

## “Science Friday” Current Events Extra Credit

You may prepare no more than one (1) current event extra credit assignment *each week* for the entirety of third and fourth terms. In order to receive credit, the following criteria must be met:

- 1) Choose an article with a theme related to any aspect of the Intro Physics curriculum. Articles can come from any legitimate publication, such as *The Boston Globe*, *Scientific American*, *NPR*, *Science News*, *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, *The Economist*, or a website from any accredited college or university.
- 2) Record all bibliographic information for your article and its source, including publication, author, title, publisher, date, etc. as explained in the *NNHS Writing Handbook*.
- 3) Read your article and take notes. What is important about the article?
  - a) Is it reporting on a new discovery? What is that discovery? What are its implications? How might it be useful? What does the discovery help us understand?
  - b) Does the article discuss a controversy? What is the disagreement? How does it relate to the every day world? What are people doing to clarify or support one side or the other?
  - c) Is the article giving practical information by explaining something in physics that we use every day? What is it about? How do can we use the information?
  - d) Other???
- 4) Summarize the contents of the article in 3-5 paragraphs. Answer one of the following in each paragraph:
  - a) Who and Where?
  - b) What?
  - c) When?
  - d) Why?
  - e) How?
- 5) Your assignment will be typed, double-spaced, 12-point font, 1” margins on all sides, and will not exceed two (2) pages in length. Your name, the date, and your block will appear in the upper right hand corner of page 1. Pages will be stapled.

