



# Notes to Success



*"Mathematics is the music of reason." - James Joseph Sylvester*

Welcome to Miss Wittrock's math classroom! In order for our term together to be successful, I need to be *in-tune* with your needs and you need to be *in-tune* with my expectations for you. Together, we will be able to create a classroom environment that is engaging and fun, yet respectful and focused. I want you to be able to *perform* to the best of your ability, so I have policies and procedures in place that I believe will make you as successful as you can be in my classroom!

## **Greetings**

Every day, I will do my best to greet you at the door and either shake your hand or give you a high five. I expect you to give me a firm handshake or an enthusiastic high five. A firm handshake is an important skill to have once you go out into the workforce.

Interviewers say a handshake can make or break your job interview, so here is a great opportunity to practice!

## **Do Now (Please and Thank You)**

Every day you enter class, you will be assigned a Do Now to complete immediately. Upon entering my classroom you will find your seat, get out your required materials, and work on your Do Now quietly. No talking is allowed, but don't worry, you will have plenty of other opportunities throughout class to talk to one another.

## **Have a positive attitude!**

Believe it or not your attitude is important. It not only affects those around you, it also affects how well you will perform in my class. As your teacher, I believe in you and I believe you can be a high achieving mathematician. The key to success is the right mindset. My challenge to you this term is to maintain a growth mindset, belief that your intelligence grows through effort! Now it is up to you whether or not you will accept my challenge.

## **Collaborative Work Etiquette**

Throughout the term, we will be working in community with one another. Several of my assignments will require you to work with a partner or in a group. I expect you to show respect to others. Your peers are one of your greatest resources! They think and process mathematical concepts in ways different from your own, so I encourage you to respectfully work and learn together. Be sure to listen, reason, justify, and collaborate with one another.

### Call to Attention

Since we will be constantly collaborating and working with one another, class will get loud! There will be times where I will need to draw your attention back to the front of the room for instructional purposes. When I do so, I expect you to quiet down as quickly as possible and have your full attention.

### Assignments, Homework, and Grades, OH MY!

Assignments, homework, and grades will be posted on NEO. Please check NEO each night to stay up-to-date on class assignments, homework, and grades.

### Leaving the Classroom

In order to leave my classroom for any reason (bathroom, office, nurse, counselor, etc.), I need you to sign out using the sign-out sheet by the door. You will log the date, your name, your destination, and the time you left and returned to class. Upon leaving be sure and grab the hall pass.

### Cell Phone Policy

Cell phone use will not be allowed in class. However, I will invite you to use your cell phone for some activities! During these activities are the only time your cell phone can be out. If you use your cell phone without my permission you will receive a warning. On the second offense, it will be taken away and you can pick it up after class.

By the end of this term, I hope that you leave my class with a growing respect for math and for those around you. Abiding by the policies and procedures above will allow this hope to become a reality and help us have a wonderful term together. I am excited for what is in store for us.



**Respect Math. Respect Others.**