Welcome
Good morning or afternoon, my name is Mr. Keuten and you are currently in Earth and Space Science. I look forward to meeting each of you. My goal for this year is to get to know everyone on an individual level so I can better help you achieve your learning goals! Please start off the year with one goal in mind, to always remain positive. Most of life’s struggles are defined by how you react to them, rather than the struggle itself. We will thrive together this school year!

Class Expectations
• You are expected to attend class regularly and on time. *(3 strikes and you’re OUT in regards to tardies → more than 5 mins late)*
• You will maintain an interactive notebook. The notebook should be a composition notebook. All assignments, class work, and labs will be maintained in the notebook. The notebook is designed to improve overall comprehension of course content. This notebook must be brought to class every day. *(There will be weekly formative assessments to determine if our targeted learning goals are reached → You may use the notebook during these assessments!)*
• You will be required at times to utilize a class set of textbooks. See me if you would like to take advantage of an online option available. *(The online option will be discussed in detail and is located on your student V-Portal account!)*
• You will be responsible for any work missed. If you miss a lecture, notes, or any other assignment, it is your responsibility to ask a classmate OR myself for the missed work. *(Only EXCUSED ABSENCES will allow for work to be made up upon your return → Get your parent/doctor note turned into the clinic as soon as possible, preferably BEFORE you will miss!)*

Grading and Absentee Policies
• All assignments, class work, quizzes, and tests are graded with a specific point value. Overall grade in class is determined by dividing the total points received by the total points possible. The Volusia County grade scale will be used in determining your letter grade.
• All assignments are due on the scheduled date. Late assignments may be altered and or changed at my discretion.
• School absentee policy: One day for each day absent when an excuse note is presented.
• To help students monitor their academic progress, grades will be posted and updated weekly on FOCUS gradebook.

Labs
• Depending on the topic being covered, labs may be conducted. Unsafe behavior in the lab will not be tolerated in any way, as accidents can occur. If a student demonstrates any unsafe behavior, a zero will be given for that lab, and the student will lose lab privileges for the rest of the year. Alternative assignments will have to be completed. Also, if proper lab attire (closed toed shoes) is not worn on the day of labs, the student will not be able to attend lab and will have to complete an alternative assignment. **It is the basic responsibility of everyone in the lab to make lab safety an ongoing commitment.**
• All students will receive a lab safety contract that must be taken home and signed by their parent/guardian and themselves. (Due date: Friday August 16th, 2019)

Testing
• Unit exams, which usually cover 1-2 chapters, will be given at the end of each section covered in class. (There will be a minimum of 3 summative assessments every grading period.)
• If a student is absent on the day of a test or quiz, that student will have exactly one school week (5 school days) to make up that test or quiz from the day that he or she returns to class. The student will have to make up the test or quiz on his or her own time, meaning either before school or after school, and the test MUST BE taken in its entirety at one sitting. All accommodations based on student need will be provided.

**According to district policy, it is the responsibility of the student to obtain and complete any assignments that are missing as the result of an absence.**

• Exceptions will be made for students who are absent for extended periods of time (more than one week).

Discipline Procedures
• All discipline procedures are also listed in the Classroom Rules handout. All district and school policies will be followed.

Materials Needed:
• Pencils (mechanical pencils are preferred)
• Pens (only blue or black)
• Composition notebook
• Loose leaf paper
• Calculator (on occasion)
Major Units:
• Nature of Science
• Earth’s Layers
• Plate Tectonics
• Earth as a System
• The Ocean
• Weather and Climate
• Weathering, Erosion, and Deposition
• Origin of the Universe
• Stars
• Solar System
• Space Exploration
• Geologic Time

Methods of Assessment:

Summative – 60% (Unit Exams)

Formative – 40% (warm-ups, class work, homework, quizzes, labs, projects)

Grading Scale:

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Please take the opportunity to review this syllabus with your parent(s) or guardian(s). You WILL be held accountable for the information.

To the Parents/Guardians:

I am excited to have the opportunity to teach your child this year. This class is truly rewarding for the insight it gives a young person on life and the world around him or her. You will have
access to your child’s grades online, anytime, by accessing Volusia County’s Gradebook program. If you need assistance in setting up the account, please contact the school. Using this program will allow you to keep track of your child’s attendance and grades, along with a lot of other pertinent information. Please feel free to contact me at any time. You can always expect a timely response. I look forward to getting to know you and your child this year. Mr. Keuten

Parents and Guardians, please sign below and provide the best means of contact...

My contact information: @MrKeutenVCS on Twitter and gpkeuten@volusia.k12.fl.us

Student Name: _________________________________________________________________

Student Signature: ______________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: ______________________________________________________

Print: ________________________________________________________________________

E-mail and Phone Number: ______________________________________________________