**Gr. 9 SCIENCE**

**Welcome to SENIOR 1 SCIENCE!** This is a one-credit, full year science course which is comprised of four major units to enhance your understanding of the world around us. Please keep an inquisitive and open mind at all times! Do not be afraid to ask any questions ☺

The four units covered in this course are:

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| * Atoms and Elements | * Exploring the Universe |
| * The Nature of Electricity | * Reproduction |

In order to be successful in this course, you must put forward effort to achieve the course requirements that will earn you your credit. *This includes completing all assignments, laboratory experiments, lab reports, as well as writing quizzes, tests and a final exam.*

# RULES & EXPECTATIONS

# 1) *Come prepared*

* Materials to be brought to *each class* include:
  + Binder with Paper
  + Pens and pencils
  + Calculator
  + Ruler
  + Often times these items are needed – so keep them on hand:
    - Coloured pencils *(often times these are needed – so keep them on hand!)*
    - Scissors
    - Glue stick

***2) Come on time, sit down and get ready to work immediately***

* Class will begin with the bell and end when I dismiss the class. You are late when the classroom door is closed. Please wait outside until I come to speak with you.

**3)** ***Be******respectful***

* Students must come to class ready to learn with the *proper materials and attitudes*.
* **RESPECT yourself, the rules of school, your fellow classmates and myself at all times.**

***4) Listen to the directions the first time***

# EVALUATION

* Tests will be written at the throughout the unit as well as at the end of each unit.
* Weekly quizzes are to be expected.
* There will be random homework checks.
* Assignments and lab reports must be completed and handed-in on time
* Although the year is divided into terms for reporting purposes, all marks are cumulative and report card marks reflect the year’s cumulative grade.
* Term Work 80% Final Exam 20%
* The final exam will cover the entire course.

*All course material must be successfully completed to receive a credit for Grade 9 Science.*

# EXTRA HELP

Students are encouraged to come in for extra help and/or to complete assignments that were not completed in class. Extra help will be offered every Tuesday and Thursday during the lunch hour, unless advised otherwise. Please let me know you need extra help prior coming to see me, if possible.

# ABSENCES

1. To succeed in any course it is important to attend class every day.
2. If you are absent, it is your responsibility to catch up on missed work.

* Check the class website, <http://mrskstardom.weebly.com> also available through the school website
* Check the filing folders (on the classroom wall)
* Ask a classmate for the notes
* Check the board for homework

1. It is also your responsibility to let the teacher know the reason for your absence in the form of a note or phone call to the school.
2. It is suggested that you have at least two people in your class that you can contact for information:

*Names:*  *Phone Numbers:*