

Teacher: Ms. Laroche Course: ASTRONOMY I

Text book: Astronomy Today

Course Description: Astronomy I will examine the science of astronomy, historical contributions, and the components of the solar system. Students will participate in classroom and homework assignments, projects, and planetarium activities. Beginning mid fall of 2010 the high schools planetarium will reopen with all new digital components.

60% - Class activities, homework, and lab activities.

40% - Tests

Grading Scale

100 - 94	A
90 - 93	A-
87 - 89	B+
83 - 86	B
80 - 82	B-
77 - 79	C+
73 - 76	C
70 - 72	C-
69 - 67	D+
63 - 65	D
60 - 62	D-
Below 60%	F

Some class assignments will be checked with a:

- 100%
- 83%
- 65%
- 50%

If below 50% a percentage or a zero will be given depending on the assignment.

TEST RETAKES-

Students have the privilege of retaking any test. The 1st test must be corrected and brought with the student at the time of the retake. Retakes must be taken within 5 days of the test being returned and they must be taken before or after school.

SECOND QUARTER SOLAR SYSTEM PROJECT-

During second quarter each student will be assigned a part of the solar system. The student will research the assigned topic and present the topic in the form of an informational poster, a paper and a 5 min presentation on the topic. **The project will receive two grades one for the research; it will count toward the class work part of the grade. The second grade will be for the poster and paper components and the presentation; it will count toward the test portion of the student's grade.**

EXTRA CREDIT-

1. Once everyone has taken the test they will be returned at the end of a class period, they may be taken home, corrected and returned the next day at the start of class. If **ALL** corrections are done and the test is returned to me by the start of class, the test score will improve by 10%. If a student receives a score above 90% the score will improve to 100%. If the entire test is not corrected **NO** points will be given.
2. There will also be some extra credit opportunities during each quarter.

CLASS EXPECTATIONS

Class Assignments / Homework-

- At the top of each assignment you should have your **name, the date, class period, and assignment title or page number.**
- Some assignments will be checked by my walking around the class and assigning a check. This can be done at the end of a class or at the beginning of a class. Assignments that are given a check **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED LATE**, except in the case of an absence. **Late is defined as not complete when the assignment is being checked.**
- Assignments that are to be turned in should be turned in to the drawer- if it is not in the drawer or if your name is not on it, you will not receive credit for that assignment.
- Graded assignments will be accepted through Friday of the week they are assigned for full credit. Assignments turned in after that will drop 25% a day.
- **Failure to come prepared to class- book, pen or pencil, and paper will result in a loss of points.**

Absences-

- If you are absent, and the absence is excused, it is your responsibility to see me to obtain the assignments. It is also your responsibility to turn in the work within **five days** from the time that you return from an absence.
- If you are absent on the day of a test it is your responsibility to make arrangements to make up the test, in most cases this will be before or after school.

Help-

- If you are lost or confused see me. I can be available most days before or after school to help you sort out any problems. I am willing to help you all you have to do is ask.

CLASSROOM RULES

1. Be respectful; you do not have the right to disrupt the class or people around you.
2. Come to class prepared- papers, pencils, and books; **everyday**.
3. **NO** food or drink in class.
4. Remain seated while the teacher is talking.
5. Throw out papers at the end of class.
6. During group work speak in **WHISPER** tones..
7. Keep brushes, make-up, and lotion out of site.
8. Follow all lab safety rules.

FOR THIS CLASS YOU WILL NEED:

1. Three ringed binder 1 inch or 1½ inch binder with a section for notes.
2. Paper (lined or loose leaf).
3. Your book.
4. Pen or Pencil.

Note checks will be done periodically approximately every chapter, they will count as an assignment. They should be kept neat and organized in order to receive full credit.

Notes and papers should be kept each semester.

Your semester grade will be calculated as follows:

40% 1st quarter

40% 2nd quarter

20% semester final

Example-

86% 1st quarter

90% 2nd quarter

75% semester final exam

Semester grade- $(86 \times .4) + (90 \times .4) + (75 \times .2) = 85.4 \%$ (B) semester grade