

Sydney Academy

Grade 12 Chemistry

Semester 1 2009-2010

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562-5464

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

1. Solutions and Kinetic Equilibrium
2. Thermochemistry
3. Acids and Bases
4. Electrochemistry

These units are covered in the assigned textbook. In addition handouts will be given to the students at various times throughout the year. Home work assignments, test dates and due dates for labs will be given in class and posted on the school web site.

Expectations: Attendance is a key factor in determining the level of success a student will achieve in Chemistry 12. Student participation and involvement in classroom discussions and activities as well as completion of homework assignments are necessary to maximize the learning process. Students are expected to show up for class on time and be prepared 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 or at lunch if necessary.

Students who miss laboratory work will not usually be provided with an opportunity to carry out make-up exercises. Laboratory activities in this course usually require two to three class periods to complete. As well difficulties in scheduling additional lab time and problems in preparing materials and reagents necessary for the experiments make it unlikely for make-up labs to be carried out. 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 be made with teacher by contacting the school.

The assessment policy of the school can be seen on the attached sheet.

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. 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 and 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:

Student name _____

Contact person _____

Phone number for contact person _____

Any medical conditions
which will 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
