

# Chemistry

--- COURSE SYLLABUS | 2017-2018 ---

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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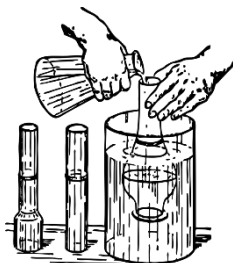


### Office Hours:

Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00  
Thursday 2:30 - 3:30

## CLASS MATERIALS

- 1" 3 ring binder
- Pencils & Erasers
- Extra Binder Paper
- Folder/Binder (Personal)



## WHY CHEMISTRY?

Although you may not know it, chemistry is all around you. Our goal this year is to use the everyday as a lens. We will learn chemistry using experiences from your daily life.

## IN THIS COURSE, YOU WILL

- Become familiar with the concepts and ideas of chemistry, which extend to all other sciences.
- Become a critical thinker & questioner.
- Acquire good laboratory techniques & data handling skills.
- Prepare for college level science courses, such as AP Chemistry.



## ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

35%

Performance Tasks

20%

Workbooks and  
Additional Activities

15%

Benchmarks

10%

Quizzes

10%

Homework

10%

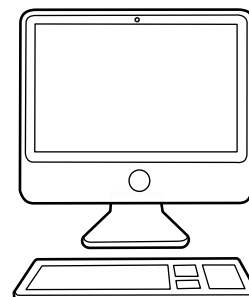
Achieve 3000

## EXTRA CREDIT

There will be some extra credit opportunities. However, students are expected to complete ALL normal credit work first before extra credit will be applied to the grade. Therefore, extra credit will be applied to the grade at the quarter mark if there are no zeros in the grade book for that grading period.

## ACHIEVE 3000

Achieve 3000 will be assigned once every other week (2x per month). Students will have 2 weeks to complete the assignment with a 75% or better to receive credit. Students are expected to complete the activity and thought question portions of the assignment. Policy for late work will be half credit for any assignment submitted after deadline.



## STAYING UP TO DATE

There are two websites which will have updates regarding our chemistry class. Should a student miss class or misplace an assignment, assignments, due dates, and class updates will be posted on both websites. Additional resources will also be posted on my Weebly website.

- Our class Schoology page (each student has access through the CVCHS IT department)  
claytonvalley.schoology.org
  - Schoology (Example: John Smith, ID: 12345, Birthday: 5/20/2002)
  - Username: <first initial><last initial><student ID>@cvchsstudent.org  
Example: js12345@cvchsstudent.org
  - Password: <two-digit birth month><two-digit birth day><student ID>  
Example: 052012345

- My Weebly page: [mswilsonchem.weebly.com](http://mswilsonchem.weebly.com)
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## POLICIES

• **Tardies:** If you are not in your seat, working, when the bell rings, you will be marked late. There will be a Do Now task assigned and up for you when you enter the room. The only exception is if you are checking the day summaries at the Student Center if you were absent or turning in work at the Student Center.

• **Technology:** While we will use technology occasionally in class, personal electronic devices are expected to be kept away when not being used as a class. If a student has their device out in class, I will politely ask that it be put away. If the device is out a second time, I will ask for it and put it in my desk until the end of the period when I will return it to the student. A recurring problem will lead to parent/guardian contact to determine how we can resolve the issue.

• **Bathroom:** You will be allowed to go as needed provided that it is not a time where I am giving instructions. You will be asked to sign out and allotted 5 minutes to utilize the facilities. Additional time beyond that will result in penalties. If you are late to class (unexcused), you will not be allowed to go to the bathroom. If the bathroom pass is lost, then NO ONE may use the facilities.

• **Testing:** Phones will be checked in as well as any other Wifi or data enabled device. You will receive a claim ticket for your items and will be returned at the conclusion of the test. Failure to abide by these rules will result in a zero on the assessment and an inability to make it up.

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## ACADEMIC DISHONESTY



All work that you submit must be your own work. You may not do any of the following:

- 1) Turn in or copy someone else's work or
- 2) Copy someone else's work and change a few of the words.
- 3) Copying words from a source without citing it and giving credit to the source.
- 4) Attempt to use any notes on a closed-note assignment.
- 5) Look at someone else's work or communicate during a quiz, or other individual assessment.

If you are doing any of the above or anything else that constitutes cheating, you will receive a zero on that assignment, and you will be referred for discipline.

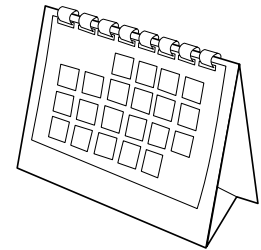
# LATE/MAKE-UP WORK POLICY



Homework is assigned on Monday (usually) and due on Friday every week. After the due date, students have a week long grace period to turn in the assignment and earn late credit based off the homework rubric (attached). All homework is corrected in class at the beginning of class. If the assignment is not complete at that time, it is late. If students are absent on the day it is handed out, they are responsible for finding it online or asking for it when they return. There will be no excuse for being absent on the day an assignment is assigned. ALL HOMEWORK MUST BE COMPLETED IN PENCIL OR BLACK INK PEN.

- If completed before class begins and fully corrected in a different color ink, full credit (20 points).
- If late, but fully corrected at a later date, late credit (15 points).
  - After 2 weeks, if late and fully corrected, half credit (10 points).
- If absent, but corrected and turned in within 1 week of due date, full credit (20 points).
  - Within 1 week of return, late credit applies.
- If late, and not corrected, no credit (0 points)

(See attached homework rubric.)



The week before the end of each semester is the deadline for any and all late work for that semester. NO EXCEPTIONS.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter late work due by October 13<sup>th</sup>
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter/1<sup>st</sup> Semester late work due by December 15<sup>th</sup>
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter late work due by March 16<sup>th</sup>
- 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter/2<sup>nd</sup> Semester late work due by June 1<sup>st</sup>

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## STAYING CONNECTED



Email is the best way to contact me regarding your student. However, I am also available both before and after school via telephone. Please do not call during school hours. During the week, I will respond to emails and voicemails within 24 hours. Emails and voicemails received after 6pm on Friday (or the day before a holiday/break) will be responded to within 24 hours of the return to school.

### Remind

I will also be using the Remind app this year. Instructions on how to sign up (for students) are attached and will be emailed (for parents). Codes are class/group specific

Using your phone, text 81010 the message provided to you to join (or download the app -- preferred)

Phone Number: 81010

Message: @\_\_\_\_\_ (code to join)

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While the policies located in this syllabus are firm, exceptions may be made at the teacher's discretion.

# AGREEMENT

**Students:** After reviewing the syllabus, please sign below to indicate that you have read and understand the 2017-2018 chemistry class policies. This section will be collected for credit.

Student name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

Thank you for taking the time to review this syllabus with your child. Your support and encouragement plays a big part in their success. I appreciate the role you play in their lives, our school, and this community!

Syllabus and course policies may be viewed on the class Schoology website and [www.mswilsonschem.weebly.com](http://www.mswilsonschem.weebly.com).

Parent name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Contact Preference (circle one):      Phone      Email      Text(Remind)

Preferred Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_