COURSE OVERVIEW:
This course will investigate the different aspects of biology. The different units we will cover this whole year are Cells, Genetics, Ecology, Evolution and Physiology.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS: BE RESPECTFUL. BE DEDICATED. BE RESPONSIBLE.

If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. If you can dream it, you can become it.”
(W.Ward)

1. Respect everyone and everything in the class.
2. Bring all work and supplies to class.
3. Leave food, drink, and gum outside of the classroom.
4. All electronic devices, hats, personal notes, make-up, and any other distractions should be kept outside of the classroom.
5. Obey all AHS policies and procedures outlined in the Student Handbook.

GRADING:
"Work joyfully and peacefully, knowing that right thoughts and right effort will inevitably bring about right results.” (J.Allen)

Grading will be based on a point system. Everything counts. Total points at the end of the semester will be aligned with a standard grading scale (shown below).

Scale

A  93.5% - 100%
A- 89.5% – 93.4%
B+ 86.5% - 89.4%
B  82.5% - 86.4%
B-  79.5% - 82.4%
C+ 76.5% - 79.4%
C  72.5% - 76.4%
C- 69.5% - 72.4%
** D  59.5% – 69.4%**
F  59.4% - below

** Note: For college admittance purposes, a D is not passing **

Classwork / Homework Policy:
Classwork and homework will be given daily to review and further study the materials learned in class. Points will be rewarded based on completeness and accuracy. All work will be organized in a 5-subject notebook, specifically for Biology class.

Exams and Projects:
Tests and Quizzes will be given on a daily basis. Make-up tests and quizzes due to EXCUSED ABSENCES will be given at an arranged time agreed upon between the student and teacher.

When projects are assigned, there will be guidelines and a rubric showing the breakdown in points. NO LATE PROJECTS are accepted, unless an excused absent. If an absence occurs during a group project/presentation, your part of the project must be turned in on the due date. Your group should be notified of your absence. If not, no credit will be given.

Late Assignments:
 Late work will be accepted up to 5 days after the due date (excluding weekends). Points will be deducted for everyday missed. At the 5th day, the most points you can receive is half credit.

*************** The teacher retains the right to make changes, additions, and deletions to the policies during the course of the year. ***********************
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- It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to check and make up all the missed work during an excused absence, found in the classroom.

CONSEQUENCES:

“Everything that is happening at this moment is a result of the choices you’ve made in the past.” (D. Chopra)

Within the boundaries:

Responsibility, respectfulness, appropriate behavior and hard work will be acknowledged and positively rewarded.

**AHS ABSENT AND TARDY POLICIES WILL BE FOLLOWED ACCORDINGLY.**

If this boundary is crossed … (i.e. classroom behavior, conduct, etc.)

Each student deserves a fair warning. Consequences following the first warning will depend on severity of action. Consequences can be the following:

- Detention with teacher in classroom either in the morning or after school.
- Reflection Essay
- Teacher contacts parents or guardians.
- Teacher takes action with counselor.
- Teacher takes action with Student Services.

Consequences will be determined by the severity of the action.

SUCCESS IN THE CLASSROOM:

I encourage you to seek my help and ask questions. My job is to help you be successful, not just in my classroom, but in school itself. Success is paved by hard work and confidence in yourself. Never give up.

Contact information:

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- AIM: MsCastro0607 (AIM Hours TBA)

STUDENT OBLIGATION

I have read the above policies and will follow them accordingly. I will try my best to be successful in this class by being respectful, responsible, and dedicated.