

Middle School Science Syllabus

Instructor: Mr. Bennett

School: Saint Hilary School

Academic Year: 2025–2026

Course Overview

Welcome to Science at Saint Hilary! This year, we will explore a range of scientific disciplines based on the **Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)** adopted by California. The curriculum emphasizes **inquiry-based learning**, **hands-on investigations**, and the development of **critical thinking skills** rooted in observation, experimentation, and real-world application.

Note: For a full list of topics covered in your specific class, please refer to the **Curriculum Guide** for your grade level.

Grading Policy

Exams and Lab Reports (60%)

- Includes quizzes, unit tests, and detailed lab reports
- Graded on accuracy, completeness, and conceptual understanding

Class Work and Homework (30%)

- Includes daily warm-ups, in-class assignments, and homework
- Focus on effort, accuracy, and timely completion

Participation (10%)

- Weekly participation grade based on engagement, preparedness, teamwork, and respectful behavior

Late Work Policy

Unless there are extenuating circumstances, late work will receive a **5% deduction per school day**, up to a maximum of 50%. Late assignments may be turned in **until the end of the trimester**.

Grading Scale

- A: 93–100%
- A–: 90–92%
- B+: 87–89%
- B: 83–86%
- B–: 80–82%
- C+: 77–79%
- C: 73–76%
- C–: 70–72%
- D+: 67–69%
- D: 63–66%
- D–: 60–62%
- F: Below 60%

Grades may be checked at any time via PlusPortal.

Classroom Expectations

- Line up outside the classroom before entering
 - Collect your science notebook upon entering
 - No roughhousing or horseplay at any time
 - Follow all **lab safety guidelines** during experiments
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Materials Needed

- A charged tablet
 - A writing utensil
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Contact Information

If you have questions or concerns, please reach out:

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