St. Luke Middle School
 2015-2016

 8th Grade Science
 Mrs. Wood

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**Text:** Physical iScience ©2012 McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.

 ISBN : 978-0-07-888004-9

Students will be able to access the textbook online, with assigned username and password.

Username \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Password \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Supplemental materials may also be provided from a variety of resources.

**Website:** There is a science tab on the 8th grade website, sls8.weebly.com, where you can find project information, a weekly homework schedule, extra credit opportunities, and more.

**Tests:** Chapter tests will be given on covered material as class progresses. Juno Quizzes will also be given on assigned reading and science vocabulary. Most Juno Quizzes will be taken during class, using a personal or school issued device. There will be one notebook quiz during each nine-week grading period to check for organization. All tests and quizzes will be announced.

**Projects:** Individual and group projects will be assigned during the year. Students will be expected to work collaboratively with classmates. Most projects will count as a test grade. There will not be a required science fair project this year.

**Homework:** Homework will be assigned with each chapter covered and is due when indicated. Homework may be graded for completion or accuracy. Incomplete class work is expected to be finished at home and returned the next day for full credit.

**Late /Incomplete Work:** Incomplete work will not be accepted. Most assignments will be accepted for a late grade, with a penalty of 20 points per day.

**Classwork & Participation:** Students will complete daily classwork and/or lab assignments. Students are expected to be prepared for class with all materials readily available. This includes textbook, notebook, paper, pen or pencil, and *calculator*. Physical science is a math intensive class, and calculators will be used frequently. Students are expected to participate in activities that will include lab experiments, class discussions, individual seat work, and assigned group work. During class, students are expected to contribute to both written and oral expression. Points will be deducted from a class participation grade for each incident of non-preparation, class disruption, or violation of school/class rules.

**Extra Credit:** Occasional extra credit assignments will be available for students. These assignments are optional. Extra credit points will be added into classwork grades.

**Grading:** Final grades for each grading period will be weighted according to the following scale:
 Tests /Quizzes – 60%
 Classwork/Homework – 30%
 Participation – 10%

Grades can be accessed at Jupitergrades.com with password provided. All assignments and deadlines will be posted on Jupitergrades.com.

**Conduct**: I will be following the St. Luke School conduct plan. I expect students be punctual, prepared, and respectful of everyone.

**After School Help:** I will be happy to provide after school help or address any questions you have about class material, grades, or assignments. Please make arrangements to stay after school at least 24 hours in advance.

**Please sign and return this syllabus by Wednesday, August 12th, 2015.**

We have read and understand the syllabus for Mrs. Wood’s class.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_