

Dear Future AP Students

To begin with, I'd like to begin by praising you for choosing to take AP Chemistry. I took AP Chemistry my junior year after having to choose between chemistry and physics, and I definitely do not regret one minute of it. My sophomore year, I took general chemistry and formed a small passion for science. I had always been a straight A student, until my junior year. You may find that this course comes easier for some, and a difficult experience for others. This letter is not to discourage you in any means; it is meant to help you for on the journey you are about to embark on. This class will push you, not by the amount of work or the amount of studying, but by testing your true understanding of the subject. I will bestow onto you, the new generation of AP Chem, whatever wisdom and advice I can offer.

Prior to my junior year, I was a straight A student. But I would soon realize my Achilles Heel. I was a huge procrastinator. I would (and admittedly still do sometimes) wait for the period before hand to do the assigned homework. But AP Chemistry was not the problem, it was the solution. Mrs. Linden's schedules and assignments pushed me to a point that procrastination was not possible. Sadly, it was already very late into the semester that I had learned from my mistake. So, my first piece of advice, although probably common sense, is to not procrastinate. Mrs. Linden assigns One A Days and Reaction Tutorials every class; you would do best to follow this schedule. Not only will you have less to do the night that the homework is due, it will grind the knowledge into your head, making you a master at reactions. Determination and discipline are essential to passing this class and the AP Exam. You must push your mind to be better, to work harder, and to seek help when you do not understand something. This, of course, will come in time as you progress later into the year and learn to adjust yourself. If you already are somebody who does no procrastinate, take this time to better your study habits.

Over the course of the year, I developed some tips that I wish I had had. Whether you choose to follow them or not, I have great faith in you and I believe you will do great things, not only in AP chemistry, but in life

Now onto the advice

Don't let grades or scores hold you back

At some point, you will find your position in the class. Some will be better at science, and some will have a harder time. No matter what your grade in class is, what your test scores are, or how those around you are performing, you are capable of amazing things. As long as you seek to understand the subject, work hard, and be dedicated, you will go very far in AP Chemistry.

You are not alone...

You may feel alone at times in this class, but allow me to assure you: the other students are probably feeling the exact same way you do. I was lucky enough to have several of my close friends in my class. We would help each other when

the other had a problem, ask Mrs. Linden questions if we all didn't understand, and just having a friend makes the class so much easier. If you are feeling as if the pressure of the class is crushing you, just know that someone is probably feeling the same way. So try to participate as much as possible. You will find that the other students may have views or answers that you could not see by yourself. You are not going to be taking the AP Test alone. AP Chemistry becomes a small family. They will support you and you should support them too.

Talk to Mrs. Linden!

Mrs. Linden is a great teacher, very intelligent and friendly. I'm not sure if it is her quiriness or her kindness, but she is one of the easiest teachers to approach and ask for help. Talk to her, get to know her as more than just your teacher. She will be a much better resource than any text book or study guide.

Don't Procrastinate!

Every night, Mrs. Linden assigns One a Days and Reaction tutorials. Do them.

Also, Mrs. Linden provides answer keys to many of her assignments. Have integrity and don't copy them. You're only hurting yourself!

And lastly

Know Yourself

I had the hardest time trying to stay awake during lectures. They may seem repetitive, but making connections and participating will help greatly to memorize the material, as well as being fun! Sometimes, I would draw doodles of what we were learning (I drew a picture of the universe when we were studying entropy). Whether its making flash cards, making dumb inside jokes (we had plenty of those), or drawing, find some way to help you keep active and participating in class and out of class.

One way or another, you chose to write AP Chemistry on your registration form. Whether it was out of passion for science or to get that coveted grade bump, you're here, make the best of it. There will be times when you want to give up. When you get this feeling, you can always call me; my contact information is below. I would be than happy to talk about anything, even if it is not AP Chem related. You've taken a big step in choosing AP Chem, make it bigger by doing the best you can. Life has given you this amazing opportunity to both expand your knowledge and push your limits. Do not just accept this challenge: OWN IT. Hopefully you will remember this letter, and look to it for advice or words of encouragement. I believe in you.

Forever and Sincerely,

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Dear future AP Chemistry Student,

Wow, you decided to take AP Chemistry next year thinking that it'll be like regular Chemistry. I am here to tell you that you cannot be any more wrong. This class is no where near regular chemistry. That was exactly how I thought this class to be. For a little while it was, like the first couple of lessons, but after that things will take a turn for the worst. I am not saying that this will be an impossible class to bare, but this is the most difficult class you will ever take in high school. When you read from other people's letter that this is the hardest AP class, **pay attention and be warned**. I didn't believe them at first and I totally regret it. My wisdom to pass to you is to do every worksheet and every practice homework at home and on time. They will be your savior throughout the year. Take it from me, the practice you will get from doing them will get you the help for the tests. Don't worry about the AP exams until second semester. Just focus on what you are doing now to keep up a good grade in class. The first semester should be a more of a review from gen chem but second semester is when you need to step up. Don't be afraid to ask questions because you will not be the only one asking. This is the class that will separate the big boys from the crowd. Just make sure to have fun and don't get too intimidated. This class will just be a part of high school.

Sincerely,

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May 10, 2011

Dearest Future AP Chemistry Student,

First and foremost, I would like to applaud you for your decision for even signing up for AP Chemistry. I took AP Chemistry my junior year. I fell in love with general chemistry sophomore year, so I was intrigued to take AP. I felt so extremely cool when people would read my schedule registration day. My classmates and friends would say things like, "YOU'RE TAKING AP CHEMISTRY?!" It is true, the initial feeling of taking a chance into AP Chemistry is great, but let me tell you this: AP Chemistry is no joke. This letter is not to discourage you from taking this course, actually, that is by far the point I'm trying to come across. This class is intense, and it is not the workload that is intense, it's the material, and fully UNDERSTANDING the material. This course came easily to some people, but it was a different experience for me.

