**Honors Chemistry: 2019 – 2020**

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**Course Description:**

Honors Chemistry is a college preparatory course designed to prepare students for General Chemistry I (taken during a science major’s college freshman year) or AP Chemistry (the high school equivalent of General Chemistry I and II).  This course will bridge the gap between mathematics and the physical sciences while forcing the student to think abstractly about concepts that may at first glance seem concrete. Laboratory skills will also be developed in order to help the student develop a sound foundation for performing scientific chemical experiments that will ultimately lead to a better understanding of matter and the nature of the universe.

**Prerequisites:**

1. Honors Algebra I or *very* strong math skills

**Attendance:**

Attendance is expected of all students during regular lecture time and lab time.

**Honors Chemistry Workshop:**

I will make myself available to specifically for Honors Chemistry students **every Thursday 2:45 PM – 3:30 PM.** Students can use this time to ask me questions about our current studies or use it to finish labs. *Students find this time very useful when they come prepared with specific questions.*

**Tutoring:**

After school tutoring is available to all students in the library Monday – Thursday from 2:45 PM to 3:50 PM. During this time, students have the opportunity to be tutored by a chemist, if they so choose.

**Course Calendar:**

The course calendar will be followed very closely throughout the school year. Periodically I will update the calendar and post it on the Honors Chemistry classroom website. Please plan your academic studies accordingly. The instructor reserves the right to change the calendar at any time.

**Electronic Media Policy:**

Students are expected to place their cellphones in a specific ‘cellphone holder’ which is solely designated for each individual student. Wednesday School (detention) will be assigned to students who use their phones (texting/tweeting/Facebook/etc.) during class.

**Assessment Retakes:**

A student can retake an assessment if they have fully completed the practice related to that assessment **and** have instructor approval. **If** approved, the retake must occur during the grading period in which it was assigned and will be given during Wednesday School between 2:45pm – 5:00pm.

**Academic Misconduct:**

Cheating of any kind will result in a grade of zero for the particular assignment being cheated on. The online gradebook will also indicate you cheated.

**Extra Credit:**

There is no extra credit in Honors Chemistry.

**I have read the course syllabus and accept the expectations for my success in Honors Chemistry.**

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Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_