

FIRST DAY MYP BIOLOGY POINTS TO MAKE

- I. **Ask questions** if you have them. Waiting can be detrimental to understanding the current and successive concepts. The class moves quickly and a small misunderstanding can become a major problem. Ask the teacher so he/she will know there is additional explaining needed.
- II. **Use the exam expectations!** I literally read each and every test question and write “what the student must know” and/or “what the student must do” in order to answer that question correctly.
- III. **Factual recall** represents the minimum expectations. In order to earn A’s and B’s you must demonstrate a comprehension and application of the material.
- IV. **Form a small study group.** For some, learning comes much easier in small study groups. You can learn from those in the group, and you will understand the material better by explaining the material to them. Also these are the people that will help you when you are absent. They can get you the notes, tell you what we did, and pick up assignments for you.
- V. **Adapt!** If what you are doing is not working then try something else.
- VI. **Focus** during the lecture and follow the notes closely. If you get tired get up and around, ask for a short break, ask questions be active during lectures.
- VII. **Focus** during the labs and activities. Time is limited get your work done and limit your conversations about social items.
- VIII. **Manage your time.** Ideally, you should work on biology each and everyday for a short period of time. If you wait until the night before an assessment to prepare you will not be successful.