My name is Nicole Paragas, and I am an average student. My grades are nothing special, they're just average. I will be 100% truthful with you, Chemistry is a difficult subject. But with my experience, I will exploit all the advice that I can so you can succeed, because I know it would've helped me immensely if I knew how to approach this class. Because this class is so demanding and there is so little time to cover much material, I advise that you are certain you understand every

lesson Mrs. Linden teaches. For one of the more difficult units, Reactions, I remember spending my lunch that whole week getting personal help on the unit from Mrs. Linden. And guess what? I got an A on that test! If I were to change the way I studied, I would make sure to try some practice problems about the topic discussed that day in class out of a study aid book. If I had any questions, I would make sure to ask Mrs. Linden for clarification. This class takes determination. For an average student, it took a lot of time and lots of clarification for me to fully understand such intense material. And if you're like me, you'll need to really PUSH yourself to succeed. And although it may seem like a lot to ask for, it'll be all worth it in the end. Although I didn't do AMAZING in AP Chemistry, I don't regret it. In fact, I don't regret it one bit. I am so proud that I was able to push myself and that I was able to stay determined until the end. I mean, how cool would it be to say that you were able to withstand the intensity of AP Chemistry? Nice thing is, most of your classmates will be on the same page as you. Yes, I'm not going to lie to you, you will have those few very gifted classmates who attain chemistry so easily, but a majority of your class will feel the very feeling you are throughout the whole year. The nice thing about that is, your chemistry class becomes your *family*. It's like a giant team of amateurs trying to figure out the cure to cancer. It is just lovely knowing that you have peers who are making sure everyone succeeds. Bottom line is, don't run away from this class because you're fearful of it. I don't even know you, but I already have faith in you. You had the guts to write AP Chemistry under your junior/senior schedule and that's bravery. You wrote down AP Chemistry on your registration paper for a reason, and whether it be because your parents are forcing you, or because you were dared to, or because you just LIKE chemistry, **don't run away**. Attack this challenge that life has thrown at you, and embrace it. One of my good friends dropped out three weeks into the class, and I know she regrets it. She knows it was a hard class, but the feeling of pushing through the year and going in for extra help would've definitely been a relief and an accomplishment for her if she had stayed. **Life's thrown you this golden opportunity to push yourself to your limits, embrace it.**

Okay, now that I've gotten through all that mental advice, let's get down to advice you'll need to REALLY know when you've decided to take my advice and accept this challenge. The following bullets are notes that you shall not forget.

- Mrs. Linden will give you reaction tutorials and "One a day" assignments that contain various types of reactions on them. **Do them.** Don't copy the answers. Take it from personal experience. I did it a couple times and it ended up definitely hurting me in the end.
- If you need help, go in for help. Mrs. Linden is always there to help you. She's an amazing teacher. I know, it's a pain to spend your lunch learning more chemistry, but it'll be more clarification for something you don't understand and it'll pay off, and it'll most definitely show on tests, but ultimately your AP Exam.
- Lectures are boring, but STAY AWAKE!! NO, Mrs. Linden ISN'T boring, but because we take notes almost every class, it's hard to stay awake when the information is so intense. But I'm sure with Mrs. Linden's witty and bubbly personality, you'll stay awake. :]
- Sometimes, Mrs. Linden will say, "YOU ARE EXPECTED TO KNOW....." and continue along with some chemistry information. When she says that, make sure you write down whatever she says. I always did, but I know people who didn't and that hurt them in the end.
- Keep organized. It'll help a lot. Print out worksheets that you will need for next class.
- DON'T look at this class as something like, "Omg I have to memorize all this information!" Look at it as more of a, "Oh really? That's how it works? Well how?" Try to look at chemistry in a perspective that'll best interest you, because it's proven that you'll remember information you're more emotionally connected to.
- There will be times where you say "Forget it, I don't want to do this anymore," When that happens, look at yourself in the mirror, and laugh, because what you just said was a really funny joke. After that, reread this letter, and realize that you're an intelligent person whom I, and many other people including Mrs. Linden, have faith in.
- This one's pretty obvious- don't procrastinate. Just.. don't.

- Don't copy answer keys, it's not helping you.
- Last but not least, talk to Mrs. Linden. Don't look to her as just a teacher, look to her as someone who is willing to help you, someone who has faith in you. If you make the effort to get help, I can 110% guarantee she will want to help you. She's a wonderful teacher, and a wonderful person overall. You don't find teachers who are willing to dedicate their time to help a student in need for help very often, so take advantage of the opportunities you have when you need help. Trust me, it'll pay off and it's such a rewarding feeling ☺

Well, that is all the advice that I have to offer. This is such a long letter, but this is what you must know. As much as I know you'll want to give up sometime in the year, just **don't**. You're much better than that. Have faith and confidence in yourself. I believe in you, Mrs. Linden believes in you, so many people do. Take my advice or not, good luck in AP Chemistry. If you need ANYTHING, I'll probably be stopping by frequently in Mrs. Linden's classroom because I'll be taking AP Physics next year and I know it'll be just as a difficulty as chemistry was. Oh well, **I can do it. :] JUST BELIEVE!**

Best of luck,

Nicole Paragas

Class of 2012

Letter to future AP Chem students;

Ok. I will make this short and sweet. Ok, maybe not short.

First, AP Chem is hard, but I wish someone would have told me not to get overwhelmed when I looked at the lessons. Don't freak about the AP exam. The FRQ's are never completely random, you **have** learned everything you're supposed to know. Well, you should have. You have a very good chance of getting an **A** in the class and a **five** on the test if you:

Try to go over the basics of the lesson before you get into class (this helps so much during the end of the year when Mrs. Linden goes fast and in depth; it's helpful to know what she's talking about, so when she elaborates you don't completely miss key **concepts** [not facts] behind the lesson and so the basics you learned are reinforced- I unfortunately figured this out for long term learning too late in the year. ☹ Sucked.).

Do your homework and study from the worksheets for the tests – don't be oblivious to the fact that missing assignments do lower your grade. A lot. P.S. if you know that you will still procrastinate like most people do, don't be stupid about a stupid decision, make sure you make time for studying even if you end up procrastinating on the homework. What sucks is not being able to study because you still have to get done with the homework as fast as you can.

Study first semester material over winter break- studying everything during spring break = unrealistic. Most of us aren't just taking one AP exam.

Lastly, STOP thinking about this exam as impossible- I know that this kept some of my friends (and me :() from giving their all because they thought that as hard as they tried, everyone who had told them that the exam was hard to pass was right. Have faith. Don't limit yourself; especially when regular people like you across the country are taking the exact same test.

p.s. good luck ☺ You rock!

Najia Rahman

Dear incoming AP Chem Students,

Do not underestimate this class. The AP Chem test is one of the hardest to take. No matter what you do, don't procrastinate. You do not want to be stuck doing homework at three am with a test the next day. IN preparation for the AP test, I suggest rewriting powerpoint notes and going through FRQ questions. Make sure to time yourself when doing the FRQs in order to have a good idea the day of the test how quickly you need to work. Good Luck and Work Hard.

Dear Students,

You are insane for taking this class, but its actually cool. **STUDY LECTURE WORKSHEETS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!** This is how you study. Always be prepared for the frq too. Doing your homework is essential to maintaining a stable grade, so never let that fall below a %100. Get an A and don't procrastinate. Don't mess with the chemicals either. HCl frickin hurts. Anyway, make sure you are sure of your schedule before taking this class because you will be pretty much, doig homework every night forever. I have waited until the last day to do homework a couple times and I was pullin all-nighters. These suck, so don't do that if you like sleep. If you did well with stoichiometry in regular chem, you should be good for most of the problem-solving areas of this class. Good luck and be prepared for a very exciting experience!

