Honors Algebra 2

Syllabus 2017-2018

**Textbook**: We will be “building” our own textbook so you will need a binder to which you can add pages of notes and homework.

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 Edmodo code: 4k3ebp (this will be used to post reviews and answers sometimes)

 Remind (for text reminders): text to the number: 81010 message: @gk4c26

***Cell phones should not be out or on in the classroom. Students will not be permitted to use them as a calculator so there should be no reason to have them out. A cell phone locker is available at the back of the room. Each locker has a plug so the students can charge their phones. Students will keep the key to the locker until they remove the phone. I will assume that anyone who has a cell phone out during a test or quiz is cheating and the student will receive the appropriate consequence. Students will not be given a test or quiz until their cell phone is locked in the locker at the back of the room.***

**Materials**: Please bring the following to class each day: Binder, pencil and graphing calculator (TI 84 Plus is preferred and is the calculator that I will display in the classroom and teach with.) There are things that we will learn in class that will require a graphing calculator. Students who do not have one will have to wait to do those problems on tests/quizzes until another student is finished with his/her test or quiz and has turned it in and borrow a calculator from them. A graphing calculator is required in pre-calculus if a student plans to take that course next.

**Homework**: Completing homework is essential for your success in Algebra 2. Assignments are given daily and should be completed in pencil. Please ask questions in class if you do not understand a concept or have trouble with the homework. We will go over all homework the day after it is given and students should correct their homework daily. Homework will be turned in as a packet on test day. No late homework will be accepted.

**Quizzes**: There will be scheduled quizzes throughout the year. Quizzes generally cover less material than a test and are designed to assess student understanding before a major test is given. There are no make-up quizzes. If a student misses a quiz, they will be provided a copy of the quiz and the grade on the next test that includes the same material will count twice: once for the missed quiz and once for the test. This will help insure that quizzes are returned more quickly.

**Notes**: Notes are given daily and should be copied on the page provided.

**Tests**: There are generally 3 during a 9-week period. The tests are weighted more than other assignments in the class. Test dates are announced in advance. Please study for the tests as they are an important part of your grade. Tests are designed to be completed during the allotted class time. If you are absent for a test, and it excused, you will be given a make-up test the day you return. If you cannot finish a test during the class period it is given, you may return **the same day** to finish but you will lose 7 points from the test. Students will be given a “bonus card” every 9 weeks and will be allowed one retest per 9 weeks but will lose bonus points from the card for using the option. This will be explained during the first week of school.

**Grading**: Your grade will be calculated in the following way: Tests/Projects 60%

 Homework/Classwork 10%

 Quizzes 30%

**Extra Help**: Please come in at 8:40 am in the morning for extra help.

**Make-up work/absences:** It is difficult to be successful in class with excessive absences. The course is pretty fast paced and excessive absences will cause you to fall behind quickly. If you are absent and it is excused and unplanned, you have three days to make up assignments. If you are absent due to field trip or sports, assignments must be turned in the day you return. If you are absent on a review day before a test, the review will be posted online and you are expected to take the test when you return since no new material was covered. If you are absent and need help with a review, you should plan to come in before school on the day of the test to ask questions.

**Teacher Expectations**:

1. Please be in your seat when the bell rings and ready to begin work: warm up, go over homework, etc.
2. Bring all supplies to class and have pencil sharpened at the beginning of class.
3. Please do not work on things from other classes during math class.
4. Please show respect for your teacher, other students and school property in the classroom.
5. Follow all school rules in the student handbook.
6. ***Absolutely no cell phone visible and/or on in the classroom.*** If it is visible and/or on during a test or quiz, it is considered cheating.
7. Please ask for help as soon as you need it…do not wait until right before a test or quiz.

 The best way to be successful in my class is to complete all of the assignments that are given to you and ask questions when you do not understand. I hope we all have a great year!