

# astronomy

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**Extra Help Hours:** Usually 2:30 – 3:15 pm in G171 or by appt. as arranged.

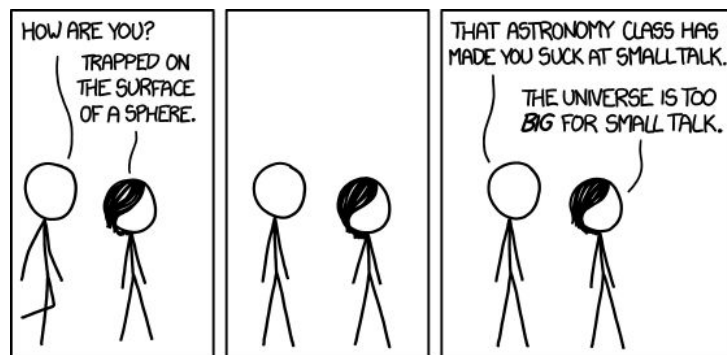
## What are we learning about?

This class serves as an introduction to the world of modern Astronomy. We will tackle some of the biggest questions today's advanced society has arrived at. The specific content will largely be decided by student input and interest.

**Text:** Astronomy Today

Check out from Hunter to bring home.

Additional textbook is provided for in class use.



## Class Policies: *(Please initialize each line below)*

- 1)\_\_\_\_ I know that I can reach Mr. Hunter via email or phone when absent, and am expected to do so.
- 2)\_\_\_\_ **I know that** if I miss a class period, then **I ALWAYS** need to come to school early or stay after school for at least 15 minutes to go over the missed materials.
- 3)\_\_\_\_ **I know that I can retake any quiz/test** for full credit. No retakes may be completed during the last 7 school days of the trimester. Retakes must be completed outside of the normal class period. Retakes will be completed with a different version of the original assessment. Retakes may only be completed if ALL class and homework leading up to the assessment has been completed to Mr. Hunter's satisfaction.
- 4)\_\_\_\_ If I finish an assignment earlier than other students, then I will **show leadership** by helping other students complete the assignment (allowing copying this isn't), or work on an assignment from another course.
- 5)\_\_\_\_ I need to bring 3 things to class **EVERY** day:
  - a) **notebook**
  - b) a 3-hole flat **folder** or 3 ring **binder**
  - d) a pencil/pen
- 6)\_\_\_\_ The grading standards are A=90.0+, B=80.0-89.9, C=70.0-79.9, D=60.0-69.9, F <= 59.9  
[ B+ = top 3.0% and A- = bottom 3.0% of A range, same for C+ and D+]
- 8)\_\_\_\_ My grade will be based on:
  - **Daily Activities and Homework (20%)**
  - **Quizzes and Unit Tests (70%).**
  - **District Final Exam (10%)** – Multiple choice problems from each unit during the term.

## Expectations:

- 10)\_\_\_ I will have a folder or binder **just for** Astronomy. I will organize everything in the 3 rings.
- 11)\_\_\_ Tests taken on a day I am not present must be taken as a retake within 5 school days after the original test date. I can look at the original test and key before doing the retake. Retakes must be completed outside of the normal class period.
- 12)\_\_\_ All equipment and books must be properly returned before leaving class.
- 13)\_\_\_ I know that all school rules apply in Astronomy.
- 14)\_\_\_ I know that Mr. Hunter's #1 role is to HELP me learn Astronomy and that he will remain committed to that role throughout the trimester. Even when it seems like he is being a jerk, he isn't. He is just doing what he thinks is best to HELP you. If I disagree with his methods, that's a conversation that he wants me to have with him in a respectful and appropriate manner.
- 15)\_\_\_ I know that if my grade drops below a C, I need to work with Mr. Hunter to develop a plan to improve my grade using any or all of the following options:
1. Staying after school with Mr. Hunter for help.
  2. Completing any missing homework or classwork.
  3. Completing additional practice.
  4. Retaking quizzes/tests.
- 16)\_\_\_ I know that Mr. Hunter can't be bribed, but he is a nerd and loves nerd things. Should I want to disrupt Mr. Hunter's plans for the day/week, the best way to do so is to initiate a tangent on some topic of nerddom. It will take teamwork to achieve a grand tangent- plan ahead and prepare. Or, bring him a donut. Or good coffee. But, no milk= That's an automatic F.