-JEDI MASTER OF CHEMISTRY

Josh Baldwin

Dear future AP CHEM student,

AP Chemistry is one of the most challenging, but also most interesting classes that you will ever take in high school! In order to succeed in this class, I suggest that you start your homework very early, and DO NOT PROCRASTINATE! NEVER PROCRASTINATE because there is simply too much information to learn at the last minute and your brain will overload, trust me! Therefore, make sure you keep up with the homework and make sure that you pay attention in class. This class is definitely not one to slack off in so remember to resist your urge to sleep! Also, make sure to remember your ions and your solubility rules as soon as possible because you will need to know them for basically every part of AP Chemistry. Finally, work hard and never give up! It may seem hopeless at times but if you follow my advice and never give up, then you will succeed and pass the AP CHEM Exam! Remember to STUDY! STUDY! STUDY! And PAY ATTENTION! GOOD LUCK and make sure you pass the exam!

Sincerely,

Linus Phan

To New Incoming Chemistry Student,

Well let me get something straight before I tell you about AP Chemistry. **DO NOT PROCRASTINATE. I REPEAT DO NOT PROCRASTINATE...** unless you got good friends... But never mind that. If you procrastinate, all hell will break lose, I promise you that. You'll spend hours working on all the homework that would be due the next day, and trust me. That is not even fun. Normally people would think that "oh, it's just one class that I'm behind in. I'll catch up with some studying and a few hours of work" but no. If you're behind in chemistry it's going to take a while to catch

up and fully understand the material as well. I would go more into detail with the work, but by the time you see this letter you'll see it soon. However, you have nothing to worry about if you don't fall behind in this class. Keep up with everything, work on assignments the moment they're assigned, and the class can be enjoyable and fun actually. Also another bonus to working early is that if you need help with something you can always ask Mrs. Linden, as she more than happily obliged to help you out. The labs are nice to look forward to; they're different from the regular chemistry class because the labs in AP Chemistry are more intense and privilege so to say then most class. With this being said there's not really much else but besides the teacher of course. I'll make it brief however MRS. LINDEN IS AMAZING. End of story no arguments no discussions. Yep...but seriously a new year is all about meeting new things it wouldn't be fun if I just told you everything. You got to learn as you go. I'm just here to give you a heads up ;D

Kevin Tong

Dear future AP Chem students,

Have fun taking this class! ;D It's a lot harder than gen chem., and it's definitely a class that'll challenge you. But as long as you pay attention in class, do all your homework, and keep up with things, you'll be fine :) Even though Mrs. Linden doesn't collect homework until the end of each unit, it's best to finish it each day she assigns it. That way on the day before the unit test, you're not pulling an all-night to study and finish all the homework from the past few weeks -____-“ If you don't get something make sure you ask Mrs. Linden for help!! Because I was too lazy to, but I kinda regret not asking for help >_> Also pay attention during labs and make sure you choose a good lab group because what you get on lab reports can affect your grade a lot! It's not hard to get an A in the class as long as you pay attention and keep up with the work, and if you get an A, you'll be fine on the AP exam :D

~Christine Zhang

Dear Future AP Chem Student:

The class you are about to take is HARD, no doubt about it. AP Chemistry is not a class to be taken lightly with and it is not one of the classes where you can just dgaf your way through. Honestly, AP Chemistry is Hell, but I've survived it and so can you. When you take the AP test in May, don't blame Mrs. Linden that you couldn't answer some of the questions correctly. She did her best in teaching you guys of what is going to be on the test and she also tried her best in preparing you guys for the exam. It is up to you, the student, to take your own time in studying and preparing for the exam. If you didn't get the question, blame yourself for not preparing as much. In AP Chem, there is so much cover in such little time. It is hard to grasp everything in an instant, so PRACTICE PRACTICE PRACTICE. When you are stuck and do not understand a concept, ask for help. This class is not a class where you can work alone. Always collaborate with you other fellow students and always ask Mrs. Linden for help. It helped me greatly. Taking AP Chemistry takes guts

and I'll give you kudos for that. There are those who would drop out right after like the first test, but don't do that. AP Chemistry is worth it. You'll be glad that you took the class even though it completely devastated you. Just remember to stay focused, listen to directions, take good notes, and work hard. Taking this class will be a great advantage for you in college because if you're trying to work in the science field in the future, you'll know what challenges you have to meet for taking this class. I wish you the Best of Luck. AZA AZA FIGHTING! :DDDDD

Wishing you LUCK,
Esther Hwang

PS – I know the pain. I know how much you are going to complain of why you took AP Chem. I did that too. Ahahaha.

Dear incoming AP Chem students,

Congrats on deciding to take this rigorous course. You will definitely be challenged, but if you have a passion for chemistry, you will love the class. Some words of advice..STAY AWAKE and PAY ATTENTION!!! At times it may be hard because you might not be interested in the unit, but if you pay attention, it will all pay off by the time you take the AP exam. Also, don't procrastinate! This is probably one of the easier classes to procrastinate in, but if you wait until the very last night to do your work, you will have a tough time. Make sure you have a good attitude about the course, because it is THE HARDEST CLASS ON CAMPUS! But if you take the advice in these letters, you will be just fine. Mrs. Linden is a great teacher, and I advise that you write down all the tips that she gives you because they work and they help a lot when you take a test. In every unit, you should read the advice so you know the main topics of that unit and you should take every practice test that you can because they help. I didn't start doing this until half way through the year and trust me; they do help you a lot, especially if you aren't too fond of the unit. You are definitely crazy for taking this class, but don't give up on it because you will learn more than in any other class on campus. Good luck and have fun!!

Best of luck,

Easton Mayordomo

Dear Future AP Chem student,

Hello and Congratulations! You've signed up for one of the best and most interesting classes on campus. It also is one of the greatest challenges. The challenge, however, is nothing compared to the rewards! This class goes into topics that relate to every part of the world. It's really interesting how deep some topics can go (you will see). By the time the class is over you'll know so much more about how the world works than other students.....unless you're in chemistry with them. Anyway, the class will be a challenge. But, you have one thing other students don't have, Mrs. Linden as a teacher. She is a great teacher and explains topics in an easily understandable way. You will still need to study and do a lot of work though. Make **SURE** you do all the homework and listen to Mrs. Linden. The class will be so much easier. If you're still having trouble then try getting an AP chemistry prep book (Barrons is sweet). It can be a great help. Ask other students for help too and try not to miss any classes, because it can be pretty difficult trying to learn a lecture on your own. Mrs. Linden also assigns a lot of work **TO HELP YOU**. The work is very helpful for the tests and the actual exam. **DO NOT PROCRASTINATE**. Why place obstacles in front of yourself? Unless of course you find that fun o_o
Anyway, good luck in the class. You will, honestly, probably get more out of this class than any other.

