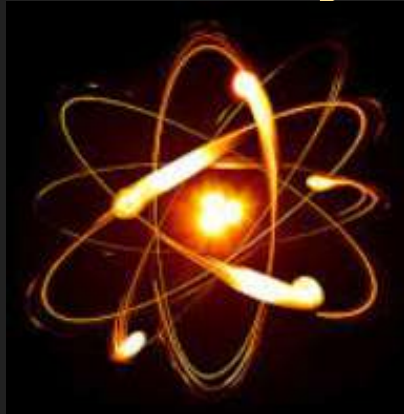


Back to School Night



TVHS

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[A message from Principal Williams](#)

Background

- New to TVHS!
- 8th Year teaching High School Science at all levels
- Earned my Biochemistry degree at UCSD and a Master's Degree in Science Education from WGU
- Most importantly, I have a passion for science and am eager to show your students how Chemistry can apply to the world around us.



Course Content and Objectives

- Chemistry and Chemistry-plus courses follow the same Chemistry Standards recently established by NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards)
- Chemistry is the study and composition of matter and investigates the mechanisms in which changes in matter occur.
- Chem-plus courses have increased academic rigor.



About the class

- Google Classroom is utilized to provide students resources, improve communication, and streamline assignments.
- Resources include: Online textbook, presentations, study guides, videos, assignments, and announcements
- Online access is required.
- [Google Classroom](#)
- Parents/guardians can sign-up to join



Types of Assignments

- Homework
 - Typically started in class. Provides meaningful practice for students. 3x week
- Labs- Hands-on lab activities (*Attendance is critical)
- Quizzes- Generally 1x week to cover previous material
- Tests- Typically at the end of every unit



Types of Assessments (cont...)

- Activities and discussion are both independent and working with a lab partner.
- Make-up Policy
 - 2 assignments (HW category only) can be made up per grading period.
 - Make-up work will be considered late and counted as zero points afterwards.



Types of Assessments (cont...)

- Test corrections

- Available for tests only (for the exception of final exams)
- Students can submit test corrections for their wrong answers and receive $\frac{1}{2}$ credit back on their test.
- I strongly encourage students to take advantage of this!



Grading Policies

- Weighted Grading Percentages
 - HW: 10%
 - Quizzes: 20%
 - Labs/Projects: 25%
 - Tests: 35%
 - Final Exams: 10%



Classroom Expectations

- Classroom culture built on mutual respect
- Every student has the right to learn in a constructive, safe environment.
- Students need to be willing to share ideas and be open-minded
- I prefer to discuss and resolve issues with students individually
- Parents/guardians will be contacted should issues persist

Support

- Advisory is a great time for students to seek help. Especially before a test!!!
- How can you help:
 - Establish routines
 - Help students organize due dates
 - Sign up for parent portal alerts



Communication

- Best way to communicate with me is through my email
 - jmoore@tvusd.k12.ca.us
- I try to respond ASAP to your questions or concerns.

