**Physical Science Syllabus**

Fall 2017

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**Tutoring Hours: Wednesday and every other Monday 3:50pm-4:30pm**

If you are struggling at all and want help, PLEASE come to tutoring! I am here and willing to work with you. I am also available some mornings.

*If these times do not work, please come talk to me and we will work something out.*

**Tardys:**

You need to be IN YOUR SEAT when the bell rings (either working or getting your materials ready). This means that pencils are sharpened BEFORE the bell rings.

1st Tardy: Warning

2nd Tardy: 45 Minute After-School Detention

3rd Tardy: 45 Minute After-School Detention

4th Tardy: Office Referral

**Exit Passes:**

Students need to be present to learn. We will not be doing unimportant fluff work. Everything we go over will be important for you to know to pass the course. You will be given 2 exit passes each 9 weeks. **You will need to be responsible for keeping up with these passes.** They may only be used if you have them with you when requesting to use them. They may be used with teacher permission if you have an emergency or important business to take care of during class time. At the end of the quarter, unused passes may be turned in for extra credit toward your final quarter grade. (These may not be used during the first or last 10 minutes of class.)

**Homework/Late Work:**

* **Homework is assigned most days.** The assignment should take 30 minutes to one hour. These assignments should be completed ON TIME! **Late work will not be accepted.**
* If a student has an **excused** absence, they have 3 days to turn work in and get full credit. You will not get credit for work from unexcused absences.
* It is the student’s responsibility to ask for missed work, complete it, and turn it into the basket.
* Work cannot be made up during class, **no exceptions**.
* If you miss a test/quiz, you MUST come to one of the following 2 tutoring sessions to make it up. ***This is not optional.***
* If you miss an activity or lab, it must be made up within one week. Failure to do so will result in a ZERO for your activity/lab grade.
* If a student has an excused absence, all work that was due that day must be turned in on the day of their return or they will not receive credit for it.
* \*\*\*Long-term projects will be deducted 10 points (one letter grade) per 24 hours late!\*\*\*

**Be Prepared:**

You are expected to bring all of your materials to class each day. There is no excuse for not having them. You will not be allowed to leave the room to get them unless you would like to use one of your 2 exit passes. You will need to bring:

* Composition notebook or spiral notebook
* Notebook paper
* Pencils and pens
* Glue sticks
* Markers and colored pencils for use at home on projects
* Scientific Calculators (will be provided in class, but you may need them for use at home)

**Remind:**

Please sign up for classroom updates.

Parents: Text @f3dbcd to 81010 or sign up with phone or email at rmd.at/f3dbcd

Students: Text @ffd36g to 81010 or sign up with phone or email at rmd.at/ffd36g

**Expectations:**

* You are expected to try your hardest and seek help when you are struggling. There is no excuse for failure if you are willing to make use of the extra help that is available, work hard, and do your best every day.
* You are expected to participate, respond, and ask relevant questions. You will need to be able to work independently, as partners, and in groups.
* Students are expected to complete their work ON TIME!
* Academic dishonesty (i.e. cheating, copying, plagiarism, etc.) will be punished severely.
* No student will be allowed to infringe upon the personal or academic rights of another student. Each student is responsible for exercising self-control and discipline in the classroom. Good manners are expected at all times.
* Papers without names will be thrown away.
* Cell phones, smart watches, and other electronic devices are not to be used in the classroom. Please do not make this an issue.
* Please do not wear hats or sunglasses to class. If you have them, please remove them before coming into the classroom.
* Students should remain in their seats until the bell rings. (Do NOT line up at the door!)

**Grading Scale:**

A = 90 – 100

B = 80 – 89

C = 70 – 79

D = 60 – 69

F = 59 and below

**How your quarter grades are calculated:**

Tests 30%

Quizzes 25%

Classwork/Homework 25%

Labs/Activities 20%

**Extra Credit:**

Very little extra credit is offered in my class. Here are your few chances to earn extra points:

* Return your unused exit passes. Each one is worth ½ point on your final quarter grade.
* Come to school every day for the entire quarter. If you are not absent at all for the entire 9 weeks and you are not tardy more than 1 time, you will receive 2 extra points on your final quarter grade.
* Each 9 weeks, you will have an opportunity to earn 25 points toward your lowest quiz grade. You can either go to a specific HPC game (TBA) or bring something from the needs list posted in the classroom for classroom use. You will be given plenty of time to make plans for either one.

**Classroom Rules:**

1. Be in your seat when the bell rings.
2. Raise your hand to speak or leave your seat.
3. Treat others with respect.
4. Be responsible for your own actions.
5. No food, drink, hats, sunglasses, or electronics in class.

**Please sign and return:**

I have read and do understand what is required for Ms. Pidsosny’s Physical Science class.

Student Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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*I am very excited to have your student in my class! Please be sure to fill out the contact information so I can keep you up to date on your student’s success in my class. Thanks! ☺*