Sincerely,
Stephen R.

Dear future ap chem students,

The class you just enter will be a challenging and difficult course. So if you want to increase your chances of getting an A or keeping the B, you'll want to pick reliable partners and not procrastinate. This class is a good class for any student but will be a killer if you never got the hang of gen chem. So if you feel like gen chem was rigorous you'll most likely not do to well (still recommend at least trying the first few weeks of ap chem before you decide to switch out maybe you'll enjoy it more than gen chem and actually do better than you did in gen chem), but most likely if you decided to read this then the case is most likely you did well in gen chem and feel confident like you can pass AP chem. Even if you feel confident my advices are to understand the material in class so your not teaching yourself during your own time but your reviewing it. Don't procrastinate is definitely something you'll like to do, since homework is assigned the day the lesson was taught but not due till the test you'll most likely feel too lazy to do so. Not procrastinating will also help if you have multiple ap classes where your teacher may assign homework due the same day as AP Chem. So if you haven't done AP Chem homework for 3-4 weeks and got lots of id-sigs due the same day. Well most likely you'll not get any sleep and if you just copy the answers for the ap chem homework you'll most likely also do horrid on the test, unless you reviewed lots before the day of the test. Also stating the test is much more of your grade than your homework, but your homework helps understand the material on the test so doing the homework in result increases your test grade (most likely). For lab reports you'll want good partners, especially once it comes to group lab reports. In terms of what you definitely want to know throughout the whole year is the stuff to memorize that is on the summer assignment (ion list, and solubility). That isn't everything you need to memorize but is probably something you'll need throughout the year.

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Dear Incoming AP Chemistry Students,

All I can really say is good luck. To be honest, even though this class may seem extremely daunting and everyone might tell you that it's really hard and that you'll die, you'll be fine. You're in this class because you obviously like science, are good at science, and want to peruse science further. And because of that, you will succeed in this class. Don't get discouraged when you don't do well on some of the tests or don't understand some of the concepts, because that's NORMAL! Only those crazy super genius kids who never ever get anything wrong will understand absolutely everything. Believe me, YOU'RE SMART! And that's why you're in this class. Just believe in yourself. Now, for advice for the actual class, here is the key to your success: do.not.procrastinate. and do.not.be.lazy. It is as simple as that. Take it from somebody who didn't do about half of her homework, and who didn't study as much as she should have. And I got a B in the class! (don't know about the exam yet though...) But there's proof for you. So if you do ALL your homework and study hard and pay close attention to everything Mrs. Linden says (because she is probably the smartest teacher on this campus and can teach you SO MUCH guys, really) then you can pass both this class and the end of the year exam. Work hard and believe in yourself, and you guys can do this!

So good luck guys. You guys can do it!

Sincerely,

Megan Cline

Hello New Advance Placement Chemistry Student! **OKAY I KNOW THIS IS A LOOOONNGGG LETTER, BUT IF YOU WANT TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN AP CHEM THEN THIS LETTER HAS GOOD ADVICE TO HELP YOU SUCCEED!!!**

First off I would like to say that you should be very proud of yourself for stepping up to the plate and taking this class. This class is definitely the **MOST CHALLENGING** class that you will ever come across in high school and there are not that many students as you who have the courage like you to take such a class. AP chem will definitely kick your butt and make you want to pull your hair out at times, but the number one thing you should never do, I literally mean neverrrr do, is give up. I'm not going to lie, this class is hard, but DO NOT GIVE UP! In the end after the exam, you will find that you can do anything if you keep trying and that this class was worth your time. Ms. Linden is a great teacher with an amazing passion for teaching that makes you want to learn and no doubt you will learn so much from her that it will benefit you in some way in the future. So don't worry you won't die by taking this class. Anyways, follow my advice because it will definitely make it easier on you. Alright the next important thing that you should NOT do is procrastinate! I understand we're teenagers and procrastination runs in our blood, but DO NOT PROCRASTINATE! If you keep pushing your homework off until the day before, then you will die. Trust me the work piles up quick, so if she gives you an assignment get it done ASAP so you won't be pulling an all-nighter trying to get your stuff done and be dead tired when you take the test the day the homework is due! Also, when she gives you homework DO NOT COPY from the answer sheet for the homework that she provides for you! I know it is tempting... But the answer sheet is for AFTER you have finished the homework so you can check your answers. I learned that the hard way when it came time of the AP exam. The homework is there for you to practice and learn, if you don't do it the right way then you won't know anything. And if you don't know anything then you won't pass the AP exam. See? It's a chain reaction. Speaking of reactions, do not copy the answers to the reaction practices she gives you on the OADs and Tutorials too (don't worry if you don't know what OADs and tutorials are, you'll find out eventually). Reactions are an important part of chemistry and if you don't know how to do them by yourself without answers then you will be screwed. Practice, practice, practice your reactions! Wow. This is a long letter, but keep reading because I have more advice! Alright for this class you cannot be a slacker! If you don't understand something, then ASK FOR HELP! Ms. Linden will not eat you if you ask a question, she is there to help! Once you are done with a unit and moving on to the next one, do not forget the previous unit! Of course focus on the main unit, but at the same time review previous units you've learned once in awhile, so when the AP exam comes you're not trying to remember what the first unit was about. Next, always PAY ATTENTION in class and try not to miss this class! Learning a lesson by yourself if you missed class is very difficult to understand, so don't miss class! Try your hardest to pay attention and understand the material! Of course as teenagers, we all stare off into space, or can't sit around too long or day dream, or play on your phone. But when you take a trip to "day dream land" during a lesson in chemistry and finally come back to earth you'll find a new equation on the board you've never heard of, then you won't understand, and then you're screwed. So try and stay focused for at least an hour and forty minutes and you will be fine. And TAKE GOOD NOTES during lessons because they will be your best friend for AP chem. tests and for the exam. Ooh! Another important thing I forgot to mention! Surround yourself with smart people! And no its not so you can copy off of them, we already went over that copying is no bueno! Surround yourself with smart people because they will make you want to do better in class, and you will become great friends with them and find that they are always there when you need help. This class is honestly not as bad as people make it seem, there are a lot of fun experiments you will do in this class so don't worry. And last thing, since you are probably getting tired reading this, do not wait until a week before to study for the AP exam! To help you study, BUY AN AP CHEM STUDY GUIDE like the ones you can get from Barnes and Noble OR just ask a previous AP chem student if you can borrow theirs! This is **HARDCORE** stuff; I recommend that you should at least start studying before spring break or 4 weeks before! The time goes by fast and once the AP exam comes you'll be wishing that you had more time to study! Well I believe I have given you enough advice to help you survive AP Chemistry! Thank you for reading my letter because I worked veryyy hard on it, and I hope it was some help to you. I wish you the best of luck! And remember when you feel like giving up (and trust me there will be those times), don't give up.

