**Mrs. Drumheller’s Science Class**

***ALL PRESENTED HERE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE***

**Welcome to 7th grade science. This class will move at a fast pace so put your seatbelts on! I am looking forward to a great year of flexibility and compassion for the year of 2020-2021. Please review all of the information provided.** Make sure you and your parents sign up for the class remind using the code attached. **By signing up for remind you are consenting to the policies and procedures of 7th grade science.** Remind, Schoology Message, and my email is the best and most used form of communication. Please sign in as soon as possible but no later than Friday September 11, 2020.I can be reached by phone or **email**: 365-6697 OR **whitney.drumheller@acboe.net**

First, let me say that I know this year will be a challenge on many levels for everyone involved. Here is the good news, we can do hard things. It is easier to do hard things together. Let us really approach this year with a very strong team mentality. I've got you. You've got me. We will not just survive this year, but come out stronger, smarter, with understanding that will be needed throughout our futures!

Please do keep in mind that should you or the school need to go virtual, this work will be counted and is a continued building block for science. It will be imperative the work be completed in its entirety. No matter what the situation is, every student will have a weekly online assignment.

Due to the shift in the sociability of school this year, the science department has purchased a starter bag of supplies for each student. The bag will include:

* one small pencil with eraser
* one pack of sticky notes
* one mask (in case we need to use it in class)
* one highlighter
* 3 colored pencils (no white one because why do they even make them?)
* one blue pen (for grading)
* one glue stick

These supplies will stay IN CLASS so that they are at the use of your student for science. Please insure that as the supplies dwindle you replace them in a timely manner because student will not be allowed to borrow or share this year.

Classroom Supplies

* pack of post-it notes **replace as needed**
* pencils please **replace as needed**
* ink pens please replace as needed
* **composition** **notebooks**  NOT SPIRAL **replace as needed**
* rolls of scotch tape replace as needed
* glue stick replace as needed

Wish list Supplies--Naturally, there is a wish list of supplies but I wholeheartedly understand the current purchasing limitations. I am including my classroom wish list asking that you just keep this class in mind when you can.

* 2 - rolls of paper towels
* 1 - box of Kleenex
* 2 - bottle Clorox/Lysol/ any other brand of wipes
* 1 - box nitrile gloves ( you can get these in the pharmacy department of just about any store or on amazon)
* Copy paper
* Colored copy paper
* $10 Science Donation for cost of consumables.

This wish list is NOT obligatory. Keeping your student supplied with the base needs and the composition notebooks is necessary. Thank you so much for being such a great group and treading through these crazy times with me.

**Discipline Policy**

Class rules are to be followed at all times, no exceptions.  **Disciplinary action will result when students choose not to follow the rules.**

**Safety is a priority. All COVID-19 safety guidelines will be followed.**

Rules:

1. Students will be in their seats with materials ready when the bell rings.
2. Students will follow directions the first time they are given.
3. Students will keep hands, feet, objects, and NEGATIVE COMMENTS to themselves.
4. Students will raise their hand and wait to be recognized before leaving their seats. Roaming is not permitted as per COVID-19 Safety guidelines.
5. Students will be respectful in their speech and actions.

For ELearning and or virtual learning, these expectations must be met to avoid disciplinary actions

1. Student must dress appropriately for virtual meetings.
2. Location must be appropriate for learning when accessible to audio or visual connections.
3. All verbal and written communication will be subject to code of conduct.

\*any communication posted on Schoology is permanently documented\*

**Consequences:**

1st – verbal warning

2nd- break detention

3rd – parent contact

4th – office referral

As per PJHS Student Handbook, any extreme disruptions or safety violations will result in an immediate office referral.

**Grading Policy**

Students are responsible for completing and turning in all assignments in a timely manner.

Graded papers will be returned to students to keep in their composition notebooks. Assignments graded in Schoology will be recorded in INow. Please purchase INow to monitor grades.

Graded test will be kept in class folders and are available to parents at conferences.

Grades will be calculated using a total point scale.

Homework, classwork, and bell-ringer work will not be worth the same amount of points as tests, quizzes. (35% Classwork 65% Assessments as per district policy)

**All printed work and notes will be kept in a composition notebook.**

***ANY AND ALL*CHEATING WILL RESULT IN A ZERO**.

I use a point system of grading for all grades and follow district policies of grading.

**Procedures**

Students will enter the classroom, sit in their assigned seat and immediately begin bell-ringer work which will be posted on the smart board.

Students should use the restroom **during class changes as there is 5 minutes between classes and no lockers, this provides ample time**. Students will only be allowed to use the restroom in an emergency. It has been advised, that reducing the number of times a student leaves the classroom will reduce potential contamination.

Students must show a teacher provided paper pass when in the halls during instructional time.

If social distancing cannot be upheld in the classroom, then masks will be needed. Any time we can allow group work, masks will be required until further notices.

Notebooks are to be kept in order. A table of contents must be included in the front with the name, date, and page number of the assignment.

Students will clean their class area before leaving class (some class time will be provided) and students will be dismissed row by row to encourage social distancing in the hall.

**Make-up Work**

Make-up work is available on Schoology in the event if any absence.

Due diligence is expected to complete assignments as science concepts build upon each other. Timely competition will have effect on the understanding of material.

ACBOE policies on late work will be followed, please review code of conduct.

It is the **student’s responsibility** to make arrangements to make up missed tests. Parents are encouraged to check Schoology. I have a calendar where I post updates regularly.

**Failure to comply with the policies can result in disciplinary action and lower grades.**

\*I reserve the right to change or modify this syllabus at any time throughout the school year.