

**Honors Precalculus**  
**Course Expectations**  
**Mrs. Nowak**

1. REQUIRED MATERIALS

- a. I-Pad / Textbook—must be brought to class every day.
- b. One folder
- c. Notebook
- d. Pencils
- e. Graph paper
- f. Red pen
- g. Loose-leaf paper
- h. Graphing calculator (TI 83 or TI 84 ) **and** a scientific calculator

2. CLASSROOM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- a. If late, get a pass from the Dean's office.
- b. A learning atmosphere will be maintained at all times. Respect everyone in the class!
- c. When I'm talking....you're not!
- d. Bring all required materials to class every day.
- e. All school rules **MUST** be followed - NO gum, no food, no drinks, proper uniform, no cell phones.....Detentions will be issued for violations.

3. HOMEWORK POLICY

- a. Homework must be completely done by the beginning of the class period of the day that it is due.
- b. Homework must be done in pencil.
- c. You must copy the problem and show the work necessary to arrive at the solution.
- d. Your work must be legible. Mistakes should be erased, not crossed out or written over.
- e. All homework should be saved in your binder or math folder. It will be used to study for quizzes and tests.
- f. All homework should have the proper heading:
  - 1. Name
  - 2. Assignment Number
  - 3. Date assigned
  - 4. Page, Problems
- g. Homework corrections must be done in **red pen**.
- h. Check answers in the back of the book. If correct, mark it as such.  
Solution manuals will be available for use in the Math Lab.
- i. Keep up with daily assignments to prevent getting lost, behind, frustrated, or anxious.

#### 4. EVALUATION/GRADES

##### a. Quizzes

1. Can be announced or unannounced.
2. Cover only a few sections of a chapter.
3. Remain calm and confident.

##### b. Tests

1. Always announced at least 1-2 days in advance.
2. Cover a whole chapter or a major portion of a chapter.
3. Pencils mandatory; showing all work is mandatory.
4. Study, relax, and THINK.

##### c. Grades

1. Grades are calculated on a "Total Points" basis.
2. Grades consist of homework, quizzes and tests
3. All homework will be checked in at the beginning of class and turned in each class. (5 Points)
4. Individual and group quizzes throughout the year (20-50 Points each)
5. Tests (100 Pints each)

#### 5. ATTENDANCE

- a. Since homework, tests and quizzes are announced in advance, if you are absent, **you are expected to turn in the assignment or take the quiz on the day you return.**
- b. If you miss several days, you must make arrangements to take any missed quizzes or tests within **three school days** of your return.
- c. Notify me ahead of time if you are going to miss class because of a meeting or school activity that involves only a few periods of the school day. **You must turn in any homework due that day. If it is a quiz or test day, you must take it sometime that day.**
- d. Notify me ahead of time if you will be out of the building for a field trip that involves the whole day. **Any homework due that day must be turned in on the day that it is due. If you are missing a test or quiz, you must make arrangements to take it within one day of the field trip.**
- e. If there is an extended absence, you or your parents need to make arrangements to get assignments.
- f. If absence is due to a retreat, you must let me know ahead of time so that we can discuss when the work is due.
- g. When the bell rings, you must be in your seat ready for class to begin. Any pencil sharpening or washroom breaks must be done during the five minutes between classes. If you leave supplies in your locker, you are considered unprepared for class – this includes forgetting to bring you homework to class. **Late homework will not be accepted.**

#### 6. TEACHER AVAILABILITY

- a. Ask questions if you do not understand.
- b. Math lab is open from 7:30am – 3:30pm. I will be available in the math lab 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Periods . You may go there for help during your free time.
- c. Form study groups and exchange phone numbers with classmates.
- d. Please remember that all the teachers are here to help you. We all want you to **succeed and have a great year!**
- e. Best way to contact me is via e-mail: [cnowak@saintviator.com](mailto:cnowak@saintviator.com)