Sincerely, Sheryl Anne Acuna

Dear future chemistry student,

Congrats on your beastly challenge. This class is gonna work you hard, but that's a good thing. Here are some tips to doing better than I did.

1. pay attention in class, or else you won't know what's happening at all and you'll be way more stressed than you need to be
2. don't sleep in class even when the lights are off, because it's not naptime
3. bring food, it will wake you up, and also bring some for Mrs. Linden so she won't mind
4. Take good notes and review them when you can
5. When Mrs. Linden tells you to memorize something, make sure you memorize it or you're out of luck
6. Pick good lab partners that will work hard
7. Have study groups when you can so you can all be lost together ...just kidding.
8. Don't waste your time, because you have less time than you think
9. Stay on top of your homework and DO NOT PROCRASTINATE..because it adds up
10. Enjoy and have fun, Mrs. Linden is a great teacher and she'll help you with anything you need <3

Love,
Brittany Earr

Dear incoming AP Chemistry Student,

First off, I'm glad that you have decided to take the rigorous class of AP Chemistry instead of possibly an easier class which is the option that most kids take. The point of hard classes and staying up late working on homework and studying is to get you ready for college, which too often shocks people by the difficulty of its curriculum. So having said that, I believe AP Chemistry is an excellent course in preparing you for college and beyond. The homework load is big and the lab reports sometimes difficult, but it will be all worth it in the end. So on to what's important to do to succeed in the class. Doing all the worksheets, the reaction tutorial and OAD's, and the problems on the focus questions were the biggest help to me in preparing for the tests which account for a large portion of your grade. And for the AP exam, just study released, past AP exams. Thanks for reading this entire thing it makes me feel important

Hugs and Kisses,

Wesley Wong (aka "Daddy") ;)

I'll start off with a chemistry joke...

Q: What is the name of the molecule CH_2O ?

A: Seawater

Ok, on a serious note AP Chemistry is a great class if you take it seriously. It's easy to get behind and procrastinate, and that ruins the fun of the class. Pay attention to Mrs. Linden (she's a genius) and ask questions if something is confusing. Trust me, at least one thing in every unit is going to confuse you and Mrs. Linden will help you along. It's a hard, rigorous, challenging class but its going to wake you up. It makes you realize that school from here on out is going to be harder and harder. Stick with this class, it may seem like you can't do it but there's always resources to assist you. With some committed studying (the most studying of your life) and perseverance you WILL pass this class. The great thing is that you learn the most information you will ever learn, and have fun doing labs and just being in the class. AP Chemistry is one of the hardest classes on campus and you guys are brave for accepting the challenge. Just remember that once May comes along, it will all pay off.

Good Luck,

Charles Russell III

Former AP Chem beast.

Dear Student,

In order to survive the rigors of this class, it is absolutely crucial that you study. Even five minutes of review a day would be better than nothing. I suggest covering the walls of your room with concepts and information, sitting in the middle of your room, and reading everything you see. Be spontaneous in your studying. Never have a set order when you study, it doesn't work. One of the most effective ways of studying that I found was to review different subjects in short increments. Study Chem. for five to ten minutes, then switch to studying for your math class for another five to ten minutes, then switch to another subject. Quick short bursts of studying will help you endure the class. Also, be prepared to have a lot of homework every night. I spent at least four hours of homework every night, which includes my other classes. And finally, don't be afraid to ask Mrs. Linden about anything you don't understand. If you feel embarrassed to ask questions, then ask her individually after class. There's nothing wrong with needing some help every so often.

- Mark Kuimoto 2011

Dear future AP Chemistry student,

Have you ever seen The Lion King?

This class is going to trample on you harder than the antelope did to Simba's dad.

Just kidding, no not really, but anyway, the only advice I would have to give is..

Pay attention during lectures

Memorize your solubility rules

Busy work, in reality, pays off

OAD's and Reaction tutorials are the key to success

Equilibrium is, if not the most, important in terms of your success in the class

Mrs. Linden is a dork.

Good luck

Krispy Pham

HELLOOOOOOO, AP Chem students!

First off, CONGRATULATIONS! You've ventured into where few high school students have ever dared to set foot into. AP Chemistry is an AWESOME class. Well, that's if you put WORK into it! This

isn't a class where you can sleep or play Pokemon in all day and then expect favorable results. You will probably learn more new concepts in this class than you have ever learnt before. If you're a nerd like me, you will absolutely LOVE EVERYTHING about this class because some of the topics just open your eyes and make you look at the world differently. Plus it's fun to take on a challenge. Mrs. Linden is a FANTASTIC teacher, but you have to make sure YOU are intrinsically motivated and focused at all times. I promise that if you truly give your full effort, the end result will be more than worthwhile. You'll feel successful and confident, knowing that if you can succeed in the toughest class on campus, you're one step closer to the college experience. Now, I wish you the best, but the rest is up to you!

Good luck!

Caly Tran

P.S. As for the all caps words, I MEAN IT!! :)

Dear AP chemistry noobs,

Welcome to the world of ap chem! Now to pass this class you will need to PAY ATTENTION. To be honest, it really helps to do so. I remember this time I scored a 96 percent on an exam because I paid attention and studied. Oh yeah, STUDY TOO. To put it bluntly, if you don't study, you're screwed. I also remember this one time I did not study as well as I was supposed to... the outcome of that was I did not score on the exam as well as I was supposed to. So hear the words of Dakarai Jones and study, focus, and "rape" as my good friend krispy says. My final words to you fresh off the boat ap chem students are "rape the lectures, rape the homework, rape the exams, and then you will RAPE THE CLASS."

From yours truly,

Dakarai Jones

Dear future AP Chemistry Students,

Hello! If you're reading this that means you are either in the class or you're a curious stranger I probably have never met, but either way thank you for taking your time. This class I admit will probably be the hardest class you'll ever take in high school. But no, it's not impossible to overcome. You'll definitely be stricken by procrastination, and trust me, you do not want it to stick around. Whatever you do, I urge you... no I am begging you to not let that happen. If you study hard, work hard, and try your hardest, you'll be able to be happy when it's all over. Good luck and don't give up! YOU CAN DO IT!!

