

August 12, 2014

Dear Parents and Students,

It's going to be a great year! My goal in teaching this class is to not only learn mathematical concepts and principles but to also understand how all of this fits into God's plan and design for each of us. The creation of God is one of order and precision. We utilize math every day in our lives – we orchestrate our daily schedule with time, we pay bills, we logically sort information to solve everyday situations and problems. Math is all around us every day from the most basic tasks to very complex thinking. Through the study of mathematics we can begin to understand the nature of God as He reveals His calculated design through scripture and our daily lives. Galileo is reported to have said, "Mathematics is the language with which God wrote the universe."

Enclosed is information outlining the classroom expectations, grading (homework, tests, quizzes), and materials that will be needed. Most of the students will be familiar with my policies, however, there are a few changes. **Students will not be issued textbooks. All homework will be done accessing the online textbook (ebook – Algebra 1 students only) or using the provided worksheets.** Included is information on how to access the online textbook. Students who registered to use the online textbook last year will use the same username and password. I will provide the redemption code to access the online textbook. If you are new to the school, do not remember your username/password from last year, or did not register last year, you will register this year as a first time user. If you remember your username/password from last year, you can access your new textbook without registering. Simply login and add your textbook using the redemption code provided.

Each student will need to go over this handout with their family. **It will count as a homework grade so be sure to read and complete the Signature Page (google form) located on my WCA Classnotes by Tuesday, August 19.** This information and the link to the Signature Page will be available on my WCA ClassNotes if you lose the handout from class. I will post homework assignments, test dates, and other important information on my WCA ClassNotes. Information for the week will be posted by Monday. Please check it regularly for updates. I may adjust the schedule depending on the progress we make in the classroom. The best way to contact me is through email ([elizabethcollins@wakechristianacademy.com](mailto:elizabethcollins@wakechristianacademy.com)).

Thank you for entrusting your student with us and my prayer is that God will do a work in each of us as we pursue a deeper understanding of Him and math in our everyday lives.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth Collins