

Chemistry Students,

Today we start the remaining 3 months and 4 chapters of Chemistry here at MSHS. I will be stepping in for Mrs. Rugh for the remainder of the school year and am excited to do so.

Our future studies will continue to expand upon what you have previously covered in class. Therefore it is extremely important that you understand, and can demonstrate, what you have covered up until now. This is especially true for topics in Chapter 7 such as naming and identifying polyatomic ions, recognizing molecular and empirical formulas and determining percent composition when asked.

It is my foremost goal to provide a smooth transition between Mrs. Rugh and myself. To do so, I will be following the class policies and rules stated in the syllabi she handed out at the beginning of the school year. You can find that document attached to this letter as well as on the class website. My only addition to her syllabus is **I will be available to help and answer questions before school at 7am (M-F), after school until 3:30pm (M-Th) and 3:00 (F)**. Should you need help outside that time frame please contact me to set an appointment.

In addition, you will find attached a preliminary schedule outlining this class for the rest of the school year. This schedule will allow you to plan ahead for the labs, quizzes and tests we will have in upcoming months. I do reserve the right to alter this as school related and unforeseen events will require some adapting, but this will serve as the basis for your future studies.

I will continue to update Mrs. Rugh's website for this class with weekly schedules and documents given in class. If you lose or misplace a document, go to this website to print it on your own before asking me for another copy. Please continue to utilize your science binder to collect all handouts & graded work.

On the subject of graded work, I believe "Busy Work" to be both a waste your time and mine. I will never assign something simply to occupy your time. Any homework or in-class assignments are specifically chosen to reinforce an idea or concept. You can expect homework 2-3 times a week and in-class assignments 1-2 times a week.

Quizzes cover homework and in-class assignments. Chapter tests will be constructed of questions found on previous quizzes as well as chosen from homework, in-class assignments and labs.

Please share this letter with your parents. They will want to know of this change and how to get ahold of me should the need arise.

Mr. Moorhead