



# Ms. Mac's News

Parent Newsletter for CMIT South Chemistry

## Almost There !

**Greetings!** I hope you all safely enjoyed the “wind” day last week. The 3rd Quarter Progress Report Grading Period just closed. Here is a quick update, as well as advice on how to help your scholar do their best in Chemistry:

**In Class:** This week we have spent time reviewing problems in preparation for their test next week ; and completing a lab on calculating moles from mass. Students are doing calculations involving balanced chemical equations (Chapter 12 Stoichiometry). This concept requires a lot of practicing! So I have created a Khan Academy Coaches page. Students were credited 5 homework points for signing up for the Coaches page. I found Khan Academy very helpful in high school and college.

**Study Habits:** I did some research - most college students are expected to spend 1 - 2 hours outside of *each class* session studying (*US News*). Developing better study habits in high school is a key to success. The homework that is assigned in Chemistry is designed to aide in providing understanding and establishing better study habits. Furthermore the textbook outlines the key points in **bold**. This, I believe is very helpful for note taking & studying. Students should be studying *daily*. Chemistry, especially, is not a subject to be learned on the fly.

**Edmodo:** ALL classwork and homework can be found in the folders! So if your scholar is absent, you can find the work here ahead of them returning to school. Also - the simulations posted on Edmodo (<https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulations/category/chemistry>) are great practice tools!



Up Next :

- **Next Week:**  
  
Test on  
  
Balancing  
  
Equations &  
  
Stoichiometry  
  
(Chapter 12  
  
Sections 1-2  
  
& Chapter 11  
  
Sections 1-2 )
- **Next Week:**  
  
Notebook  
  
Check  
  
(Chapters  
  
11-12)
- **Practice in**  
  
Khan  
  
Academy!

Finally - please encourage your scholars to not wait until there is a test or major misunderstanding of concepts to ask questions. Please email me for a time to come and see me if you need help. Students are not taking advantage of my availability. I am here to help.

**Study Tips:** Please Check out this article :<https://blog.prepscholar.com/how-to-study-better-in-high-school>

- Re-writing notes; use highlighters/color coding (this I have used even in college/grad school)
- Pay close attention to key vocabulary & guiding questions

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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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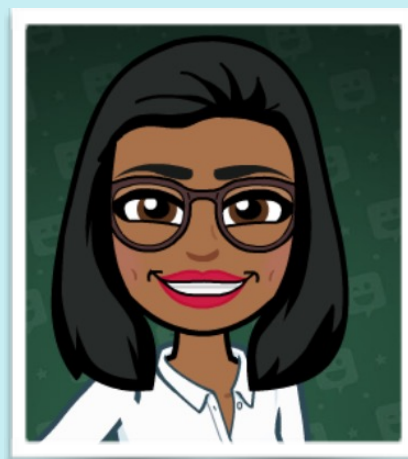
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Sincerely,

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down questions you have and ask them as soon as possible