

# Mrs. Bartush's 2017-2018 Biology Syllabus

1(A) and 4 (A) – Room 2034

2 (B) and 4 (B) – Room 2013

Office – Room 2040

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## General Course Description:

This is a one year, one credit course that will take you on a fascinating and exciting study of the natural world around us, through the lens of Biology.

## Basic Course Outline:

- The Science of Biology -Scientific Method and Measurement
- The Chemistry of Life
- Cell Structure and Function
- Cellular Energy – Photosynthesis and Cellular Respiration
- Heredity
- Evolution
- The Structure and Function of Living Organisms
- Ecology

## New Classroom Textbook: *Biology* by Miller and Levine (2017)

This textbook will be in the classroom. You will have access to the book online from home through powerschool. Directions for how to access the textbook online will be handed out shortly.

## My Classroom Rules and Expectations:

- Demonstrate mutual respect for everyone at all times.
- Be on time to class.
- Be prepared and willing to learn.
- Behave appropriately.
- Be respectful and courteous to all.
- Help maintain a learning environment for all to be successful.
- Bring agenda planner to all classes and record all assignments.
- Follow all school, team and classroom rules at all times.

## Grading Criteria and Categories:

### Quarter Grades

33.3% - Tests and Projects

33.3% Classwork, Homework and Quizzes

33.3% Lab work and Notebooks

### Final Grade

20% - Quarter 1

20% - Quarter 2

10% - Midterm Exam

20% - Quarter 3

20% - Quarter 4

10% - Final Exam

**Tests** – A test is given after each major chapter or unit of study. They are always announced ahead of time and a study guide is provided for each.

**Quizzes** – Quizzes are given as needed throughout a unit. They will usually be announced, and no study guide will be provided.

**Lab Reports** - Laboratory work occurs very frequently and may require a formal write up or packet to complete. When absent you have ONE WEEK to make up the lab, otherwise it is a ZERO. You must arrange for the make-up, I will not remind you.

**Homework and Classwork** – Homework is assigned to enhance your learning/understanding of the content covered in class. Therefore, it is assigned on an “as needed” basis. Homework will consist of worksheets problems, reading, or studying. You can expect most unfinished classwork to be assigned as homework.

**Notebooks** – A science notebook cover page or table of contents will be given out at the beginning of each chapter or unit we study. The notebook sheet will be updated daily and will also be posted on my website. Please be sure to keep your notebook up to date and well organized. Notebooks are collected on the same day you take your test.

**Projects** – Projects are assigned throughout each unit. Most will be done in cooperative groups and require everyone to participate equally in the work and presentations required for each.

**Absent from Class Policy:** When you are absent you will have ONE WEEK to make up any test/quiz, otherwise it is a ZERO. If you cut class on the day of a test/quiz or have an unexcused absence, you will receive a **zero** and lose the opportunity to make it up. If you were absent the day before the test, and thus missed the in-class review, you are **STILL** responsible for taking test that day. It is your responsibility to contact a classmate to get necessary information. It is your responsibility to retrieve your makeup work as soon as you return to school. Check my website and speak to me regarding the work you missed.

**Pass Policy:** If you are late for class without a pass, you will receive a tardy. On your 3<sup>rd</sup> tardy you will be assigned an afterschool detention with me. You **MUST** have a pass to leave the classroom. If you are late **MORE** than 10 minutes to class, without a pass, you will receive an absence for the day.

**Extra Help:** I am available for extra help most days after school, please just make an appointment to stay.

**Cell phone and Electronic Devices:** They are not permitted in class. Communicating via text/phone is prohibited and disruptive. Any excessive requests to put phone away will result in a phone call home and other appropriate actions.

**My Website:** My website is **mrsbartush.weebly.com**. I will also be using google classroom to assign and collect your work for many assignments. Please get use to checking the website and google classroom often.

Biology is a challenging course for many students. It has difficult vocabulary, a challenging curriculum. Be sure to complete all your assignments on time and to review your notes, organize your notebook and study on a regular basis. Your success is based on your effort. I look forward to a wonderful and exciting school year. We are going learn and grow together as we discover the fascinating world of Biology.

**Mrs. Bartush**  
**Brien McMahon High School**  
**Biology Teacher**  
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Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

It is my pleasure to welcome you and your student to my Biology classroom and to the 2017-2018 academic school year. I am looking forward to getting to know all my students and I am hopeful that we will have a very successful school year.

Academic Success is a learning partnership that involves, parents, teachers and students. Please help with that partnership by asking your student about class on a regular basis. Keep open lines of communication with me so we can support each other during this school year. Feel free to contact me at any time with any questions, comments, or concerns. My email address is [bartushe@norwalkps.org](mailto:bartushe@norwalkps.org).

With your support, your student will undoubtedly be successful in Biology. Encourage your student to review his/her notes nightly and keep on top of all assignments. You and your student may check my website for class information and homework assignments. My website is **[mrsbartush.weebly.com](http://mrsbartush.weebly.com)**. This year we will also be using Google Classroom to post, and complete assignments. Ask your student to show you our google classroom site.

Your child's first assignment of the school year is to share this class syllabus with you and ask you to complete the form attached. This form must be completed, signed and returned to me by Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup>. It will be counted as homework assignment. You can also complete the form online at <https://goo.gl/forms/7Z7zME1iy8tSgqeE3>. The link can also be found on my website and in google classroom.

I look forward to seeing and speaking with you throughout the school year.

Best Regards,

Eva Bartush

**Due to Mrs. Bartush by Wednesday September 6, 2017**  
**If you have access to the internet, please complete this on line at**

<https://goo.gl/forms/7vIcD89VpmGLaC9G2>

or go to [mrsbartush.weebly.com](http://mrsbartush.weebly.com) or google classroom for the link.

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please print**

**Student's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

We have read the attached course information and have reviewed it. We understand what is expected.

**Parent/Guardian (#1):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please print**

**Parent/Guardian signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Daytime phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary language spoken:** \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Method of  
Contact (please check  
one)

- Daytime number
- Cell number
- Email

**Parent/Guardian (#2):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please print**

**Parent/Guardian signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Daytime phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary language spoken:** \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Method of  
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one)

- Daytime number
- Cell number
- Email

**Any questions or concerns or anything I should know about your student:**

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