be evaluated and then dropped one letter grade.
 - Assignments turned in 5 school days late will be evaluated and then dropped 2 letter grades.
 - Assignments turned in over 5 school days late receive a failing grade.
- If you miss a test or quiz due to an excused absence, see me to arrange to make it up upon your return. If you know that you will be absent for a test or quiz, you must see me **prior** to this absence to arrange to make it up.
- **Partial credit will be given for missing/incomplete homework that is completed within 1-3 days of the missed due date!**

Lab Work

- You will be working with your fellow students at your lab tables to complete various experiments and activities.
 - As a group, you are responsible to treat each other with respect, stay on task, and to properly care for the equipment that is given to you.
 - Each individual is responsible for their own laboratory worksheets.
 - All laboratory assignments will be completed on paper, so Chromebooks must be put away during the duration of the laboratory assignments.
- Safety is of utmost importance in the classroom. You will be required to read and learn the safety procedures for the science class **as well as implement them as you work.**

Class Participation

- Participation in class discussion, group work, and individual work is expected.
- Raise your hand and wait to be called on before speaking and contributing to the class.
- Disruption of the class or defacing of school property is inappropriate and will not be tolerated
- Chromebooks will be utilized for a variety of activities either on individual websites, my website, or on the curriculum IQWST program - when on the computers you **must** be on the assigned site. **Failure to follow this rule will result in the loss of your Chromebook for the duration of the school day.**
- Participation also includes completing the “Do-Now” question and conclusion activities at the beginning and end of class respectively.
- Under no circumstances will you be allowed to move to other seats at other lab tables during class/lab work.

Topics of Study and Timeline

1st Trimester: Forces and Motion
Weather Patterns

2nd Trimester: Human Impact on Climate
Heredity

3rd Trimester: Evolution
Earth's Surface and History



Assessment and Grading

- You will be evaluated in a number of different ways in order to determine your final grades. These grades are an indicator of your personal progress in the class.
- You will be evaluated using tests, quizzes, projects, lab work, homework, and class participation.

Grades will be determined as follows...

Participation/Class Practices	5% of final grade
Homework/Class Assignments	10% of final grade
Quizzes*	15% of final grade
Laboratory Assignments	20% of final grade
Projects	25% of final grade
Tests	25% of final grade

*"Do-Now quizzes" will be included in Quizzes

Science Notebook

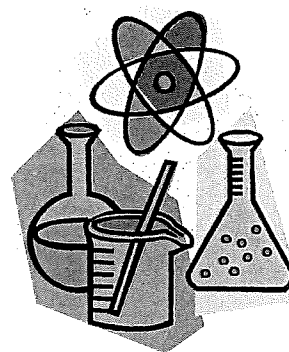
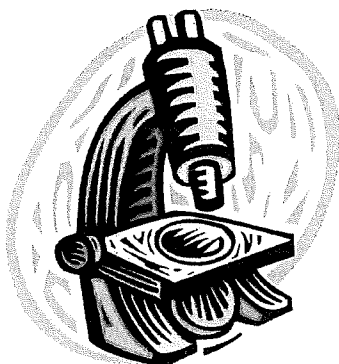
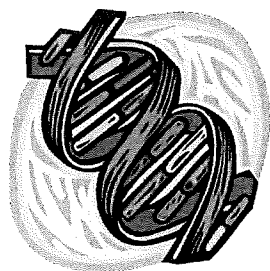
It is your responsibility to maintain a science notebook. Periodically, unannounced notebook checks will be conducted in the beginning of class as a class assignment grade. This should be a 3 ring binder clearly divided into 5 of the following sections...

- Notes
 - You should have notebook paper in this section in preparation to take notes on lessons during the period. Each entry should be dated. Keep notes, class study guides, guided notes, and in-class worksheets.
- Homework
 - You should have all completed homework (graded or edited) assigned from each class period. Each entry should be dated.
- Do-Now Questions
 - “Do Now” questions and answers will be recorded. Make sure the entries are properly dated and in chronological order in order to reference for “Do Now” quizzes.
- Lab Work
 - This section should include all materials used to keep records during labs, as well as copies of your final lab sheets after they have been returned to you.
 - Be sure to fill this section with notebook paper so you are able to collect and record data that you will need for class.
- Tests/Quizzes
 - Use this section to maintain all of your tests and quizzes that you can reference them while studying (**You never know when quiz questions make an appearance on a unit test...**)
- Notebook checks will be assessed as properly maintaining these sections in an organized manner.

Extra Help/Assistance

Extra help is always available, but seek it before it is too late! Everything that is completed or reviewed in class can be found on my **regular school website** such as homework dates, Do-Now questions (both indicated by date assigned), test review study guides, and project guidelines.

Google Classroom will only be utilized for posting projects or visuals pertaining to class material. Check with me to discuss a convenient time that would work well if you need extra help on your class work such as during tutorial or Excel. I am also usually at the school in the morning and afternoon before and after class, so make sure to make the proper arrangements if necessary.



Your success in science is entirely up to you – if you are willing to work hard and make an effort, you will do well!

I am looking forward to a great year!

I have read and understand the material presented in this agenda and expectations packet and will refer to this packet upon confusion on any policies during the course of the year.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

