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To: Chemistry Students & Families
From: Office of Academics
Re: Chemistry Curriculum and Regents Exam Policy
Date: 3-10-23

Dear Chemistry Panthers and Families:

Any mid-year instructor change is challenging. In order to meet this challenge we:

- asked Ms. Wicks, a veteran Chemistry teacher, to return to Preston for the Spring semester.
- hired an additional co-teacher, Ms. Burgos, a recent graduate in Chemistry, to assist Mrs. Wicks and our students.
- sought clarification on certain policies in the Chemistry classes:
 - test corrections ($\frac{1}{2}$ point for each correction successfully completed) will be available for all full-class tests and “announced” quizzes (not “pop” quizzes)
 - Pop quizzes are based on homework, which is reviewed before the administration of the pop quiz; see course policy about “Fun Time”!
 - late work is accepted (for half-credit)
- have made the decision that taking the Chemistry Regents Exam in June is **encouraged, but optional** this year. (The state has modified the [requirements](#) for the Advanced Regents diploma: they only require 2 science exams, which Earth Science and Living Environment will fulfill.)

As always, extra help is available to our students with teachers (after school with Ms. Burgos; during 8-2 with Mrs. Wicks by appointment), and with peers through the [National Honor Society](#).

Progress Reports are a snapshot of student progress, a moment in time, they are not a part of your official record. They are intended to celebrate successes and/or offer tools and motivation for improvement where needed.

We strive to reach a balance between learning, assessments, effort, grades and time.

Thank you,

Craig Youngren
Assistant Principal for Academics