

Honors Astronomy Welcome Letter 2018-19

Welcome to Astronomy! You have an exciting and enlightening year in store for you. This year we will use our CBHS Astronomy webpage, extensively. So, this will always be the best place to keep up with what's going on in class. You can find the Astronomy page at this address (<http://rosephysics.com/Astro/Astro.htm>). The Astronomy website will have the latest syllabus, along with links to additional homework assignments. You'll want to bookmark it.

Please do not hesitate to email with specific questions or concerns. However, all conferences must be made through the CBHS Guidance Department (754-323-0370).

Let's have a fantastic year!

Mr. Rose

Grades

Each assignment will fall under a major Category. It is important to note that this means that not all assignments will carry the same impact on a student's overall grade. When using Pinnacle at home to view grades, the overall grade that you see will not be a simple average of all the grades listed.

- 1) **Tests (35%)** – There will be a test at the end of each chapter. The questions will come, primarily from class notes and the textbook. Most students find tests challenging. Expect about 4 to 5 tests per quarter.
- 2) **Projects (30%)** – Individual projects will vary in length from one day to several weeks. In general, these will involve observing the day or night sky. These assignments will take discipline and precision, and there will be several each quarter. Group projects will generally take several days or weeks to complete. Every member of the group will receive the same grade, so please take that into account when choosing groups. Being a valuable and responsible team member is one of the most important skills you can learn.
- 3) **Quizzes (20%)** – Quizzes will be assigned ahead of time on material covered in the textbook, lecture, or on projects – as well as reading assignments and videos posted on the Astronomy website.
- 4) **Homework (15%)** – Another important skill to learn is how to outline textbook material. Students will keep a separate spiral notebook for outlines of every chapter of the textbook. There will also be additional assignments for homework.

Extra Credit

Extra credit can be earned by visiting observatories like those found at Markham Park, BCC, FIU, etc. – or by visiting planetariums like the Buehler Planetarium at BCC or Frost Museum of Science Planetarium – or by visiting the Kennedy Space Center. There will be a limit to the number of extra credit visits per quarter, and school field trips will not count.

Make-up Work

Students are responsible for finding out the assignments missed due to excused absences. Broward County policy mandates a 2-day period for each excused absence after a student returns to class for makeup work to be turned in. No makeup work will be late. Students who are absent on a test day, for any reason, will be given a make-up exam – which will be similar, but not exactly the same as the one given to the rest of the class. This exam should be taken after school, during lunch or during study hall/privilege period. **MAKE-UP EXAMS WILL BE ALL FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS.**

Late Work

Late work is not accepted.

Cheating

Cheating of any type will not be tolerated. Any student caught cheating on an assignment will receive a zero for that assignment. Additionally, the teacher will notify the appropriate Assistant Principal, which may lead to further action.

Cell Phones

Don't. Just don't.

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Emergency Contact Information

Student Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Mother's/Guardian's Name _____

Home Number _____ Work Number _____

Email _____

Father's/Guardian's Name _____

Home Number _____ Work Number _____

Email _____

Signatures

I have read the Welcome Letter from the Astronomy Team and I will abide by these rules and guidelines.

(Student Signature)

(Date)

I have read the Welcome Letter from the Astronomy Team and I understand what is expected of my child in class. The contact information above is accurate.

(Parent Signature)

(Date)