

"Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think." – Albert Einstein

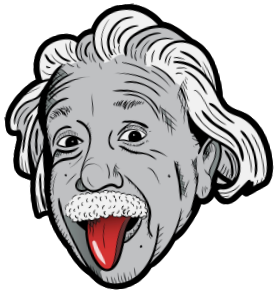
## A LITTLE BIT ABOUT ...

I am extremely excited to start this 2023–2024 school year with your student(s)! This year, your student and I will work together to facilitate a lab-based learning experience. They will gain skills that will be necessary for all of their future science classes as well as gain independence and confidence in their ability to critically think. With that being said, I have a very productive year planned!

This is my 22nd year teaching and my 8th year teaching science at WJHS. I continue to be motivated and strive to build a community-based learning environment within my classroom. I always focus our learning community and my procedures/policies on the values of **PRIDE** and **RESPECT** while holding all learners to high expectations. This classroom will be a safe-zone for all students' self expression and academic growth!

Welcome to Stress-Free 233! Let's get our **SCIENCE** on!

*Mrs. Hansen*



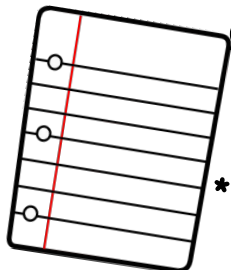
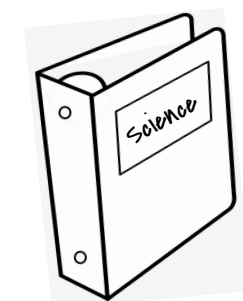
## WHAT WILL WE STUDY THIS SCHOOL YEAR?

- Science skills & Measurement (Sept)
- Basic Chemistry (Oct-Dec)
- Structure & Function of Cells (Jan-Feb)
- Genetics (March)
- Natural Selection (April)
- Human Body (May-June)

## TIPS FOR SUCCESS THIS YEAR...

- Always make sure you can answer the objective for the day
- Keep a clean and organized notebook & folder
- Complete **ALL** assigned work **ON TIME**
- Participate actively and **RESPECTFULLY** during class discussions and investigations.
- Remain on task and focused during class. Make the most out of our time together!
- Take advantage of opportunities for **ADDITIONAL POINTS** (these are rare)!
- Always include your name on every assignment you complete!
- Remember, **ALWAYS TRY YOUR BEST!**

## MATERIALS NEEDED FOR CLASS...



- Chromebook (**CHARGED EVERYDAY!!!!**)
- Folder
- Composition or Spiral Notebook **JUST** for Science
- Pencils
- Pens
- Headphones/Earbuds
- Colored Pencils\*
- Highlighters\*

### OPTIONAL DONATIONS

- Tissues
- Clorox Wipes

\* Not required = Personal preference!

## UNDERSTANDING MRS. HANSEN'S GRADING POLICY...

- We will be using a total point system for grades this year.
- Assignments that require more effort will be worth more points.

For example, a typical classwork assignment may be worth 10 points. The grade you get will be out of 10 points and written as a fraction (10/10)

- All grades will be available to see on Google Classroom and Infinite Campus. **Parents and students should check this regularly!!!**

## HOW TO SIGN UP FOR THE MATH AND SCIENCE REMIND APP!!!

- Usually 1 Remind text message will be sent daily with the homework for Math & Science as well as important announcements and reminders.
- Parents and students should sign up for the Remind!!! We find this makes everyone more responsible and accountable.

To sign up: Text @7mathsciR to 81010

## COMMUNICATION

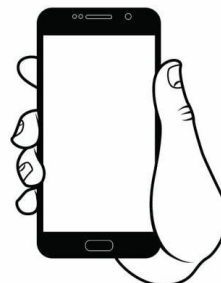
- Best way to communicate is through email. I will try to answer all emails ASAP (definitely within 24hrs if on a work day)
- If you would like to speak via phone, please email me a contact number and time that is convenient for you.

Email: [jennifer.hansen@wcsdny.org](mailto:jennifer.hansen@wcsdny.org)

## CELL PHONE POLICY

Cell phones should NOT be out during class. It is the Board Policy that they not be used at all during the school day.

- **First offense:** Student will turn the phone into the teacher until the end of class.
- **Second offense:** Student will turn the phone into the teacher until the end of day.
- **Third offense:** Phone will be turned into office and parents will have to pick up the device from the office.



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## HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS AND STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Homework is NOT assigned everyday.
- **Most** homework will be an extension of what we have done in class that day and will be graded based on being right or wrong
- **Some** homework that is meant to introduce and challenge you. You will be graded based on effort and completeness, NOT correctness.
- This will be indicated to you on the assignment instructions on Google Classroom!.

### Responsibilities of the Student:

- Please check grades regularly on Google Classroom and feel free to ask (or email) me any questions that you might have about a particular grade.

## PARENT HOMEWORK

Please electronically sign this parent/student contract before \_\_\_\_\_

You can also type in the website...  
<https://forms.gle/L4heDrdFckVuVW2r8>



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