**Welcome to Mrs. Baumgarten’s**

**Science Class! ![MC900233971[1]]()**

**Communication**

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[**http://blackboard.wcpss.net**](http://blackboard.wcpss.net)

919-387-2181

\*School phone number

**The best way to get in touch with me is via email!** It sometimes takes more than a day to receive a phone message and return it. If you email me during the school day, I can usually respond to you before the end of the day or very early the next morning.

Please make sure to join the email list!!

Please check Blackboard frequently for updates on assignments including homework, due dates, and study guides for tests!

**Classroom Rules & Expectations**

1. Be respectful of your teacher, your classmates and yourself.
2. Be in your seat and ready to work on time.
3. Be prepared with all materials upon arrival to class.
4. No gum.
5. Follow directions the first time they are given and at all times.
6. Keep an open mind to learning and listening!!

Students will be given the following consequences for violations of the classroom rules:

1. Verbal warning

2. Signing of the student’s planner card

3. Working lunch/lunch detention

 4. Parent Conference/Phone Call

5. Administrative Referral

\*\*\***Behaviors that impede the learning and safety of others will not be tolerated under any**

 **circumstances!!!! \*\*\*\*\***

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1. Students will be expected to keep a science notebook which will be graded for completion **two times** each quarter. Students are responsible for all notes and handouts from class. The notebook will be interactive-the information such as notes that students access from the teacher and/or in class will be on the right side and student input and reflections will be recorded on the left side of the notebook. Students are responsible for all pages in the notebook, left and right even if absent. Pages will be numbered and a table of contents will be displayed and filed at the front of the notebook. More detailed instructions on set-up and use of the notebook will be provided and discussed in class.
2. Students will be **graded on all labs** conducted- all work must be **neat and complete**.
3. There will be several **tests and quizzes** per quarter. Students will be given a study guide to complete and it will be corrected and discussed in class prior to the test or quiz. The study guide will count as a quiz grade and is checked for completion.
4. There will be at least **1 project per quarter**- students will be given a rubric with specific instructions and grading policies for each project.
5. Students will be taught to “**think like scientists**” through hypotheses, experimentation, observations, data collection and analysis, and conclusions.
6. Students will be **active learners** in science!! ☺☺☺☺

**Grading Scale**

**Tests and Projects- worth 60% of your total grade – you will get a grade on the scale of 0-100%. These are major assessments.**

**Quizzes and all other graded work-** worth 40% of your total grade. These are **minor assessments**. Examples include:

* Classwork
* Notebook
* Labs
* Graded worksheets
* Quizzes
* Homework that is graded

 You will get a grade from 0-100%.

**Late Work Policy**

Work may be turned in late but there will be point deductions. There will be a 10 point deduction for each day late and if an assignment is more than 3 days late students cannot earn higher than a 70%.

**TEST AND QUIZ CORRECTION POLICY:**

**For any assessment that a student earns below 80%, he/she is eligible to make corrections following the teacher’s format which will be outlined and explained in class. Students will be given a firm due date to submit corrections and late corrections will not be accepted.**

**PLEASE DETACH THIS PAGE, SIGN IT, & RETURN IT TOMORROW!!!!**

I have read Mrs. Baumgarten’s syllabus and understand her policies regarding communication, classroom rules and expectations, curriculum and her grading policy.

**Student Name (please print clearly)**

**Student Signature**

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**Parent/Guardian Signature**