



# Ms. Mac's News

Parent Newsletter for CMIT South Chemistry

## Third Quarter !

Greetings! I wanted to take a moment to update you all on what has been going on in Chemistry.

At this point, students are applying what they have learned so far about the building blocks of Chemistry to writing & balancing Chemical Reactions. I have stressed numerous times throughout the year - that the concepts covered build one upon the next. This is why we have spent time this week reviewing concepts e.g. Chemical Symbols/ Naming, Bonding (which we just took a test on).

It has come to my attention that many students are not reading the text book or studying after class. This is imperative ! Please encourage your students to study concepts daily and not just when there is an assessment coming up. We cover one section at a time. So it is important to digest the concepts as they are covered and not cram the information. In order to encourage students to come to class prepared - I will be doing notebook checks starting next week (15-20 assessment points/ rubric will be provided). Finally - a couple of games/ simulations have been shared via Edmodo. This is a great, fun study tool/ practice.

### Study Tips:

- Re-writing notes; use highlighters/color coding (this I have used even in college/grad school)
- Pay close attention to key vocabulary & guiding questions
- Youtube & Khan Academy (especially) - I have & will continue to post videos as well
- Flash - cards or Cornell method note taking (to quiz yourself)
- Jot down questions you have and ask them as soon as

### Up Next :

- **Cumulative Review homework due next week !**
- **Chemistry SLO Next Week**
- **Notebook Check Next Week!**
- **Next Topic: Chapter 12 Stoichiometry review)**

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## COMMUNICATION

Please communicate any problems or questions with course matter as soon as they arise.

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## AVAILABILITY

Tutoring Th/F 7:30am. I am available via call Thursdays and Fridays 7:30am

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## PARTNERSHIP

Team work makes the dream work!

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Sincerely,

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