

## **Chemistry**

Instructor: Mr. D. Bloomenstiel, Room 258

Class Webpage: <https://bloomchemistry.wikispaces.com>

My name is Don Bloomenstiel (pronounced: blue-men-steel) and I would like to welcome you to the 2017-2018 school year at John Ehret. As a former research chemist, I bring a unique scientific perspective to the student. I have devoted a lifetime to the pursuit of science and have a strong desire to share my passion for science with you. Chemistry and Physics are the building blocks of the universe and life itself. By participating in my chemistry course you are on a voyage to view nature's grand scheme. It is my desire that you find the sights along this voyage to be so captivating that you will want to continue this voyage the rest of your lives. The journey is not always an easy one. New and difficult terrain must be traversed. As your teacher and guide, I hope to make the voyage an informative and inspiring journey into the realm of chemistry and the natural world.

## **Required Materials**

1. Dedicated notebook or a dedicated section (divided by separators) of a notebook for chemistry notes.
2. **Bound composition notebook** to be used as a journal and laboratory notebook.
3. Scientific calculator. Casio makes excellent calculators at a significant savings over TI.
4. Folder exclusively for chemistry papers.
5. A minimum of two pens and a pencil.

## **Lab Supplies and Lab Fee**

A laboratory experience is an important part of your learning experience. Lab activities involve supplies that are consumed during the activity and are constantly in need of replenishment such as chemicals and disposable Latex gloves. Also, a certain amount of breakage of equipment is unavoidable and these items need to be replaced. **Therefore we are requiring that each chemistry student pay a \$10.00 lab fee.**

*Please be aware that John Ehret High School will seek reimbursement for items that are willfully and purposely destroyed by students (such as faucets, gas valves and other lab equipment) and items that have been assigned to your care but were not returned. These items include computers, classroom response devices, probes, data collection devices, and other electronic devices.*

## **How to Contact the Teacher**

My free period and conference time is scheduled for 3rd period. With a little advanced notice I am usually available to meet with you or provide extra help before and after school as well as at lunch. I invite you to talk to me to me at the beginning or end of class and we will set something up. In addition, you can email me with your concerns at [d.bloomenstiel@johnehret.org](mailto:d.bloomenstiel@johnehret.org) or [donald.bloomenstiel@jppss.k12.la.us](mailto:donald.bloomenstiel@jppss.k12.la.us)

## **Expectation of study habits**

You will receive a reading assignment at least three times a week, a minimum of one written homework assignments or problem sets per week, laboratory reports to complete, a quiz, lab report, or a test every Friday. I would expect my students to study, review, and work on completing assignments no less than a half hour per night, five nights per week. A student that desires to earn an above average grade will usually need to study an hour per night or more.

Students are expected to:

- complete daily assignments or work missed due to illness or school activities;
- complete assigned problem sets;
- review work presented/discussed each day;
- study for tests, quizzes, exams (daily review makes this easy).

**Homework Policy and Make-up Work Policy** Written homework assignments are graded. Homework is usually collected at the beginning of class. A grade of zero will be assigned for any homework or assignment that is not submitted unless you have an excused absence. This zero will be changed to an earned grade once the homework or assignment is submitted and graded. However, I will deduct one letter grade as a late assignment penalty and two letter grades if the homework is turned

in more than a week late, three letter grades if turned in more than 2 weeks late. Late homework is not accepted after three weeks past due. ***All assignments and handouts are online at [http:// bloomChemistry.wikispaces.com/](http://bloomChemistry.wikispaces.com/).*** The current week's bell work (bell busters), which is turned in every Friday, is posted on the class website on Saturday's.

**Being absent does not excuse you from work.** If you have an excused absence I will remind you of your makeup work and you will have the same number of days that you were excused to complete your make-up work for which you will receive full credit. Please come speak with me if you need additional time or are not sure what assignments are due. Unless you have an excused absence, a grade of zero will be assigned for any assignment that is not submitted until the assignment is made up. However, if your absence is unexcused, then I will follow the same grading policy described in the preceding paragraph. All late and make up work is to be turned in directly to me during the first five minutes of class. I will remind you that you have assignments due, but I will not ask you for your work. It is your responsibility to turn the work in to me.

**Any assignment submitted on time can be resubmitted for a better grade** provided the assignment is submitted within five school days of the date the assignment is returned. I also allow you to retest. A retest must be taken within five school days of your original testing date and quizzes the following day. You may not retake a quiz or test after I have gone over the answers.

### **Classroom rules**

1. Only one person, whether it is teacher or student, can address the class.
2. Only leave your seat or lab area during an appropriate time and with teacher's permission.
3. Follow directions the first time they are given. This includes all lab safety rules and lab procedures.
4. Use of cell phones or other electronic devices for non-academic purposes is prohibited.
5. Teacher's desk, teacher's lab table, and assignment boxes are off limits to students.
6. All students must be seated in their assigned seats for the final five minutes of class.

### **Consequences for rule breaking:**

***Failure to follow class rules, policies or procedures may result in any of the following:***

- Loss of class participation points;
- Student-Teacher conference;
- Teacher assigned detention during which I will notify parent/ guardian of the detention and class issues.
- Afterschool detention (parent will be contacted to in order to ask for consent for afterschool detention).
- Parent conference (formal) and/or;
- Referral to discipline.

***Three school infractions of any school rule or habitual infractions of class rules will be referred to the Discipline Office.***

### **Class Participation**

**You will receive a grade for weekly classroom participation. Classroom participation is graded per the provided rubric. Basically, if you are following the class rules & procedures, doing your work, and following along during discussions you are adequately participating.**

### **Restroom Policy & Pass to Leave Class,**

- You must have a pass signed by me to leave class for any reason, including use of the restroom.
- ***No restroom passes are given the first 20 minutes or the last 15 minutes of a class, or after 2:00 pm.***
- No restroom passes are given out during labs, group work, or tests.
- One restroom pass per week will be given unless you bring a note from home or a doctor.

### **Plagiarism and Cheating**

You are expected to do your own original work. I follow the John Ehret and IB guidelines for plagiarism and cheating. Also, use of a cellular device during a test or a quiz is cheating. If you are caught committing plagiarism or cheating, you receive an F and a referral will be written.

I am looking forward to getting to know all of you and working with y'all!

Mr. D. Bloomenstiel