Dear Biology 1/ Biology 1 honors Students and Parents,

This semester I will be implementing some new procedures in my classroom. They are as follows:

* **Homework:** Students will be given the opportunity to earn half credit back on their homework assignments if they choose to re due the questions that they got wrong the first time around. In order to do so, the homework must have been turned into class on time and it must be initially graded by Mrs. Rubino.
* **Quizzes:** Students will be given the opportunity to re-take **2 quizzes** within a nine week period. The re-take quiz will cover the same material as the initial quiz but it will be free response (not multiple choice).
* **Test Corrections:** Test corrections will now be individual work. On days of test corrections the students will be given back their initial Scan Tron and be given the entire period to work. Half credit will be given back for every question that is changed to the correct answer.
* **Point system:**
* Test **85-100 points**
* Quizzes **30 points**
* Homework **10-30 points** ranging by question types
* Projects **50 points**
* Class work assignments **5-20 points** depending on question type.
* **Bathroom Passes:** On the first day of each nine week period, Students will be given 3 bathroom passes specific to this class. That is all that will be allotted per nine weeks. If students feel that they need more than three for any particular health reasons, it is the students’ responsibility to inform me. If at the end of the nine week period the students have remaining passes, they can turn them in for extra credit (2 points per pass).
* **Cell Phones:** Cell Phones will not be permitted in the classroom unless told so by Mrs. Rubino. Students that fail to follow procedures will have their phone taken and receive a lunch detention. If this becomes a problem, Students will be written a referral.

Thank You,

Mrs. Rubino