Ms. Mattaliano’s

Math Class Syllabus

SY 2015-2016

Greetings,

Welcome back to school! Team Constitution is excited that you will be part our team this year. My name is Ms. Mattaliano and I will be your math teacher. 8th grade math is full of familiar, challenging, and exciting skills that we will review and conquer. Some of the topics we will be learning about this year are Number Sense, Equations, Functions, Systems, and Geometry. One of the main things that I want to remind everyone is that math may not be easy, but we must never give up. I am encouraging everyone to put his or her best foot forward in every thing that you. I have outlined for you, in this syllabus, what my expectations and policies are for my class.

***Rules***

1. **Be on time to class**
	1. Arriving to class on time will keep you from falling behind (and failing). Trust me…as challenging as math can be, trying to catch up is a whole lot harder.
2. **Be prepared** (homework, supplies, spiral, your brain ☺)
	1. Have everything you need for class, including homework. You will not be permitted to return to your locker for missing material. You will have a locker time at the beginning of the day and during the day.
3. **Be respectful** (to peers and teachers)
	1. This is a safe environment; therefore we respect everyone including (especially) your teachers. We have a great time in math and we investigate a lot of concepts and tasks, so we need to work together so we have a great time learning.
4. **Give your best**
	1. If at first you don’t succeed, try, try, try again.
	2. I am here to help you succeed, but you must do your part.
5. **Be Responsible**

***Policy and Procedures***

1. You must always bring ALL of your supplies to class. Do not forget your IR book too ☺
2. You will have an assigned seat. Assigned seating changes periodically.
3. Your belongings are to remain UNDER your desk and out of the aisle. Backpacks belong in lockers (no purses or side bags in the classroom either).

***Math Workbooks and Spirals***

We have consumable math books this year. That means you will be able to write in the textbook. Therefore, you will be responsible for treating it with care, keeping up with it, and using it properly. We will be working with the book in class. If we need to complete assignments in the book, we will tear out the needed page(s). Your math book is designed to stay in the classroom and used as needed. Your 5-subject spiral will be where you store your graphic organizers, assignments, tests, quizzes, etc. We will be working on procedures for this. Your spiral is a HUGE studying resource that you will be responsible for and that you can take home to study with.

***Homework—Pencil ONLY***

I assign homework every night, including weekends. Homework is assigned so that you have the opportunity to show me what you know outside of the classroom and left to your spiral as a resource. You need to use your notes and graphic organizers to help you. **I DO NOT ACCEPT LATE HOMEWORK.** You will receive a 0 (zero) for any assignment you do not turn in on the designated due date, including the assignments that you fail to write your name on. Please be careful and studious about your homework. You will be given many opportunities to ask questions in class. I am encouraging you to ask questions if you do not understand something we are learning about. You must show your work at all times.

There is a special place in my classroom for you to turn in homework. Please place it in the correct place.

***Absences***

If you are absent from school, I encourage all parents to call LBMS and request your student’s work. Student, if you return to school and have not requested your homework, there is a “While You Were Out” crate that holds the assignments done each day. It will be your responsibility to get all of the assignments and notes you missed and your responsibility to turn it when it is due. Each day you are absent you will be given 2 days to complete it (i.e. absent Monday work is due Thursday morning). If you fail to turn in your make-up work on time, you will receive a 0(s).

***Assessments***

Assessments will be given periodically. Watch the assignment board carefully for assessment dates. I also reserve the right to give you pop-quizzes. Therefore, you should be studying every night for at least 15 minutes. On any test or quiz, you must show your work at all times. **On quiz and test day, under no circumstances do quizzes or tests leave my room when you are dismissed from class. If the quiz or test leaves my room, it is an automatic zero.**

***Returning Work***

In the back of the classroom, there will be a file folder with your name on it. I would recommend that you check your folder Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for work/quizzes/tests that I return to you. I do not pass work back in class because it takes too much time and we need every minute of class ☺. This is your responsibility to check. On occasion I will remind you, but for the most part this will be up to you.

***Enrichment Opportunities***

**Extra Credit: I do not offer Extra Credit.**

**Bonus Points:** On occasion, you will be offered an opportunity to earn bonus points on homework/quizzes/tests. This will come in many forms. So be listening to see what you need to do for this.

***Grading Weights Grading Scale***

50%-Quizzes/Tests 100-93 - A

25%-Homework 92-85 - B

25%-Classwork 84-75 - C

 74-70 - D

 69-0 - F

***Hallway/Bathroom/LMS/Clinic/Office***

Any time that I give you permission to leave my classroom, you must take a hall pass and sign out and sign back in. If you leave my class without my permission, you are considered Out Of Area and will be given consequences according to our Team Policy.

I understand that this is a lot to read and take-in. It will take some time getting used to, but you will learn what is expected very quickly. I will guide you at first and give you reminders to help you.

We will have a successful year. Do your best this year. We are happy to have you part of our team and we hope that you will enjoy this year as much as we will. Parents, if you need to contact me for questions or concerns, please contact me at the following e-mail address: mattalianod@jcschools.org.

Thank you,

Ms. Mattaliano

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**I have read and signed the Math Syllabus SY 2015-2016. By signing this document I agree to the Policy and Procedures for Ms. Mattaliano’s Math Class as well as the Conduct form. I have also provided an e-mail address and/or phone number that I can be reached at in the event of an emergency or an update on my student’s progress.**

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Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent E-mail (that you check often) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Parent Phone Number (must be a number that can reach you) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_