



# Mrs. C. Smith

Chemistry, Physics and Honors Physical Science



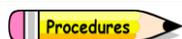
- Three Ring Binder (1.5-2 inch)
- Standard or college rule
- loose-leaf notebook paper
- Scientific Calculator (Required)
- Pencils and pens
- Graph paper
- Hardbound Composition Notebook
- Chemistry Course Fee: \$10
- Physics Course Fee: \$20
- Honors Physical Science Fee: \$10
- Physical Science: \$5

Dear Parent or Guardian, and Student,

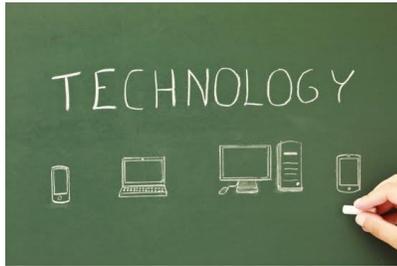
Hi! I would like to welcome you into my class. My name is Chere' Smith; I am starting my 23rd year, 22nd with Lee County Schools. This will be my eleventh year at Smiths Station High School. I will be teaching Chemistry, Physics and Honors Physical Science. In this class there is a strong emphasis on inquiry learning through lab experiences and the use of technology. It prepares students for college physical sciences and the advancements in our society. Science is something I have loved since my own high school years and I love to share my passion with others through teaching. Just a couple of my hobbies are reading, scrapbooking, photography and traveling.



- Be respectful to classmates and the teacher. #benice
- Be prepared and ready to learn every day. #nofreedays
- "Safety first" in the classroom and laboratory. #nohorseplay
- Sit in your assigned seat and begin working on the journal before the tardy bell. #classtartswwhenyouentertheroom
- Follow all Smiths Station High School and Lee County handbook rules. #stayoutofISS
- Food and drink are not allowed in the classroom. Bottled water is allowed only at teacher discretion. #askfirst
- Cell phones, air pods/earbuds and smart watches are **not permitted** during class. #chromebookonly



- **Labs:** On lab days, I expect all students to follow **ALL** safety protocol. Violating safety rules will result in the student not completing the lab and getting a zero for a grade. A lab report will be required for each lab. The format for the lab report will be given in class. Students who continue to violate safety rules will lose lab privileges. Those students will be given alternative assignments to complete in class. A signed safety contract must be on file before a student can enter the lab.
- **Assignments, Daily Work, Tests:** A test will be given about every 2 weeks. These tests will be announced at least 2-3 days ahead of schedule. Other assignments will be given throughout the year and I expect them to be finished by the deadline given. Journals will be part of a student's grade in the assessment category. At least once every 9 weeks a student will receive an article to read and answer questions. Assignments will be graded for either informal assessment or correction.
- **Notes:** I will post tutorial video lessons on Google Classroom. Students can view these as often as necessary throughout the nine weeks. Presentations will available on Google Classroom along with any worksheets or projects as well.



### GOOGLE CLASSROOM

You will receive an invitation to join via school email or during class once Chromebooks are issued.

### REMIND

Send a text message to the number **81010** with the message for your class:

- **Honors Physical Science**  
TEXT **HPS23SMITH**
- **Physics** TEXT  
**@c96kg7**
- **Chemistry** TEXT  
**@2b34dcf**



[smith.chere@lee.k12.al.us](mailto:smith.chere@lee.k12.al.us)

You can access my detailed Classroom Policies, Procedures and Technology resources on both the school website and Google Classroom.

# Missing Work!

Don't risk an "F"



- **Absences:** Make-up work is in accordance with school policies. **READ THE HANDBOOK CAREFULLY.** Work missed for **EXCUSED** absences can be made up within **3 days** of the absence. **UNEXCUSED ABSENCES** will result in a **ZERO** for all missed assignments. The majority of missed labs **cannot be made up** but will have an equivalent assignment to replace the lab. If the lab can be made up, it will have to be done **before or after school**. Tests will have to be made up **before or after school** as well. It is the **STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY** to secure make-up work and/or check Google Classroom.
- **Make-up Work:** Make-up work will be located on **Google Classroom** or placed in your journal.
- **Late Work:** For everyday that a **project** is late there will be a deduction of 5 points. Projects received later than 5 days will receive a **zero**. **NO late homework, classwork or labs** will be accepted unless it is for an excused absence within the three-day period.



### Forms/Assignments Checklist: Due by Friday, August 11, 2023.

1. Acknowledgement of Classroom Policies and Procedures Form (Signed by student and parent)
2. Lab Safety Contract (Signed by student and parent)
3. Enroll in your online Google Classroom ([www.lee.k12.al.us](http://www.lee.k12.al.us), choose Student, Google Classroom, Enter your class code provided via school email or during class.)
4. Join Remind text messages using your class code provided **FOR YOUR CLASS** to the left in this newsletter.