

**Extra Credit is available to ALL students on an individual basis.**

**If a student is interested in pursuing extra credit, then he/she must FIRST read the information below. If after reading this information you have any further questions regarding extra credit procedures, then you may talk to Mrs. Wingerden.**

#### **General Information:**

- There are 100 points of extra credit available to each student per semester.
- Extra credit assignments must be pre-approved by the instructor (see below for details).
- Only one extra credit project may be worked on at a time.
- All extra credit assignments are due the week prior to the end of the grading period if you wish the points earned to be applied to that grading period's grade.
- The extra credit due date is posted on the Assignment Board in class. If an extra credit assignment is turned in after the grading period due date, then the points earned from that project will be applied to the following grading period's grade.

#### **Steps for Obtaining Extra Credit:**

1. Decide what you want to do for extra credit. This is YOUR extra credit project, not mine. **Your goal should be to learn something new about science beyond what we discuss in class.** If you are having trouble thinking of an idea, then look in your text book for topics you can learn more about, read a science related magazine, watch the local news, or the Discovery Channel for current events in science, which you could research further. Remember, this is YOUR project and you should be exploring something in science which interests YOU.
2. Once you have decided on a topic, you will need to completely fill out an Extra Credit Proposal Form specifying exactly what subject you intend cover. You may obtain a proposal form from Mrs. Wingerden's website or answer the Extra Credit Proposal for questions on a separate sheet of paper.
3. Once you have completed your Extra Credit Proposal Form, it must be turned in to the instructor for approval. **Extra credit topics must be pre-approved.** If you turn in an extra credit project without first writing a proposal and getting it approved, then your project will not be accepted.
4. Extra Credit Project Proposals are approved on a first come, first serve basis. If you have an idea for a EC Project, then get your completed proposal in as soon as possible to prevent other students from "stealing" your idea. If you decide to change or alter your Extra Credit Project, then you must revise your proposal and resubmit it for approval.
5. The latest that an Extra Credit Proposal will be accepted is two weeks prior to the end of the grading period. The Extra Credit Proposal due date is posted on the Assignment Board in class.
6. Complete your Extra Credit Project and turn it in on time. If you decide that you do not want to do the project you have signed up for, then please tell the instructor so that the topic can be made available for someone else.
7. Grading of projects is done on an individual basis. The following questions will be used as a basis for awarding extra credit points:
  - Does the project deliver what was promised in the proposal?
  - Does the project demonstrate that discovery and learning took place regarding the proposed topic?
  - Is the project presentation "worthy" of extra credit. In other words, is it neatly presented with no spelling and grammar errors?
  - Were sources cited correctly and included in a reference section? [**NOTE: Projects which do not include a minimum of three sources which are cited correctly and listed in a reference section will receive a zero.**]

#### **A Note From Your Instructor:**

- You can do as many extra credit projects as you wish to obtain the available 100 points during the course of the semester, but please sign-up for **one topic at a time.**
- Extra credit projects can be turned in at any time prior to the due date. Please be original and creative with your projects. This is EXTRA credit --- if you want to earn maximum points for your project, then pay attention to DETAILS --- I love to be impressed by your genius. Keep in mind I will be grading many extra credit projects so those which stand out will be rewarded.
- Please DO NOT ask me to predict how an extra credit project will effect your overall grade. This cannot be determined until your project is graded and the points are totaled.
- It is rare that one extra credit project will be awarded the total 100 points of extra credit points available. If you believe that extra credit is something you will need to improve your grade, then I advise that you start **pursuing these points early in the semester** to ensure that you have acquired all 100 points by the semester's end.