



September 1, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the science department, I want to welcome your family to Carrollwood Day School as we look forward to another exciting and productive year.

Our goal as a science department is to address the various developmental aspects of a child and help in raising resilient students who are problem solvers, engaged thinkers and well equipped with the needed scientific skills. This is a slow process that requires active participation by the students and a robust support from the teachers. The teachers will do their part in the classroom and will also be available in the mornings before classes to help individual students as needed. Students can communicate with their teachers to set a time where they can get extra help. In addition, students are expected to follow class policies and procedures. Most of the time the struggles happen with submitting assigned work by the due date or taking tests on the assigned day. The policies are included at the end of this message for your reference. Please, take some time to read them and encourage your child to follow them.

Every year students of the junior class work on a 10-hour Group 4 Project as part of their IB science requirements. The Group 4 Project is an interdisciplinary collaborative activity where small teams of students work together on a scientific or technological topic. The purpose of this activity is to “become critically aware, as global citizens, of the ethical implications of using science and technology”, “develop and apply 21st century communication skills in the study of science,” and “develop an understanding of the relationships between scientific disciplines and their influence on other areas of knowledge.” This project is an integral part of the science courses practical requirements, which counts for 20% of the science IB grade. The Group 4 Project this year will take place on 2 days

1. **Wednesday February 16, 2022** : Students will work in their groups to research their topic and prepare their presentations
2. **Thursday March 3: 2022**: Students will present their projects

Please, mark these dates on your calendars and avoid planning any out of school activities, doctor’s appointments, etc. **Attendance is required on both days.**

Please, feel free to email your child’s teacher or me if you have any questions or concerns. We will do our best to respond to you within 24 – 48 hours of workdays.

Thank you for entrusting your children to our care at CDS and we are Looking forward to a great and productive year.

Warm regards,

Nada Williams

P.S. Please read the policies below.



Assignments and late work policy

- All assigned work is to be submitted at the beginning of the next class session unless otherwise stated by the teacher. Schoology preset times are not valid.
- If students have pre-arranged absences, assignments due during that time period should be submitted before the students leave not after they come back, unless prior arrangements have been made with the teacher.
- When at school, if students have to leave early, they must submit due work before they leave.
- Unexcused late work will not receive a full credit.
 - Daily late homework will receive a zero. Usually, this work is corrected in class and the student will have all the answers by the end of class.
 - Other projects such as lab reports, assessments, long term projects, etc.
 - One day late will receive 75% of the grade
 - Two days late will receive 50% of the grade
 - More than 2 days will receive a zero.
- Students will not be given extra credit / work to make up missed or inadequate work. The missed work still needs to be completed for the IB Diploma and for learning purposes.
- Marks will be deducted for inadequate or incomplete work that does not conform to the teacher's instructions.