**Mr. Van Rossum
Chilton Area Catholic School 2017-2018**

**Welcome to Algebra 1!**

Students will be engaged in a rigorous and enriching math environment where we apply our problem solving skills first hand.  This Algebra course is designed for middle school (it is not a high school level replacement) and provides opportunities for deep engagement in the content material.  Our lessons will go more in-depth than what they have in Pre-Algebra as each topic will build upon the previous topics.

Topics which we will be studying include:  solving, graphing, and writing linear equations,; solving linear inequalities; solving systems of linear equations, linear functions; exponential equations and functions; polynomial equations and factoring; graphing quadratic functions, solving quadratic equations; square root functions and geometry; rational equations and functions; and data analysis and displays.

**Classroom Expectations**

In order to create a positive learning environment, I have developed a classroom discipline plan with specific expectations for all students. Everyone in the classroom will work together as a team to achieve our learning goals with few interruptions. Below is an outline of my plan.

**Our Classroom Non-negotiables:**

 Listen and follow directions

 HP Streams should be used for learning only

 Be respectful of everyone and everything

**Grading**

Student grades for Mathematics will be based on a combination of Tests, Quizzes, Homework, and Class Work/Participation:

* 40% Tests
* 35% Quizzes
* 15% Lesson Work
* 10% Class Participation

Students will receive their letter grade for Mathematics based on the Chilton Area Catholic School’s grading scale:

A+ 99-100
A  95-98
A- 93-94
B+ 91-92
B  87-90
B- 85-86
C+ 83-84
C  79-82
C- 77-78
D+ 75-76
D  70-74
D- 69

Below 68 P (Progress shown, but below grade level) Below 65 U (Unsatisfactory progress toward mastery of subject)

## “Homework” Policy

I will be implementing what is known as Flipped Learning in order to better meet the needs of the students.

Each night, students will watch a short video (about 10 minutes) pertaining a lesson. The next day, we will do a quick review/follow-up of the video lesson. The remainder of the class time will be work time for students to complete the assigned work for that day’s lesson.

**Chilton Area Catholic School Late Work Policy:**

There will be a score reduction for late assignments.

* 1st Day late: 10% point deducted
* 2nd Day Late: 50% point deduction
* 3rd Day and Onward: No points given, but the student must still complete the assignment.

**Test Signing**

In order to facilitate good communication between the classroom and home, I will require that all tests and quizzes be signed by a parent or guardian and brought back to me within **two days** of the student receiving the graded quiz or test.

## Absent Policy

If a student is absent, their work will be sent to office to be picked up at the end of the day.

All work/notes will also be posted on our Google Classroom site.

Students who miss homework because of an absence will receive the opportunity to make up missed work. Students are given one calendar day for each day absent plus one extra day to turn in their work. It’s the students’ responsibility to get work missed due to illness or absence.

If a student missed a test or quiz, due to an excused absence, we can schedule a time to complete the test/quiz.

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## Code of Conduct

Students are expected to abide by the Chilton Area Catholic School Code of Conduct, as outlined in the Parent/Student Handbook. If violated, I will follow the discipline procedure as outlined in the Code of Conduct.

# Notes/Laptops

Students will have a copy of the lesson/slides online (the same one that I use) as well as access to all of our videos. They can reference this for notes but should still have some actual written notes for each section.

**Web Page**

This syllabus and additional class information are available on my page at the Chilton Area Catholic website (http://www.chiltonareacatholic.org). I will post links to online resources, to the Google Classroom page, and to any other beneficial resources.

## Contact Information

I believe in maintaining open communication lines. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, feel free to contact me.

My e-mail: wvanrosssum@chiltonareacatholic.org
At school: (920) 849-4141 ext. 110\* (Office)
 Please leave a message with Mrs. Hoefler

 If no one is in the office, my school phone is (920) 849-4141 ext. 104

You can also send a note with your child through their assignment notebook.

I am looking forward to a great year with the middle school students!