- Carlos Go

Dear future AP Chem students,

The biggest thing I can say is DO NOT PROCRASTINATE. That will become your downfall if you do in fact get behind on your work. Not only will you rush to finish everything and learn nothing (which will pretty much mess you up for good come AP time) and there is a good chance you won't finish the assignments. So do your homework when its assigned, not the night before. If you can follow this one simple thing, AP chem will be a lot easier. Although definitely not easy, it will be manageable and you'll do great in this class.

Sincerely,
Steven MacLean

Dear AP Chem student,

I want to congratulate you for deciding to take one of the most challenging classes offered here at Vista. If you're involved in a lot of other activities, then be sure that you will be able to take time out for this class. You will definitely have to study for this class; it's not like gen chem where you can still get an A+ without studying. Be prepared to work hard and stay focused throughout the year. Just resist the urge of falling asleep during class!! When you do the homework, don't copy the answers, actually do the work! Try to stay organized and keep track of your notes. Believe me, the notes are useful when it comes time to study for the AP exam. Also, buy a Barron's review book in the beginning of the year and use it when you're studying for unit tests. Despite the endless amount of work, this class was actually fun. With an amazing teacher like Ms. Linden, you are sure to be prepared for the AP exam. I know you will be fine! Good luck!!

Sincerely,

Bansuri Patel

Dear new AP Chem students...

BRACE YOURSELF. You will learn so much from this class but you have to work. Just remember that every class is difficult at some point, this one just is more often 😊. There is definitely a great amount of things to know but you find out so many new things. So much of what you learn is actually interesting and can be applied in real situations.

Don't be scared. Yes, there is a lot effort on your part if you want to be successful in the class. But if you actually do the work you will always feel prepared. Do not copy the answers for the homework, it won't give you the practice that you need. Don't procrastinate. Let me restate that because it is super important... **DON'T PROCRASTINATE!** If you truly take the time to understand and practice the concepts you will be ready for the tests and know what you're doing. If you're ever confused (which you will be at some point or many points) just **ASK FOR HELP**. During AP Chem a lot of the time I wouldn't realize I was confused in class until I went home and tried a problem on my own... so use your resources. Ask Mrs. Linden, use online tutorials, use a prep book... don't just accept that you don't understand. Put in the effort to learn the material because many units build off concepts from past units. And you never know what will be on the exam. So get help with anything you don't understand right away, because it is likely to show up later.

Try your best to be confident! Some days you will walk out of class saying "Wow, what we learned today was soooo easy!" Other days you will notice that everyone just stares at Mrs. Linden wondering what in the world she is talking about, and nodding at appropriate times acting like they get it 😊. Don't get

overwhelmed at times when the class seems too hard. As long as you are putting in the effort and trying to be successful, you will make it through the class. And it is amazing when May comes, you take the exam, and then YOU'RE DONE! The feeling of relief is great! You will be able to say you survived the class even though it seemed too hard sometimes. You should be proud of yourself for taking the challenge that is this class and you should feel even more proud once you make it through the class like I know you can.

Don't doubt yourself. I took the class at first because I did well in my Gen Chem class and liked Chemistry. Then I got into AP Chem with pretty much a whole class of people who were planning to be science majors! There I was with all these geniuses (as I thought) and I hadn't even considered being a science major! At the time I wanted to be a fashion designer! HAHA. At first I did not at all think that simply liking chemistry would be enough to keep me from dropping the class. How could I possibly pass the class? But then I thought about how righteous it would be if I could actually make it through AP Chem. Don't psych yourself out that you can't do it because you can. I got through the class with B's both semesters (weighted as A's). Not too shabby for the non-science major, right? I worked hard and I think it paid off. No, I probably still won't be a science major BUT I really enjoyed everything I learned. It didn't make me hate chemistry, it just made me challenge myself and work to keep up with my peers in a good way.

Mostly what I want you to take from this is that this class, and high school, are a means to an end. What you're doing now by challenging yourself and taking AP Chem will be worth it!!!!

Good luck this year,

Tori Slater

May 10, 2011

Dear Incoming AP Chemistry Student,

AP Chemistry is a really interesting course and you will learn so much. However, it is so much different from any sophomore chemistry course. If you have Mrs. Linden as your teacher, you need to do homework the day it is assigned if you wait to turn in the assignments the day of the unit exam you will not take in the material correctly and you will not do well on the exam. In other words, DO YOUR HOMEWORK! Exams are worth a lot and it is important to do well on them because your grade depends on them. For the AP Exam you need to find a study book that you can review from it helps a

lot. Also in Ap Chem there are a lot of confusing ideas/labs/calculations so be sure to ASK QUESTIONS! Also, since you're taking AP Chemistry you are probably one of the "smart kids" from your grade and your taking other AP classes, well this course is probably going to be your hardest and you need to REVIEW FOR THE AP EXAM EARLY because before you know it the exam will be around the corner. The good news is that if you can do well in this course you'll know that you can do well in any other AP class.

Sincerely,

Paolo Amog

Dear Future AP Chemistry Student,

Congratulations! You have just entered the most challenging yet rewarding classes on campus. AP Chemistry is a lot of fun, seriously. If you love science, you'll love this class. While this is true, the class can also be really frustrating. In order to succeed, you need to be a dedicated student. There are going to be a lot of times when you are completely stressed out, and you may want to give up, but keep pushing through!

This may be the hardest AP class in the school, but its okay, because Mrs. Linden is your teacher. She is one of the most passionate teachers you'll find, and she is always there for you, no matter what. Her love for science is very evident, and she has definitely influenced me to love science a whole lot more than I have in the past. She also does an amazing job of making sense of chemistry and its complexities, and with her as your teacher you are fully capable of succeeding both in the class and on the Exam. Be thankful for Mrs. Linden, and know that she'll help you through this.

At the beginning of the year, I highly recommend that you get a study book from Amazon or Ebay. Barron's and the Princeton Review are probably the best ones out there, and Mrs. Linden will let you know more about them. These books are really helpful if you take the time to thoroughly study them, and they can guide you through all of the topics you learn throughout the year.

During class, don't get distracted by anything, whether it may be your phone or your friends or the wonders of sleeping. Hopefully you'll learn quickly that you need to pay attention in class, or you will be very lost and you will regret it.

When it comes to homework, **don't procrastinate!!** If you wait until the last minute to do an assignment you will be swamped with work and really stressed out, believe me I've been there. All around, procrastination is a big "No, No," and don't learn that the hard way.

