Dear Students,

I am so excited to teach you about the world around you through the eyes of a Chemist. We will be building on some concepts you should be familiar with from pre-IB Chemistry, as well as diving into a lot of new content. Chemistry is heavy in both vocabulary and math, so it is imperative that you review both current content and past content regularly. As long as you do not fall behind, which you can avoid by having good attendance, asking questions, and reviewing, I know you will be successful in this class. I am here for you, so please do not hesitate to come to me with any concerns. Let’s have a great year!

Mrs. Leavens

We will be using Remind this year to communicate. All students are required to sign up. Parents may sign up if they would like or if their student does not have a cell phone.

Remind
Text to: 81010
Message: @f48ea3

Reoccurring Assignments

- Assignment 1: Notes
- Assignment 2: Practice Worksheets
- Assignment 3: Labs
- Assignment 4: POGILs

Work Ethic Expectations

- Focus and participate during class.
- Review current & past material consistently.
- Seek help when you are struggling.

- Please be respectful of all individuals and their property at all times.
- Be prepared for class by completing your homework and having all materials ready.
- Follow all school rules – dress code, 10/10, leave w/ pass, technology, ect.
- Cells phones are not allowed to be seen in class unless given permission.

Absent?

Students should speak with Mrs. Leavens once they have returned from an absence to get their work. If students know in advance of an absence, they should communicate this ASAP.
Quizzes: formative, 100 points, given after a concept has been taught and practiced.

Unit tests: summative, 100 points, approximately 3 per quarter, tests may EITHER be curved or re-taken (student choice), study guide given 2-3 days before test, test review in class the day before a test, tests are modeled after IB exams, absent students should plan on making up a test the first day they return, IB science tests on Thursdays.

Lab Reports: formative or summative depending on the nature of the lab, 100 points, see lab report format handout for content.

Notebook Check: formative, 100 points, usually after each unit, parent signature required 1st quarter, only required after if grade is below a C.

Summatives: 60%
Formatives: 40%
Diagnostic: 0%

Required Materials

- Textbook: Standard Level Chemistry 2nd edition – Pearson Baccalaureate; class set & available online
- Spiral notebook – wider notebooks work better (like 5-star), 5 subject will last both years of IB
- Loose paper and writing utensils
- Scientific calculator (I have a class set as well, but students should be familiar with their own calculator that they will use on the IB exam senior year.)
- Headphones for class computer cart

Extra Credit

- Quarterly: different assignment each quarter, due 1.5 weeks before grades are due but may be turned in early
- Bonus questions on tests and quizzes
- Test review winners if we play a game

We will go through seven major units with labs to accompany each. These are topics 1-7 in the textbook, but we will start with topic 2 and get back to topic 1 later in the year.

What are we learning?

Signature

Date