**Middle School Aquatic Ecology**

**Instructor: Lauren Borer**

Welcome to Aquatic Ecology!!! During the fall we are going to explore several topics over the course of 10 weeks. As you know we are limited by time. Because of this, you will be expected to do research on topics outside of class time and post your assignments in our Google Classroom. I will be reviewing and commenting on your work via Google Classroom.

**What to bring to class:**

* 3-ring Binder
* Notebook/paper
* Something to write with – pen or pencil
* Completed assignments
* Your brains!!!

**EXPECTATIONS:**

* ***Complete weekly readings and assignments.*** This is important so that you are ready to learn more each week. If you have any questions from the readings, our class time is the time to ask.
* ***Participate in weekly hands on activities.*** Most weekly meetings we will be working on a “lab” or having a group discussion. I expect everyone to be prepared to participate each week!
* ***Have your assignments completed on time!*** I will be reading and commenting on your work as you turn them in via Google Classroom.
* ***During class, you are expected to be prepared with notebooks, pens, pencils, assignments due, and ready to participate.*** Our time together as a class is short and we don’t want to waste any of it looking for paper and pencil.
* ***Be prepared to take notes!*** I will give notes in outline form via PowerPoint. If you have trouble keeping up, let me know and I will provide print outs of the notes for you. Speak up!
* ***Be respectful.*** You are smart, responsible young adults and I expect you to behave that way. We will all respect each other in this class. That includes me respecting you! We will listen to each other’s questions and work together to solve problems.

**Office Hours:**

I don’t have an office, but I am available to answer questions, concerns, etc. outside of class. If you would like additional help, I am happy to work something out within my schedule to fit in a home or library visit. You can email me or call me. I will get back to you as soon as I can.

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Google Classroom: use this code to access the classroom - **ams0kiq**

Availability:

Most evenings after 7pm

Most Thursdays

Most mornings on Fridays