

MATH 8!

Welcome to Mr. Marsala's Mathematics Class for 2019 - 2020!

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(A copy of this letter is on my website under "Important Handouts")

I am looking forward to teaching you all mathematics, one of my greatest passions!
Here are some things you should know:

This is a class introducing some new state and federal standards of mathematics known as Common Core. It includes Algebra, and Geometry, as well as some statistics. Our book is blue and is entitled "Big Ideas Math: Course 3". We will be covering approximately two sections each class.

Attendance: Be here AND on time each day! Math can be difficult enough when you're here, so don't miss a day!

Notes: We take notes almost daily in my class. Come prepared to write with PENCILS and PAPER. Have a notebook with plenty of supplies!

Homework (10% of your grade): Assigned daily, collected daily. Practicing at home prepares them for the assessments. Homework is required to be done the next day-no exceptions! There is **NO LATE WORK** accepted! A **Homework Calendar** is on my webpage and may be accessed any time to see what your homework is. Each Assignment is worth 5 points and I grade it daily.

Quizzes (80% of your grade): We have a main quiz once per week- it is at the end of the week. Sometimes we also have little pop quizzes during the week. There are no re-takes on quizzes.

Classwork: Some things in class aren't tests but I still want to grade them. You will be keeping a set of 3X5 notecards with vocabulary on them as part of this grade, and we may have warm-up checks as well at random times.

Final Exam (10% of your grade): At the end of each semester we have a cumulative final that counts about 10% of your grade.

Notebook: Although NOT required, it really helps to have just a math notebook (about 2") for your math class. A spiral is nice to have for notes as well.

GRADING POLICY

Grades are based upon tests, quizzes, participation and homework.

The grading scale for this class is as follows:

90-100 is an A
80-89 is a B
70-79 is a C
60-69 is a D
Below 60 is an F

Progress: You can check your grade on the Aries portal at any time from home or phone. You can request a hard copy of your grade from me at any time.

Discipline: The root word of discipline is “disciple” or one who follows the teachings of another. Modelling Shivela’s L.I.F.E mission is our number one priority! It is my goal to have you as a student acting and modeling good behavior and study habits while in my classroom. This includes no “put-downs, foul language, harassment of any kind, or talking out of turn. I expect all students to follow my rules in class (stated above) and to be on task at all times. Students who are disruptive waste precious class time for others who want to learn. Let’s all work together to have a great year!

Sincerely,

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