

**Welcome to Advanced Algebra!**  
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Dear Students & Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Advanced Algebra! I am looking forward to another amazing year of helping you navigate your way through the wonderful world of mathematics! This is a Regents level course, which means everyone will have the option to take the Algebra I Regents exam in June. Please note that this is a 9<sup>th</sup> grade course, and as such, will involve much more work than previous years. This course will require a great deal of time and effort, and as a result, you are expected to complete ALL assignments that will be given throughout the year and to put your best foot forward at all times.

***Materials Needed:***

- Binder with the following inside:
  - Dividers (will be set up together in class)
  - Graph paper
  - Folder
  - Fabric pencil case (to be kept in binder) with pencils, extra erasers, handheld sharpener, dry erase markers, highlighter, and reinforcement labels
- Graphing Calculator (TI-83, TI-83+, TI-84 or TI-84) *\*please inform me if you have trouble getting a calculator; as the school does **not** provide them\**
- Pack of extra batteries for your calculator *\*if you have purchased a charging calculator, bring the charger to school and keep in your pencil case\**
- An agenda book is highly suggested but not required for this course
- You are expected to bring your textbook, binder with pencil case, and graphing calculator to every class.

***Grading Policy:***

- Grades each marking period will be based on tests, quizzes, homework, classwork, and participation and effort, and will be calculated using the following percentages:
  - Tests: 40%
  - Quizzes: 30%
  - Classwork/Effort: 20%
  - Homework: 10%
- There will be one quiz mid-way through the unit and one exam at the end of each unit
- Homework will be assigned every night and it is checked and graded on a daily basis. It is absolutely essential to complete the homework assignments, as they are meant to be practice for what was covered in the day's lesson and practicing the concepts at home reinforces what was taught. As per school policy, you have one week to make up a missing HW when you are absent. If you were not absent, you have one day to make it up and will receive half credit. This year all missing homework will be communicated weekly to parents on Fridays.
- Classwork/Effort is graded based on your effort during class, your participation in the lessons, your behavior in the classroom, your binder/notes, and your preparedness.
- Please note ALL quizzes and exams this year will be sent home, regardless of the grade received, to be signed and returned by a parent.

***Extra Help:***

- Extra Help is available on a weekly basis. There will be an "Open Door" extra help session every Friday during recess in Room 210. Extra Help will also always be available at the student's request.
- If you receive a grade lower than a 65 (or a 3) on a quiz or exam, you will be required to attend Extra Help. Parents/guardians will also be informed and sign a form acknowledging this.

***Class Rules:***

- Always be respectful! That means to your teacher AND your classmates.

- Come to class on time and prepared.
- All of the St. Edward's School rules apply in our classroom (uniform policy, cell phones, gum, etc.)
- All notes are expected to be copied and a neat binder to be maintained
- Complete all work on time
- Ask permission before getting out of seats
- Be responsible and accountable!
- Be HONEST!!!
- Above all....Always do your best!!!!

***Class Procedures:***

- When you come to class, immediately take your seat and begin to copy the notes on the board: the Topic, Focus Question and Opening Task must be copied and completed
- Copy down the HW assignment for the night and have the previous night's HW out on your desk ready to be checked
- If you finish these procedures, you have the option to read, copy the Daily Devotion, or review your notes. This is not socializing time.

***Absences:***

- If you are absent from class, it is your responsibility to get the notes from Google Classroom (they will be posted by 3pm each day). I will hold any missed work for you, but it is up to you to get the work and turn in any work that was due while you were out.
- If you are absent the day of a test or quiz, you will take it upon your return. If you are absent the day before a test, you are still expected to take the test when it is scheduled.

***Communication:***

- I will be using Remind IQ to communicate with everyone. All homework assignments are sent out daily at 3pm. I will also send reminders such as upcoming quizzes/tests and extra help sessions. You can also use this app send me private messages. The instructions to sign up for Remind for our class are attached.
- I will also be using Google Classroom to post homework assignments, class announcements and to post all notes from the day's lesson. All class notes are posted daily by 3pm the latest.

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 Please sign below to indicate that you have read the classroom expectations and procedures. This form is to be signed and returned no later than Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. All supplies are due Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

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 Student Name

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 Parent Name

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 Student Signature

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 Parent Signature

**Parent Contact Information (Please indicate the best method to be contacted)**

Mother's Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Any additional information you'd like to share?