Welcome To Forensic Science

Class Expectations
• Be in seat when tardy bell rings and working on your warm-up
• Put proper heading on all papers. FIRST AND LAST NAMES
• Do not use electronic devices in class without teacher permission.
• Use restroom during independent work and limit to 5 minutes
• Maintain a clean and orderly work area. Leave it cleaner than you found it.
• Bring all your supplies to class daily.
• Complete all your work and turn it in on time. Due dates are clearly labeled on assignments.
• All BHS rules and policies shall be observed within the classroom.

Forensic Science is a course that introduces students to the application of science to connect a violation of law to a specific criminal, criminal act, or behavior and victim. We will learn terminology and procedures related to the search and examination of physical evidence in criminal cases as they are performed in a typical crime laboratory. Using scientific methods, students will collect and analyze evidence such as fingerprints, bodily fluids, hairs, fibers, paint, glass, etc. Students will also learn the history and the legal aspects as they relate to each discipline of forensic science. Forensic Science fulfills the science requirements for Graduation, so expect to complete in-class work, homework, and multiple types of assessments throughout the year.

CLASSROOM POLICIES

Discipline Matrix: Don’t get in trouble
1. Warning 2. Call Home 3. Referral

Class grades will be updated in a timely manner each week. Generally, grades will be updated by 5:30 pm on Mondays. Parents and students are also strongly encouraged to check the Skyward Family Access on a weekly basis to view the most current grades for EVERY class.

**Laboratory exercises and case studies are not optional

Work not completed and turned in by the assigned date is considered late. If a student is absent on the date work is due, the assignment is due the first day the student returns to school. COMPLETED LATE WORK will be graded according to district policy as outlined in the student handbook. INCOMPLETE LATE WORK will not be graded and will result in a zero for the assignment.

If you feel that you have a legitimate reason that you cannot complete the required course work, please see me ASAP***
Uh...Miss! But I was absent yesterday!
Always check Google Classroom for agendas, handouts, and assignment due dates. A student has two extra class days to turn in any work assigned on a day a student was absent. If a quiz or exam was administered on a day a student was absent, the assessment must be made up on the first day the student returns. Tests will not be given without notice. If previously assigned work was due on the day of the absence, the work is due on the first day the student returns otherwise it is considered late.

Grade Distribution
*Each 6-weeks grades will be determined based on a combination of 60% major grades (exams, lab write-ups, etc.) and 40% daily grades (worksheets, homework, etc.)
*The Semester grade will be determined by the average of the 80% of the average 6-weeks grade and 20% Final Exam grade
*The Student Notebook will contain handwritten notes, as well as manipulatives that will be taped/glued into the notebook as the year progresses. This will allow the students to keep all instructional material in a single, easily accessible place. This notebook will be turned in once per 6 weeks and will count as a MAJOR GRADE! Do not think you will be able to throw a notebook together the day before the check. You will not succeed.

Required Supplies
• 1 or 2 college-ruled spiral notebooks (the number will depend on your quality of notes)
• Pen/pencils
Extra credit (limit two) will be awarded to students who bring the following:
• Large box of Kleenex
• Germ-x
• Loose leaf notebook paper (1 pack)
• 12-pack of colored pencils

Schedule of Topics
This is always subject to change
Semester One
Introduction to Forensics Science
Unit 1: Criminal Justice Overview: Legal Roles and Responsibilities
Unit 2: History of Forensics and Making Observations
Unit 3: Investigation and Evidence Collection
Unit 4: Death Meaning, Manner, and Mechanism
Unit 5: Forensic Anthropology
Unit 6: Pollen, Spores, and Soil
Unit 7: Glass and Paint
Semester Two
Unit 8: Hair
Unit 9: Fiber and Textiles
Unit 10: Fingerprints
Unit 11: Processing Blood
Unit 12: DNA Fingerprinting and Serology
Unit 13: Toxicology, Drugs, and Alcohol
Unit 14: Questioned Documents and Handwriting Analysis
Unit 15: Casts and Impressions
Unit 16: Firearms & Ballistics
Forensic Science Contract

The Basic Rules

• Listen carefully to ALL Lab directions.
• Follow directions when the teacher gives them.
• Work quietly. Do not disturb others who are working.
• Respect school and personal property (such as science equipment). Do not waste markers, do not break equipment, do not pour substances down the sink drain, do not use or touch anything that has not been included in your lab kit.
• Never use any science equipment, chemicals, or other materials without the teacher’s permission.

Failure to comply with these rules or other procedures will result in the appropriate disciplinary action outlined below.

• 1st time- Warning
• 2nd time- Call home to parent or guardian
• 3rd time- Further administrative action

The Lab Rules

• Only use the equipment as indicated by the teacher.
• There is no horseplay allowed in the lab or class due to the presence of potentially dangerous lab equipment and chemicals.
• Wear your safety equipment at all times in the lab.
• Mrs. Karnstadt will choose all groups initially. Do not ask to change groups or attempt to negotiate group sizes.

Failure to comply with these laboratory rules will result in the consequences described above as well as half-credit or a possible zero for that particular lab depending on how severe the incident is.

I have examined the classroom rules and know that failure to comply with these rules will result in the appropriate disciplinary action outlined above. I promise to make every attempt to obey these classroom rules.

X ___________________________ ___________ Date
Signature

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Name (Print Please) Class Period