Chemistry
Mrs. Nameth
Rm. 322

Course description: Chemistry is the study of matter and the changes it undergoes. A basic understanding of chemistry is central to all sciences. Chemistry is also essential to our everyday lives.
This course will be an overview of chemistry including (but not limited to):
Properties of Matter
Atomic Structure
The Elements and the Periodic Table
Bonding and Compounds
States of Matter
Chemical Equations
Applications of Chemistry

Much of this class will be laboratory based. This does not mean that we will be “blowing stuff up” on a regular basis. The labs that we will do will be fun and interesting, but we will try to leave the dangerous stunts for Hollywood.

Textbook: Chemistry: Matter and Change, 2005

Grades:
Grades will be based on total points earned vs. total points possible. Tests and quizzes will be worth more points individually than homework or lab work. However, we will complete more homework assignments than tests. For this reason, it is extremely important that you do not miss work and late work is not accepted. Turn in work ON TIME. If you are absent, you must come to me outside of class to get your make-up work and have it back within two days as per district guidelines outlined in the student handbook.

Tests/Quizzes Quizzes may be announced or pop. Be prepared. Tests will be given at the end of each chapter. A mid-chapter test may be given if the chapter is particularly long. Unit tests are also a possibility. Expect tests to include vocabulary as well as problems. Tests are a one-time event; do not plan on retakes. If you are absent the day of a test, it is your responsibility to make it up on your own time. I will not have you miss more class to make up a test. Semester and end of the year finals will be given on the dates and times that the district has scheduled.

Mercy Moments
Each student will be given 3 mercy moments per semester. These may be used to go to your locker or to the restroom. Students are allowed only 5 minutes on a mercy moment. These can also be used to turn in late work (for full credit). Any remaining at the end of the semester can be turned in for extra points. They are non-transferable and have an expiration date posted at the bottom.
**Additional Information**

Seating Charts: students will be placed in alphabetical order at first, and then changed about every two weeks. Students are expected to sit in their assigned seats.

Students are expected to work up until 1 minute before the bell rings. There is no packing up early or lining up by the door. Also, the bell does not release you, I do.

**Additional Supplies:** A calculator is essential for chemistry class. I cannot supply one for each of you. Therefore, each student will be required to bring a calculator to class every day. You DO NOT have to purchase an expensive graphing calculator. A basic scientific calculator is fine. Phone apps work as well, but be prepared to show me what you are working on at my request. BE AWARE: You will NOT be allowed to use a phone on tests or quizzes!

**Tutoring:** Mrs. Nameth has made herself for tutoring or extra help. I am available before school, during lunch, or after school. Not having homework done because “I did not know how to do it” is not an excuse for incomplete homework. It is your responsibility to seek the appropriate help.

**Grade Reports:** Grades are available through goedustar. If you ever have a question about a grade, feel free to contact me directly.

Contacting the teacher: Name: Mrs. Nameth  
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I have read, understand, and agree to the guidelines and objectives that this class offers.

Student:  
Signature_________________________________________ Date_____________________

Parent/Guardian:  
Signature_________________________________________ Date_____________________

Phone:_______________________________  
e-mail (if applicable):______________________________