When second semester hits, the AP tests are going to come faster than you think, so make sure that you are preparing yourself. You should start studying about a month in advance. If you start later, don't freak out, it's okay. The closer the date came, the more I tended to stress out, but if you just ignore all of your worries and study with everything you have, you'll be fine, I promise. You should highly consider studying everyday over Spring Break. It may seem like a hassle, but trust me its not. If you just study for 45 minutes a day or so, you can be on top of your work and still have

plenty of time to enjoy your break. I also recommend studying with a group of friends. Go to a library or Starbucks; the quieter the better. The harder you work, the more your hard work will pay off. And once you start realizing how much knowledge you have of AP Chem, you'll feel like a genius, especially around all of the normal people.

Accomplishing the AP Chemistry exam is a huge deal, and when you're done it's the most relieving feeling in the world. Once you conquer this beast of a test, you are going to feel like you can do anything. So just relax, because you are going to have quite a year, and know that taking this class was the right decision. If you study your hardest and do your best, you are going to come out of the class as a much stronger student, and your knowledge of chemistry will stay with you for quite a while.

Good Luck!

Jasmin Shores

Dear next year A.P. Chem Student

Wow, I commend you for taking for taking this class. It is EXTREMELY hard, and very challenging. Be ready for Chemistry to RULE YOUR LIFE! By reading this letter and the other letters with it you are already making your path that much easier in doing well in this class. Take the advice from all of these letters. The overall theme of these letters that you will surely find out is DON'T PROCRASTINATE!!!! Believe me when I say it because procrastination will kill you, though the reality of it is, is that you will eventually procrastinate, so my best advice is to not wait until the night before the test to get all of your homework done but split it up. Also, pay attention when you do your focus questions those were the best things to help me understand the material. Believe in Mrs. Linden and you will pass, even when she seems full of entropy (You will learn this term during AP Chem later so then you will know what I mean by this) she is very helpful and wants you to do your best. My biggest mistake this year was not using Mrs. Linden as a tool to help me understand the material better, what I mean is that I should have gone to her after, before, or during break or lunch to get help on concepts and homework that I really needed help on. If you ever need help on something don't be afraid to GO GET HELP from Mrs. Linden, she will gladly help you.

I commend you on your courage in taking on this BEAST of a class. Best of luck to you and may the Chemistry Gods shine upon you (Believe me you'll need them).

Sincerely,

Supreme Overlord Commander of all things Science, Sir Brian the Magnificent Tolle

Dear Ap Chem students,

Let me start off by saying, AP CHEM IS CRAZY DIFFICULT. When I first started the course, I thought it was all going to be related to what we learned in general chemistry. I, of course, was wrong and found out general chemistry is only a small portion in the Ap curriculum. This class also takes up A LOT of your time, from homework to studying for a test. I'm not trying to scare you away, trust me. I'm glad you took the chance to challenge yourself and see how far you get with one of the most difficult Ap classes in the school. With that said, please please PLEASE do not procrastinate with your work. Your homework will help you a lot on your tests so I suggest you not wait until the last night to do them. Lab reports are also not ones to procrastinate on. When I had Ap chemistry, lab reports for me were pretty confusing so I always made rough guesses on most of the calculations the day before it was due. At lunch, I would go to the library to see if I can find anyone to help me on the lab reports, and every time i do, I would find like 20 Ap chem students on the tables frantically helping each other with the answers. It was crazy. A bunch of people called it an "Ap chem party", although it wasn't much of a party... it was us procrastinators desperately trying to finish our homework so Ms. Linden wouldn't get mad at us. Haha just kidding, Ms. Linden would never get mad at us, she's way too sweet. But I'm

sure she'd be very disappointed if someone didn't turn in their work on time. Anyways, don't be the kid in the library tearing their hair out because of the homework they didn't do when it was assigned.

When the Ap exam dates started closing in on us, everyone was running around, rushing and trying to get all of the information they learned since the beginning of the year into their heads. SO, you better start preparing for it at least 1 or 2 months before the exam, especially if you have other Ap exams to study for. I had 4 Ap exams to study for and I didn't start until 2 weeks before. Stupid, right? Don't be like me and leave only 2 WEEKS to get ready for whatever Ap's you're taking. Another thing, Ms. Linden is probably going to tell you (or already told you) that Barons is the best brand to get when searching for an Ap Chem study book. I found that the Princeton Review Guide was much easier to understand, but that's just me. My other friend in Ap chem loved Barons.

All in all, Ap chem is a pretty decent class. If you think about it, the class has a lot of components to help you succeed: a great teacher, a planned calendar, and a nice learning environment. The class is full of advanced students, unlike regular classes where the 'average' and 'below average' students are obnoxiously yelling across the classroom and where the teacher doesn't care about your education.

Good luck in Ap Chemistry, guys!!

-Sophia Oh

Dear future AP Chem kids,

I commend you for your decision to take AP Chem. I know you will be overwhelmed of what is to come, but I am here to tell you that you are in good hands. Mrs. Linden is the best teacher possible for the tremendous task of AP Chem. My advice is never take AP Chem and AP Physics at the same time, it will make life very un-fun. Always stay on top of your homework and do it when it is assigned, it is not fun doing all the homework the night before it takes a little bit of your life away. It is a fun class and you will not be let down with Mrs. Linden as your teacher.

Good night and good luck,
Anthony Recidoro

Dear Future Students,

First take, note, this is a tough class. It requires hard work and a desire to learn. But if you have that I think you'll be ready to face the challenge ahead of you. Though be warned, get ready to have your butt handed to you. If you're not on top of your game, AP Chem will seriously sneak attack and critical you and there's only a limited amount of phoenix downs and Hi-potions that you'll have in this class. But if you take this difficult quest known as AP Chem, you will surely watch all your stats grow including intelligence, endurance, perception, and luck. Yes, farming all the XP out of the homework in this class can be long and frustrating and yes the tests will still pwn you pretty badly even if you are a high level chemist, but the XP, loot, and sense of accomplishment will be all worth it. Before you know it, you'll reach the level cap of chemistry and will be a "...at all things chemistry. As long as you you're willing to put in effort and endure, you will surely become a great far range spell caster....I mean chemist. Well good luck to you noobies, PEACE!

Sincerely,

Rajak Jamal

P.S. - The prep book is the ultimate strategy guide for this class, so it's a must have.

P.S.S. – Procrastinating is the main cause of death in this class, so the second you feel it coming, equip or use an item that increases your focus stats.

P.S.S.S. – The second you start this class, start farming as much XP as possible from studying.

P.S.S.S. – I'm not a nerd at all....maybe a little.

