

Ms. Mac's News

Parent Newsletter for CMIT South Honors Chemistry

Greetings Parents and Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your scholars to a new school year , introduce myself, and offer some advice on how to help your scholar do their best in science this year:

Your Teacher: My name is Anna McAllister (Ms. Mac). This is my second year teaching at CMIT. I graduated from University of Maryland with my Bachelor's of Science in Nutrition Science and I will be starting a Master of Science in Learning Design and Technology this Spring. Within my class students will be actively engaged and challenged to develop science - processing skills, literacy, and critical thinking skills. Your student should spend at least 30 minutes/ day reviewing or studying.

I value family and believe in building strong relationships with students and their families. If you have any questions and/ or concerns do not hesitate to contact me. I am excited to collaborate with you and look forward to meeting with you soon!

In Class: This week we have spent time going over class expectations. The students have also learned about metacognitive/thinking and reading strategies to use and how to apply these to reading a primary scientific text. Please make sure your scholar is signed up for their Edmodo, Khan Academy, and Remind groups. I will be using Edmodo and Remind as additional tools to keep you up to date with what is going on. Next week will launch into discussing measurement/SI Units and conversions as well as lab safety.

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.

Up Next:

Syllabus

Form,

Edmodo,

Khan

Academy,

Remind 9/7

Nature of

Science

- Measurement
- Review

Assignment

Due 9/18

Back to

School Night

9/20

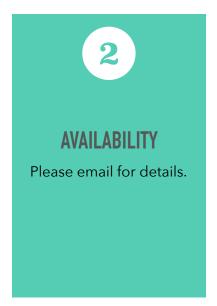
Edmodo: ALL classwork and homework can be found in the folders! So if your scholar is absent, you can find the work here ahead of them returning to school.

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.

<u>Study Tips:</u> 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
- Jot down questions you have and ask them as soon as possible







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Sincerely,

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