**Syllabus**

***Course Overview:***

* In Biology 1A, we will have a multitude of topics
  + Introduction (Scientific Method, Microscopes, Characteristics)
  + Ecology
  + Biochemistry
  + Cells
  + Plants

The course will conclude with a summative assessment on all of these topics.

***Grade Weighting:***

My grade weighting is done by total points so every point counts! This means that a point on a test is equivalent to a point on an assignment. The difference is a test will have more points than other assignments.

***Late Work:***

* Assignments are expected to be completed and turned in at the beginning of the hour on the day they are due. If there are extenuating circumstances, communication is key, so that I know that you will not be able to complete the assignment at that time.
* Late assignments will receive ***half credit for one week after the due date****.*  Assignments more than one week late are a zero.

***Absences:***

- Material that you miss when you are absent must be made up as soon as possible.  It is a student’s responsibility check the classroom page or ask another student for what they missed and see me to set up a time if they need help beyond that.

***Classwork:***

- *Assignments*

* If you are absent the day and assignment is due, the assignment will be due on the day you come back to class.
* If you are absent the day an assignment is assigned, find out what you missed from the website calendar and see Mr. Johnson to receive a hard copy. ***This is your responsibility.*** I will not hunt you down to make sure you have the work that you need.
* Students are given 2 days per absence day to complete and turn in make-up work or it is considered late.

- *Tests*

* If you are absent the day of a test, you need to talk to Mr. Johnson the day you return to class to schedule test makeup. If you have been absent consecutive days before a test, then you will need to talk to Mr. Johnson about the test.

- *Labs*

* Labs are essential to learning in this class. They are mandatory for the class.
* If you are absent the day of a lab or experiment, you need to see Mr. Johnson to find out how to make it up. Here at Blaine, all teachers share classrooms. It is essential we make up labs as soon as possible! If not done within a week, this could result in a zero for the lab.

***Extra Help/Make-up***

- I will be available for extra help and make-up most days before school at 7:10 in room in the science offices or room 257. I will typically not be here after school, since I am only in the building until about noon each day.

***If you ever have anything that prevents meeting a deadline, please talk to me before the assignment is due.  If you do not understand the material or are unhappy with your performance in class, please talk to me so we can find ways to fix the problem. I am eager to see you succeed!***

Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions at any time! It’s going to be a great trimester!

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