

NOTE: SUMMER PROJECTS ARE DUE ON FRIDAY 9/14/11 AND WILL BE WORTH ONE TEST GRADE (100 POINTS.) 10 POINTS WILL BE DEDUCTED FOR EACH DAY OF LATENESS.

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Course Description: Senior Precalculus is a yearlong course that covers a wide array of algebraic and trigonometric topics to prepare students for collegiate mathematics. An emphasis will be placed on memorization, study skills, and pattern recognition. Students will be required to study extensively to learn all of the material covered in this course.

Classroom Expectations: All students are expected to arrive on-time to class every day with all of the required materials (notebook, writing utensil, graphing calculator, etc.) and to complete all assignments on-time. Students are expected to comply with all classroom and schoolwide guidelines at all times.

NOTE: A five-subject notebook is recommended for solely for this class.

We are expected to be...

- **Present-** Attend class every day. If you are absent, you are required to bring a note explaining the absence. Unexcused absences result in a 0 for participation for the day and will thus hurt your grade significantly. However, even excused absences are a bad idea as we cover a significant amount of material every day. If you cut my class, you will get a 3 in behavior and 5% will be deducted from your grade for the quarter. If you have to miss my class, notify me in advance.
- **Punctual-** Per school policy, 7 or more unexcused latenesses in a quarter earns you a 3 in behavior. Again, even excused latenesses are a bad idea. We cover material quickly and you will be behind from the moment you enter the room.
- **Prepared-** Have multiple writing utensils in case one breaks. Have a graphing calculator (TI-83, 83 plus, or 84.) Be in uniform (this means you are wearing black or khaki bottoms and that the TOP LAYER of your shirts says Carver, HSES, or E&S.) Have a notebook or binder that you use specifically for this class.
- **Participating-** Take notes. Ask questions. Make flashcards. Work on problems with your peers. "Participating" looks different for everyone, but you will not learn anything if you are not actively using your brain during class.
- **Pleasant-** You do not have to like everyone in class (including me) but you do need to act in a polite, respectful manner to everyone.

Please note that I said: "**WE** are expected to be"...If I am not complying with our classroom expectations, you have every right to politely call me out on it. In all honesty, sometimes I am not entirely pleasant. Just remind me :o)

Assignments and Grades:

- **Daily Assignments:** Students may use their own notes and textbooks to help with the daily assignments. Students may work together on homework but must work alone on warm-ups and closers.
 - **Warm-Up (WU):** Warm-ups will consist of a few questions on a topic that has already been covered. Students will have approximately 5 minutes from the start of the period to complete the warm-up assignment. Although you will not be graded on these daily, you

will have open note quizzes based on the WU problems and other classwork on every half day.

- Homework (HW): Homework will consist of roughly 10 to 20 problems from the textbook each night. Homework will be checked immediately at the start of class each day and is graded on a 5-point scale for completeness, not correctness. Students are expected to show work on homework problems in order to receive credit.
- Classroom Citizenship (CC): Students will earn a grade each day for abiding by all classroom and schoolwide rules and expectations. Each day of class is worth 5 points of classroom citizenship. You will receive 4 points for arriving on-time and doing all required work. Any negative behaviors (late arrival, talking inappropriately, eating in class, being out of uniform, etc) will cause you to lose points. Any positive behaviors (volunteering in class, assisting other students, etc) will cause you to gain points. You will receive a zero in class participation for all unexcused absences and for sleeping in class.
- Projects: We will have a wide assortment of projects over the course of the year. Some projects will be completed in-class while others will be long-term assignments completed outside of school. We will have both group and individual projects.
- Extra Credit: There will be no extra credit assignments. Students may earn extra credit by answering questions correctly on the PAML exams.
- Chapter Examinations: There will be an examination at the end of each chapter. These examinations will take the entire class period. Students will not be permitted to use notes or textbooks during examinations. Exams will be worth 100 points. Exams will be announced well in advance. **There will be no make-ups for missed exams regardless of the reason for the absence.** Students may make arrangements IN ADVANCE to take an exam in the event of an excused, foreseeable absence. You will be permitted to drop one exam each marking period.
- Cumulative Examinations: Per school policy, there will be a cumulative midterm examination at the end of the second marking period and a cumulative final examination at the end of the fourth marking period. These exams will be primarily multiple-choice in format with a few free-response problems. The midterm and the final will be significant parts of your second and fourth marking period grades respectively. **There will be no make-ups on exams. You may not drop the midterm or the final.**
- Pop Quizzes: In general, you will be allowed to use your notes on pop quizzes. Take good notes and always bring them to class with you. You may be quizzed at any time without warning. Pop quizzes may be made up within a day of your return to school. You are responsible for making the arrangements to do so.