Dear person taking AP chem,

You are taking AP Chem, good luck. Nah it isn't that hard of a class just as long as you actually do your homework. The homework is great for just studying for the tests, considering you don't wait until the last day to do it. Also make sure you check the calendar often to know exactly what's for homework. It sounds corny, but seriously, do all the homework, you will have a much better chance of passing the exam and getting an A if you do so. The class can be difficult at times, but remember, everything will eventually be covered so don't worry. After you take a test make sure you ask what you got wrong since it will show you what you are having trouble with. If you are having a difficult time with the class ask for help since it's better than sitting there and panicking over your grade. If you are the type of student that banks on extra credit, there is none so don't get your hopes up, just learn the actual material if you want a good grade. The class can be easy if you put some effort into it and the material can be interesting sometimes. Another thing about this class is not to stress out, don't kill yourself trying to get that A. Be careful about the lab equipment and not to be a klutz like I was and break a graduated cylinder and spill sulfuric acid, the last one is most important. In the chance you do spill sulfuric acid just put some baking soda on it, don't try this as you'll learn it doesn't produce the best of products. Sleep is important and don't play video games during class while being taught. By the time the AP exam rolls around you will most likely have forgotten this but, do not worry if there is something you didn't know as many others probably don't either. Other than that, enjoy AP Chem, I wish you the best of luck.

From,

Roger Ibarra

P.S. watch the burettes not all of them work extremely well and some of us got some potassium permanganate on us, resulting in some to have dyed hands for a while.

May 10, 2011

Dear Future AP Chem. Student,

My question for you is WHY!?!? This class will no doubt repeatedly beat you and then sit on you while giving you a purple nurple just like an older brother. However, this may sound terrible, but just like your older brother you will grow to love this class in the way you love your brother. And finally once you've reached the metaphorical AP Chem puberty and finally conquer this class you will feel a sense of accomplishment like no other. In all seriousness, if you are like me and have never had to try to do well in a class, then this class will be a challenge. Studying will definitely need to enter your repertoire this year. This class will help you immensely in the long run, even if u don't become a chem major. You'll learn how to manage your work and how to invest time in something. I wish you luck and plentiful bounty. And I warn you now... don't take your older brother lightly!!

Mikael Carpenter

Dear AP Chem Students,

AP Chem is a difficult course, however, it is not impossible. If you have an interest in science and preferably got an A in Chemistry, then you will probably learn a lot in AP Chem. Be prepared to get less sleep than usual, as AP does require studying, and you should do your homework every night, as it will help you out when you do lessons, tests, and of course, the AP exam. Pay attention in class, take notes, and stay organized!! Before the AP Exam, you will want to study the units that you may have had trouble on, and those that you may have forgotten. Just don't be too stressed, do your best, and you should be fine :D

- Nevin Faraj

Yo yo yo welcome to ap chemheeezy (hopefully this'll get ur attention haha)

Well since you've made the effort to click on the link on Mrs. Lindens site and not just skip over it like a mindless zombie, you're probably either a pretty faithful student excited for the new year orrr you're scared out of your mind looking for answers on what to expect. Just keep in mind, do the same thing in this class as you've been doing for the past 12 years, study, notes and homework, the only difference is that you just have to do a bit more of it haha. Hey and look at the bright side, now you'll know a bunch of secrets (as Mrs. Linden would say) that you'll want to tell other people....but they won't understand so it's not really worth it.

To the faithful students:

- You're smart and you're in AP chem.... that's a pretty good combination, you'll do fiiiine

To the scared out of your mind students:

- You have nothing to fear but fear itself! Just never settle and always find something to study for chem. (it'll probably be on the AP test)
- You'll do fiiiiine

Sincerely,

Jonathan Lloyd

Dear New AP Chemistry Student,

Welcome to the world of Advanced Placement Chemistry. Now run! Quickly get away from here as fast as you can before you get sucked into the class by Mrs. Linden's awesome science knowledge and amazing personality. Just kidding, stay in AP Chem. It is worth it all in the end, trust me. The following year will be filled with ups and downs, laughs and cries, and many wonderful memories. Even though in the middle of the year, you may be hating your life, you will gladly appreciate the many times spent in chemistry at the end of the year.

The way to survive all this craziness is to follow several key steps. First, do every single piece of homework!! Trust me, at the beginning of the year you say you will but down the road it's quickly abandoned. That homework will greatly help you learn the subject matter and subsequently do well on the AP exam. Second, do your homework or memorizing before the night its due. Cramming ultimately doesn't work for the long run, sorry to tell you. Third, sleep! Trying to go through the year on four hours of sleep will kill you—trust me, I know.

Well I hope that that all this doesn't seem overwhelming. It will be an amazing year, believe me. Don't drop the class, no matter what; you shall regret the decision later. Remember to have fun, do what Mrs. Linden says, make

Chemistry fun for yourself. I can't wait to stop by and say hello next year! Remember that "Fortune favors the bold"! So act boldly, not stupidly! We former AP Chemistry students pass the legacy on to you.

Sincerely,

The Master of Chemistry

Aka- Josh "Skinny" Stephenson

Dear future APCHEM student!

First off, if you want to be a scientist and your in APCHEM your on the right track, yay! It is a rigorous course but what you put in is what you get out. It sounds cheesy but it's true. Don't take this class just because; take it because you want to learn. I'm a slow learner and it's hard for me to understand stuff, but I really wanted learn and be exposed to higher level chemistry. I want to be a Food Scientist so chem is kinda important. It's also important to put things in our perspective (which Mrs. Linden does a pretty good job at), I had to ask my self "how does this relate to food science?"

So my advice to you is have fun, work hard, ask questions, don't stress, and stay focused. Not too hard right?!

GOODLUCK! :]

Marbely Coronado

Dear student of next year,

I'd first like to say welcome to the class, it'll be the best and worst class you will take. Depending how you put yourself into school, you can either have a fun time or a stressful time. This year has been pretty inspirational toward me.

Currently I am taking four AP classes this year and AP chem was one of the hardest. The year was hard for me because I did not know how to approach the course completely. At the start of second semester things clicked and I figured out the techniques and ways how not to only survive the class, but to survive others and apply them towards myself. Things such as this only come with experience and can not be taught to others. You will either start successfully or learn with time how to learn. She doesn't teach to a test which is a great way to approach life and also teaches you how to approach things during college, assuming your going as you are in the class. If you have second thoughts about the class don't quit right away. Even if you fail the first few, don't give up. That's also one things this course has taught me not to do, and that's give up. Things can always bounce back up in your favor. The class is fun, but it may be irritating.

However, there are many more positives and experiences that balance out the minor negatives as there will always be mishaps in life. Once you start the class, don't give up, try your best and have yourself a great time and experiences.

Words cant explain life changing events and occurrences, so go try to find yours.

Sincerely,

Nikko Zopfi