

Greetings to All!!! Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to **Introductory Biology!** In this class we will learn how biology, the study of life, is important for each of us. We will consider a wide range of topics, but our studies will focus upon areas that today are at the forefront of mankind's understanding of life, such as biochemistry, cells, ecology, and genetics. We will also work to develop basic academic and life skills, such as communication and people skills, time management skills, skills involving working with outlines, tables and graphs, applied math skills, and so on.

Our curriculum is based upon the Arizona Department of Education Science Standards and the Academic Standards of the Amphitheater Public School District. The class is designed to help students develop an interest in science and learning, and also help them become scientifically literate citizens, and effective thinkers and problem solvers.

IRHS operates according to a two-semester schedule. The final two semester grades (recorded in December and May) are the only grades that reflect credit earned for each semester. Student's grade reports are available online and are updated often and regularly. Please contact me if you have trouble accessing these grades. Parents are encouraged to call me at any time if they would like to discuss grades or anything about this class or the science program.

Biology is awesome. Science is exciting. And this class is structured so that each student can achieve success with a positive attitude and a reasonable commitment of time and effort. I know we will have a great year working together. Good luck this year and please feel free to contact me about anything. My classroom phone number is **407-4165**; my email is **pfletche@amphi.com**. (Be careful to leave out the "r".) The school number is **696-4000**, and our address is **2475 W. Naranja Drive, 85742**. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Peter Fletcher