

Welcome to the 2009-10 school year! I am your math teacher...Mr. Chartan. Below are some items that will help make your transition to Geometry 10 a little smoother. These include supplies for class, daily requirements, and my expectations regarding your effort, attitude, and attendance. Please review this material carefully with your parents/guardians, have one of them sign in the indicated space at the top of this page, and bring it back to class for my review.

SUPPLIES (Daily)

Textbook:	in class every day of the year;
Note Taking:	3-ring binder or spiral notebook – we will be taking a lot of notes! You may need a folder for handouts, tests, quizzes, etc.;
Writing Tools:	at least 2 pens/pencils at all times – please no reds or greens;
Calculator:	TI-83 PLUS Graphing Calculator (or better)

The following items should be readily available to you with one day advance notice (you may want to gather them or buy them now, but keep them home until I notify you): Ruler, graph paper, protractor, and construction compass.

EXPECTATIONS

Class Materials:	As indicated above I expect you to have your notebook, textbook, previous night's homework, writing tools, calculator, and any other indicated items in class at <u>all</u> times – including on test and quiz days.
Promptness:	I expect that by the time the bell rings to signal the start of class, each student will: 1) be seated at his/her desk, 2) have the previous night's homework displayed for me to check, 3) have their textbook open to an appropriate page, 4) have their notebook open for notes, 5) be working on any class initiation activity, and 6) be ready to work!
Effort/Attitude:	I expect each student to: 1) be completely prepared for class at all times, 2) participate fully in all class activities, and 3) cooperate with each other and me in creating an atmosphere that will benefit the entire class and make the learning of mathematics a positive experience.

Tests/Quizzes: **Math testing day is Thursday** (open test day is Monday). The vast majority of tests will be on Thursday; however there may be an occasion when unforeseen circumstances require the test to be moved to a different day. Should this need arise, we will discuss it as a class. Quizzes can be scheduled for any day, but will be announced in advance.

Quarter Grades: Your quarter grades are determined in two parts. The objective portion of your quarter grade is determined by your scores on tests, quizzes, and any other graded work. The subjective portion of your grade is based on your effort, attitude, homework record, class participation and your attendance/lateness record.

Your consistently positive actions in the subjective criteria will be reflected in your quarter, and possibly, final grade; likewise any occurrences of poor effort, attitude, homework, class participation, and attendance/lateness will also be reflected in your quarter, and possibly, final grade.

Extra Help: Students who are struggling should seek extra help early and often. Do not wait until the day or night before a test/quiz to realize you need help. By then it may be too late. My extra help is in room S-8 and I am available **Monday afternoons (2:30 – 3:10) and Wednesday mornings (7:15 – 7:40)**. Remember math test day is Thursday.

Absence: If you are absent from class, you are responsible for making up all missed work/assignments. Get the notes/assignments from a responsible source; read appropriate section in textbook; study the notes; work the exercises; etc. You may still need to attend extra help to make up missed work, but your initial efforts in the above will go a long way in getting caught up.

Students who miss a test/quiz legitimately, are expected to take a make-up the first day they return to school from their absence (even if not in school the entire day). If you know you will miss a test/quiz in advance, you must let me know so alternate arrangements can be made. All make-ups will be administered at 7:00 am in the math office. If you want a special accommodation, you must speak with me so that we can discuss your specific situation. Any student who misses a test/quiz or make-up illegitimately, will receive a zero grade.

Good luck for a successful and productive school year,

Mr. Chartan (mchartan@csh.k12.ny.us or 631-367-6927)