

Sydney Academy

Grade 12 Biology

Semester 1 2009-2010

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Overview of course: The Biology 12 program is based on four units of study:

1. Systems Regulating Change in Humans and other Organisms
2. Reproduction and Development
3. Chromosomes, Genes and DNA
4. Change in Populations, Communities and Species

Expectations:

Attendance is a significant factor in determining the level of success students will achieve in this course. It is essential students realize they are responsible for work missed during excused or unexcused absences. Reading, studying, problem solving, as well as participation in class discussions and assignments are all important components of this class. Course tests, labs, assignments and homework will be posted on the school homework page each day. Parents/guardians are urged to use this site to keep track of their child's workload. Biology courses emphasis study and students should go over their notes every day and read the appropriate sections of their text book.

Students are expected to show up for class on time and be prepared (having their text book, paper, and writing equipment) for the lesson. Illnesses, appointments, as well as personal commitments and problems are an aspect of life and cannot be avoided. It is however necessary for students to realize they are still responsible for work missed during **excused or unexcused** absences. I am available to meet with students for extra help most days at 3:00 pm Monday to Thursday. Students unable to see me after school may make an appointment to receive help at 12:15 Tuesday or Thursday. If a student is sick on the day a project and/or assignment is due, the project/assignment must still be sent to the school on the due date. Projects/assignments not received on the due date will be considered late and appropriate points deducted as per the late policy outlined in the school communication plan. Projects/Assignments may be dropped off by a parent, other student or sent via e-mail. In the case of serious or prolonged illness alternate arrangements can made with teacher.

Make up tests will not be given for an excused or unexcused absence in this course. Students will have sufficient numbers of tests and other assessment components to arrive at a mark. Missing two or more tests will negatively impact the course mark unless the school is notified of an exceptional circumstance within five days of missing the test.

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The assessment policy of the school can be seen on the school communication plan.

Final exam	30%
Tests, quizzes and assignments	50%
Class mark and lab work	20%

It should be noted the value of each test may vary depending on the quantity of work covered and the difficulty of the material on the test. Tests returned to the students are to be signed by a parent or guardian and returned to the teacher within 3 school days.

If any concerns arise regarding the course or the progress of your child in this course, please ***contact the school at 562-5464 and leave a message.*** I will contact you at the earliest possible opportunity. I can also be contacted via e-mail. My school email address is ***rmazzocca@staff.ednet.ns.ca.*** In order to address any problems that may arise for some students and parents, I would appreciate you answering these few questions:

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Student name _____

Contact person _____

Phone number for contact person _____

Email address for contact person _____

Any medical conditions
which may affect classroom
performance or lab activities. _____

Any allergies to chemicals
which may be used in the
lab. _____

Please sign and date on the following lines and return to me as soon as possible to indicate that the above has been read and is understood.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date
