

WELCOME TO MRS.BISHOP'S CLASS



How to Succeed in Science Class — P.A.W.S. before you act!

Welcome to 8th Grade Science

I am very excited to start off a new year with you. I hope that my students will make many new discoveries, build upon what they have already learned, and become better learners! I also hope that students will develop character with an educational focus on traits such as respect, honor, and integrity. It is my belief that students, parents, and I need to work together to ensure that students work up to their full potential and become successful; both academically and socially. Please take a few minutes to navigate through my website, which can be accessed through the Jamestown Middle School site, under teacher web pages. I make every effort to update my site weekly, and here you can find information such as what we are learning, homework assignments, important dates, and any project information. There is also a contact page to email me, or if you prefer to do it directly, it is bishopk@gcsnc.com . I will also be using BLOOMZ (bloomz.net) as a way to communicate with parents and send out team announcements. Please take a moment to sign up. Instructions can be found on my website or in the open house folder.



Grading and Percentages



Grading Scale

A.....	90-100
B.....	80-89
C.....	70-79
D.....	60-69
F.....	59 & below

Weight of your work:

- Homework 10%
- Classwork 20%
- Quizzes/Labs 20%
- Lab Notebook/Journal 20%
- Test/Projects 30%

All grades are calculated by computer.

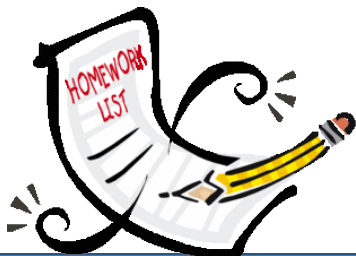
8th Grade Science concepts discussed this year:

- ⇒ Scientific inquiry
- ⇒ Earth's History and Evolution
- ⇒ Hydrosphere
- ⇒ Ecosystems and Energy Flow
- ⇒ Disease and Biotechnology, Bacteria, Fungi, and Viruses
- ⇒ Chemistry - The Periodic Table and Matter



HOMEWORK

The purpose of homework is to reinforce what students have learned in class. Most topics taught in class can be found in the textbook or on Canvas (the online classroom format that I will be using). I will also be using a free online textbook, CK-12. Students are expected to complete homework independently as assigned. Homework is typically assigned on Mondays and due on Fridays.



LAB SAFETY

Science is a hands-on laboratory class. Students will be doing activities that require the use of chemicals, thus a certain level of maturity is expected. Safety in the classroom is the #1 priority for all students, teachers, and parents. We will review a list of safety rules as a class.

There will be no tolerance for inappropriate behavior during a lab activity.

Expectations/Consequences

Expectations:

1. Listen to your teacher and peers without interruption. Talk when given permission
2. Keep hands, feet, and unkind words to yourself
3. Follow directions the first time they are given
4. Arrive on time with all necessary materials
5. Stay in your seat at all times unless given directions or permission to get up.

Consequences:

1. Verbal warning
2. Silent lunch
3. In-team suspension
4. After school detention
5. Office referral

ABSCENCES

Since class often moves at a rapid pace and concepts often build on one another, please try to be in class every day! It is very hard to catch up if you are frequently absent!

When you are absent, any missing work can be found in the makeup work folder.

It is your responsibility to get any work you have missed

You have THREE school days to make up missed work, including classwork and homework

MATERIALS/AGENDAS

Everyday students are required to have their charged laptop, pencils, lab notebook, and agenda. Students will need to have their charged laptop at ALL TIMES. It is strongly encouraged that students use their agenda to record assignments and plan for upcoming quizzes, tests, and projects.

Cheating is a serious misconduct.

Consequences include:

- Confiscation of the assignment as well as re-doing it a second time.
- Your parents will be notified
- You will be referred to the office

8TH GRADE SCIENCE EOG

The NC EOG is designed to measure student performance on the competencies specified in the goals and objectives of the Essential Standards for 8th grade science. The test is used to determine science class placement in high school and is used in determining the school's AYP score.

First Assignment—worth a quiz grade!

Returning this portion only of the handbook signed by both parties counts as **your first quiz grade!** It is due

Wednesday, August 30th

Your signatures are an indication of the following:

- ⇒ Both parent and student have read and discussed the handbook and its contents.
- ⇒ Both parent and student are aware that the student is held accountable for meeting expectations and following included procedures and policies.
- ⇒ Both parent and student understand that there are consequences for failing to adhere to guidelines as mentioned in the handbook.

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Name (Printed)

Student signature

Parent/Guardian email _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: Home _____ Work/Cell: _____

Best place/time to call: _____