COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: Environmental Science

Course description
Environmental Science is a study of our environment and the impact humans have on it. The first semester we study the environment, which include: Ecosystems and Populations. The second semester we study the human impact on the environment which includes topics such as pollution, global warming, depletion of natural resources and the solutions to solve these problems. We will explore different points of view and differing opinions on how man influence affects the environment and solutions to these problems. This class contain varies outside activities and labs.

Text Book
Environmental Science by Holt
(cost of book is 85$, do not lose it)

Topics to be covered
- Ecosystems; what they are and how they work
- Ecosystem adaptation or extinction
- Endangered species
- Human population, problems caused by humans and their solutions
- Recycling
- Energy usage and sources
- Water and water treatment
- Land usage
- Air quality and climate

Credit for the Class
To receive credit for the class you must pass four unit tests with an average of 60% on all four tests. Each credit test will be 50 multiple choice questions given on a scantron. If you receive below 60% on any of the credit tests you may retake the test over one time. You will retake the questions that you have failed over, and then add total scores together for final grade.

Grading Policy
The majority of your grade will be made up of tests, projects and labs. Notes and daily assignments are a small part of your grade but are designed to prepare you for the tests. Tests will cover information given in films, labs, and projects as well as from the book and notes. If all your work is turned in your lowest test grade will be dropped at the end of each marking period.

Guide Reading worksheets = 2 points
Film worksheets = 2 points
Notes = 3 points
Labs = 5 points
Quizzes = 10 points
Tests = 100 points
Projects = will be announced
**Absent Work**
If you have an excused absence from class, you will not receive points for that assignment. It will be counted as an N/A in the grade book. You are still responsible to know the information as it will be covered on the tests.

If you miss a class, the assignment will be written on the agenda.
If you have an unexcused absence or did not turn in the assignment you will receive a zero for it.
This does not apply for tests, quizzes, or projects.
- Any major project must be turned in on time or early. You will be given plenty of notice.
  If you miss the due date they will be marked down by 10% the first day late, then 50% the second, they will not be accepted after two days
- Any test that is missed must be made up after/before school within one week of the original test date. If it is not made up within that time you will receive a zero for the test score.
- Any quizzes missed may be made up the following day in class

**Late work**
You may turn in late homework from the previous day for half credit. After that it will be counted as a zero, this does not include classwork.
Classwork is any assignments done in class that are due at the end of class.
The majority of work will be done in class, class work is due at the end of the hour. If you choose not to do your work in class it will not be accepted the next day. If for any reason you are working hard on the class work and do not finish it, show it to me I will put my initials on it and you may turn it in the following day with no penalty

**Plagiarism/cheating**
If you are caught copying from the internet or any other source you will receive a zero for that assignment.
If you are caught copying off somebody else’s work and/or you are letting a person copy from your work, you will be given a zero for that assignment.