**Vachon 2013-2014**

**Advanced Chemistry – 821 - Course Expectations**

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Welcome to Chemistry! This course is a survey of chemical principals with an emphasis on both conceptual understandings as well as quantitative skills. Lab work is an integral part of this course and formal lab write-ups will be required. Students are expected to have strong reading skills, good study habits and the ability to work independently as well as in small groups.

**Important websites to bookmark**

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| ***Web Site Information*** | ***Link*** |
| **Vachon Chemistry –** contains class specific information. This is your nightly go to page for assignments. | <http://vachonchemistry.weebly.com/index.html> |
| **NSHS Science** – contains all information relative to the chemistry course including objectives and content. | <http://www.nshs-science.net> |
| **Textbook** – contains your digital copy of the textbook as well as online quizzes and resources  You will need the following activation code:  3518802-230 | <http://www.classzone.com/cz/books/woc_07/book_home.htm?state=MA> |
| **Engrade** – website to be used to access your grades. Please use the slip given to you by Ms. Vachon to sign into your account. | <https://www.engrade.com/> |
| **Chemmthink** – tutorial website we will be using throughout the year.  Activation code: 4519-8560-5015  Expires 9/10/13 | <http://www.chemthink.com/chemthink.htm> |

**Attendance Policy**

I will strictly adhere to the rules in your Orange Lion. If you are not in class you cannot learn the material!

**Term grades**

Term grades are 20% of your final grade in the course.

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| **% of term grade** | **Type of Work** |
| **50%** | **Reading Journal and Section Assessment Questions** – periodically assigned and checked.  **Homework and Practice Problems** – to be completed when assigned and ready for review in class.  **Cornerstone Labs** – Assigned form the NSHS Science website  **Projects** |
| **50%** | **Tests** – there will be 2-3 tests per term  **Quizes** – given announced and unannounced to help in the assessment of your learning over a chapter |

**Late Work**

Work handed in late will receive ½ credit.

**Mid-Year and Final Exam**

Both the mid-year and final exam are departmental. The mid-year is 7.5% of your final grade in the course and will be cumulative. The final is 12.5% of your final grade in the course and will be cumulative for all topics covered in the course throughout the year.

**Make-up Policy**

You must make up all missing work, test and quizzes within one week of your return from and absence. It is your responsibility to see me regarding any work you have missed while you are out.

**Closing Remarks**

My goal is to make this an enjoyable learning experience for you. Your willingness to work hard and maintain a positive attitude each day will be an integral piece of your success this year. I will work hard at staying positive and communicating my expectations for your learning clearly each day. Welcome!

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I have read the expectations for this chemistry course being taught by Ms. Vachon

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