Classroom Procedures and Policies:

- Typical Class Schedule:
 - Students complete warm-up, Hogan walks around checking homework—5 minutes
 - Hogan reviews the WU and HW problems – 15 minutes
 - New lesson and practice—25 minutes
- Seating Assignments: I do not assign seats. Choose your seat at the beginning of the year and stay there. I will not change your seat unless your location in the room is a problem for you or those around you. If you wish to change seats, either relocate to an empty seat or ask someone to switch with you.
- Hall Passes: Please do not ask to go to the restroom. There is a designated hall pass and a sign out book by the door. Sign out, take the pass, and sign back in. The hall pass is for trips to the restroom, water fountain or locker and is for five minutes only. Do not use a hall pass to go to the nurse, counselor, or office. You must have a signed note to go to these locations. If you abuse the hall pass privileges, you will no longer be permitted to leave the classroom during the period.
 - Nurse/Counselor/Office/Library/Etc: Trips to locations other than the restroom require a note. You must report to class FIRST and get a note signed by Ms. Hogan to visit any of these locales. Notes from these locations WILL NOT be accepted as an excuse to be

late to class. If it is an emergency, the adult responsible for the designated location may call Ms. Hogan to explain your tardiness or absence.

- Food: Students are not permitted to have food in this classroom.
- Beverages: Students are not permitted to have beverages in this classroom except a sealable bottle of water.
- Academic Dishonesty: Academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to the following: copying another student's work, presenting someone else's work as your own (plagiarizing,) using unauthorized materials (text, dictionary, calculator, etc) during an assessment, and communicating in any way with other students during an assessment. If you are not sure whether something is academically dishonest, ask Ms. Hogan. If you are afraid to ask then assume the behavior is academically dishonest. If you are caught being academically dishonest on an assignment or an assessment, you will receive a zero for that work. You will not be permitted to drop that grade and your parents/guardians will be notified regarding your unacceptable behavior. If there is a reasonable suspicion of academic dishonesty, you may be required to retake an alternate version of the assessment and your two scores will be averaged to receive a final grade for that assessment.
- Cell Phones : At times, students may be instructed to use cell phones as an instructional tool. No student will be required to have a cell phone. If, at any point, a cell phone is creating a distraction from instruction, you will be asked to put it away. If you fail to do so, it will be confiscated. **During assessments, each student will be required to place his/her cell phone facedown on the desk.**
- Other Electronic Devices: Devices are banned during instructional time. On days in which students are working on problem sets in groups, devices may be used unless they create a problem. If directed to do so, you must put the device away or it will be confiscated.
- Grading Policies: All grades are awarded based on points earned out of the total points possible. All points are worth exactly the same amount. 1 point on HW is the same as 1 point on an exam. However, most HW assignments are worth 5 points and most exams are worth 100 points.
- E-mail Communication: Assignments and information will be e-mailed to you. You are responsible for checking your email daily and printing necessary materials. It is imperative that you provide me with an email address that you can check often. Some items will only be e-mailed, however, most materials will also be available on the website.
- Late Work: I do not accept late work. If you have been absent, work is due within a day of your return or it will not be accepted. Provisions can be made for extended absences.
- Tutoring: I coach and do a number of afterschool activities, so I will offer tutoring as I am available throughout the school year. Additional help can also be found in the Homework Zone (Monday – Thursday from 3PM to 4PM in the IMC).

SIGN BELOW AND RETURN TO MS. HOGAN BY FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2014. THIS IS AN ASSIGNMENT WORTH 10 POINTS.

By signing below, I indicate that I have read and understand all information, rules, and regulations for this course. I am aware that there will be no make-up assessments in the case of absence. I understand that a missed assessment will result in a zero and that cuts and tardiness will automatically earn a three in behavior. I understand that there will be no extra credit of any kind during this course and that no assignments will be curved. . I understand that, in the event of absence, I am responsible for getting missed assignments by contacting my peers or by e-mailing Ms. Hogan (smhogan@philasd.org). I further understand that I am expected to complete all work on time despite my absence and that exceptions will only be made for prolonged absences or other extenuating circumstances. I take full responsibility for complying with all rules and regulations.

Student and parent/guardian, sign below to indicate that you understand the policies outlined in this syllabus.

Student Name (Print)

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

****BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT IS WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2014****

****PLEASE FEEL FREE TO COME ASK QUESTIONS BEFORE SIGNING THIS FORM****