



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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'FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING'

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Dear SNC2D Parent/Guardian,

I am very privileged to be teaching your son/daughter science this year. Science in grade 10 can be a challenging subject for some students, partly because the course will require some mathematical and problem-solving skills, and partly because of the volume of new material and concepts that must be learned. To help students maximize their success on formal assessments, it is important that ALL homework be completed, showing all steps. Parents and students can both follow the webpage to see about homework, tests, assignment deadlines, or announcements by going to the school website <http://www.sta-russell.com/>.

Sometimes, students will experience difficulty with their homework. To that end, I may be available to provide students with extra help at lunchtime. Extra help is designed for students to ask specific questions about material they find difficult. Parents should be aware that students who are repeatedly absent from class may experience difficulty with this course. Students must also be completely responsible for catching up on all material when they are absent, including class notes. Many students arrange to have a friend take a picture of class notes for that day and send them electronically. **Please be aware that extra help at lunch is NOT a "make-up class" for students who have been absent for ANY reason.** Students that experience difficulty with the program and who need further assistance other than lunchtime help sessions should consider hiring a tutor outside of school.

Classroom procedures and requirements are fairly simple. Your son/daughter is required to have the materials indicated in the course outline (see the website). Students will also be issued a textbook with a specific number, which must be returned at the end of the course; otherwise, the student will be charged for that textbook. Lastly, students in my class are NOT allowed to have cell phones or other electronic devices anywhere on their person or with other belongings they bring to class (purses, pencil cases, etc) – experience has shown they are simply too distracting. While it is preferable for such devices to remain in lockers or at home, any device entering my classroom will be **required** to be turned off and left on my desk at the start of every class. It can be retrieved again at the end of class.

If at any time you have questions, **please do not hesitate to contact me (phone 445-0810)**. If I am unavailable, leave a message and I will contact you as soon as possible.

Please sign and return the form provided to confirm that you have received this letter and have seen your son/daughter's course outline that describes the curriculum and procedural expectations of this course.

Sincerely,

Ms. Brianna McElroy

Procedure to view the webpage (applies to both students AND parents)

- Go to school website at: <http://www.sta-russell.com/>
- Click on “Class Webpages”
- Go to the ‘M’ Section
- Click on “SNC2D – Ms. B. McElroy”

Acknowledgement

I, (student name) _____ have read the outline, expectations and covering letter for SNC2D, have looked at and know where to find the class webpage and I clearly understand what is expected of me. I also agree to follow all the procedures outlined for this course.

Student’s signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Information: (please print)

Name 1: _____

Name 2: _____

Relationship to student:
(eg. mother, father, aunt, guardian, etc)

Relationship to student:

Home Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Please sign to indicate that you have read the SNC2D course outline and covering letter on the school website <http://www.sta-russell.com>

Parent signature: _____

Is there anything else you would like me to know about your son/daughter?