

### PreCalculus Honors

#### Expectations:

As you have learned throughout your many years as a student, what you take away from a class really depends on what you put into the class. I expect you to make the effort to do your best at all times. In an honors class, problems and reading sections are chosen to reinforce topics presented in class and to introduce variations or extensions of these topics which will not be emphasized in class, but for which **you will be held responsible**.

You are expected to be present, on time, and prepared for class. Take copious notes and arrange your materials chronologically in your notebook. Participating in class will help you receive a better understanding of the material and will ultimately have an effect on your overall grade. ***You MUST have a fully charged laptop/Chromebook/Ipad or a binder, a pen or pencil, and a graphing calculator with you in class EVERY SINGLE DAY. If you are absent it is your responsibility to make up any assignments and keep on top of the classwork.*** I recommend that you check with me, not a classmate, to find out if I checked homework when you were absent. ***If I am absent, you must attend class and complete all the assigned classwork and homework. If a substitute tells me you were uncooperative or you cut class, you will lose 5% from your final homework grade. If you have trouble with any class material or homework assignment, please do not hesitate to ask questions or seek extra help.*** I want you to remember that this is **our** classroom. We have to work together. I want you to be successful and I will push you to be the best math student that you can be. To do this I need to hear from you when you may be struggling or are overwhelmed, etc..

#### Grading:

Your grade in this course will be based upon both achievement and effort. You should understand that the two of these normally go hand in hand. Each quarter your average will come from grades in the following areas: homework grade, exams. You will know well in advance about all exams. In addition, there will be a cumulative exam given at the end of each quarter. Your quarterly exam will count as a replacement grade for your lowest exam grade of that quarter. ***If you are absent for an exam, you must make arrangements to take that exam upon your return to school.*** Please see me before class on the day you return to make these arrangements. If you have not been absent for any of the material covered on the exam or if your absence was due to school business, you should be prepared to take it on the day your return barring any extenuating circumstances. Cutting class during an exam, not taking an exam, or cheating on an exam will result in a zero. (A zero received because of cheating or cutting class will **not** be replaced.)

**Homework:**

Homework will be assigned on a daily basis. You are expected to complete, with accuracy, all of the assigned homework. There may be times that I ask you to upload certain assignments to Google classroom. **Answers alone, without supporting work, are treated as a failure to do homework.** Use of the answer key in the back of the book to check your solutions is required. Please have your homework out on your desk at the beginning of each class so that I can check or collect it. **You will not be permitted to turn in late homework.** We will be reviewing select homework problems in class and it would not be fair to the students who handed their assignments in on time for me to accept homework after its due date. Copying another student's work at any time *will not* be tolerated. I check homework, but not every day. If I check homework and if you have done all the homework you will receive one credit. If you have not done all the homework (even if only one problem is missing), you will get half credit or no credit, depending on how much of the assignment is completed. If I check homework 10 times, and you completed it 8 times, your homework grade is 80%. Remember, if you are absent check with me, not a classmate, to find out if I checked homework when you were out and complete and show the assignment(s) to me before I update the homework grade on the portal at the end of the week. **Please organize your homework assignments by number just as they are listed on the website; this will make it easier for you to know exactly which assignments that you are missing.** A homework grade is not replaceable, not even by a quarterly exam.

**Cell phones:**

The use of cell phones during class time is prohibited. Kindly turn them off before entering the classroom. **I should not see them for any reason.** Using your phone (texting, using instagram ...) during class is extremely distracting to you and me. If your cell phone is out during class I will have to take it and there will be consequences. Please do not make this an issue.

**Parent Portal:**

Exam grades will be posted on the portal as soon as I finish grading them. I will also keep a running homework grade on the portal. Please pay attention to the date so that you know when the homework grade was last updated. I strongly urge both parents and students to check the portal consistently.

**Website: [www.loughranmath.weebly.com](http://www.loughranmath.weebly.com)**

If the past year and a half has taught us anything, it is that things can change in an instant. So please know that these policies may be tweaked if need be during the year. Please show this sheet to your parents or guardians so they know what is expected of you and ask them to sign in the space designated below. You must also sign this sheet and return it to me as part of your first homework assignment. I am looking forward to a very productive and exciting school year with all of you!

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Student's Name (Please Print)

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Student's Signature

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Date

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Parent's/ Guardian's Signature