

BASIC GEOMETRY

Dear Student,

As you begin your sophomore year, this quote from L.M.Alcott comes to mind:

“Far away, there in the sunshine, are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them, but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them and try to follow where they may lead..”

In your mind, graduation, college, career, must seem like a zillion years away and best left to think about as a junior or maybe even a senior. Many will say, “I’m going to college, etc ...”, and in reality find themselves, two or three years from now, facing rejection or failure because they failed to translate their “wants” into “plan of action”. As a sophomore, it is important that you give serious consideration as to where you see yourself three years from now. You also need to be aware that life will present certain challenges to your dreams. Prepare to meet those challenges with determination, effort and perseverance. With this in mind, I officially want to welcome you back to Shanahan, and geometry.

The intent of this paper is two-fold.

- ⇒ provide you with a list of materials needed, and
- ⇒ Familiarize you with classroom procedures and responsibilities.

Some things are negotiable in class. These are not.

1) MATERIALS:

The following materials will be needed for class. It is expected that they be **brought** and **not borrowed** each day. Two points will be deducted from your homework/preparation mark for each missing item.

- Book (on-line *Pearson-Common Core Geometry*) netbooks provided (I hope)
- Separate binder for subject - for all notes, examples and homework
- College ruled loose-leaf and dividers
- Red pen for all corrections
- Sharpened pencils or mechanical pencil (all work is to be done in pencil)
- Colored pencils
- Compass
- Highlighter (yellow only)
- Pencil case for binder

2) REQUIREMENTS:

Attendance in Regular Meetings of Class.

Absence is the cause of many failures in school. The responsibility for making up work and obtaining notes lies entirely with you.

- Homework:** *You assume the burden of getting and completing all assignments prior to your return and are expected to resume participation on the current topic the day of your return.*
- Tests:** *If you were absent the day of a test, a make-up test will be given before school or during your lunch or study period. Please make the necessary arrangements by emailing me prior to your return. Appropriate passes will be issued. A previous day’s absence will not excuse you from a scheduled quiz or test given on the day of your return.*
- Sports:** *I appreciate your interest and I’ll be rooting that you win every event or game BUT you are to complete all assignments/tests/homework as if present for class. If a test has been scheduled, you MUST take that test during your lunch period. See me before HR to make this arrangement or notify me by email the night before if you want to make it up before school the day of your game.*

Teacher Absence.

In the event of my absence, an assignment will be given. It may or may not be collected at the end of class but **WILL ALWAYS BE CHECKED**. I expect that you will be on task with the assignment and cooperate fully with the moderator in charge. Please don't disappoint me.

Completion Of Homework As Assigned. Homework is practice and practice is an integral part of any learning process. It identifies areas of weakness and constantly strengthens skills you are accumulating. As you will discover, homework assignments are lengthy and (at times) will require a great deal of concentration, effort and patience. You are expected to have your book as well as your binder, containing all notes, worksheets, homework and tests, each day. Binder/Homework/Book will be collected/checked randomly.

- All work is to be done neatly in pencil, free of doodles, folds, your lunch etc. You get the message.
- Worksheet or textbook assignments must be done on loose-leaf. (spiral bound paper will not be accepted)
- The original problem should be copied from the worksheet or text.
- **All** problems must be attempted with evidence of work. (It's okay to have an incorrect answer but it is **never** acceptable to have no answer.)
- Figures must be neatly drawn with a straight-edge with appropriate.
- ALL ANSWERS SHOULD BE **HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW**.
- Corrections are to be made in red pen. No pencil may be in hand when we discuss or check an assignment.

3) GRADE DETERMINANTS:

Your final report card mark will be an average of the following:

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| ⇒ Section and Chapter Tests: All Section and Chapter tests are announced. | } | (60 %) |
| ⇒ Projects: On occasion a project, individual or group, may be given. The project will have the same value as a test | | |
| ⇒ Homework/Preparation | | (20%) |
| ⇒ Quizzes: May or may not be announced | | (20%) |

4) CONDUCT/GENERAL CLASSROOM POLICY:

- **School policy is also class policy.**
- You are expected to be **in your seat** by the second bell. You will be considered late and required to get a late pass if not seated.
- Anything not related to this class (pictures, books, notes, cosmetics, etc.) will be confiscated and returned at my discretion. A good rule of thumb, if it important to you and you want to keep it, do not have it out in class.
- Be respectful of everyone in the room.
- Classroom disruptions will **not** be tolerated.
- This class is **GEOMETRY**. You are expected to devote the entire class period **to** geometry. If you are given the opportunity to begin homework, you are to do so. There is no free time unless specified by me. **TIME YOU WASTE IS TIME THAT YOU WILL MAKE UP.**
- Please get your proper rest before class. You are to be sitting up in your desk. If you are too ill to have your head up, you need to be at the nurse's office. It is disrespectful to do otherwise.
- Cheating, in any form (test, homework, etc) will result in a zero for both students.
- On occasion, you will be asked to work in a team. "Cooperative learning" and working together demands skills essential in human progress. Since the success or failure of the team will be shared by all members of the group, you have a responsibility to your team to remain on task and contribute as much as you can to the group goal.
- Use of the netbook is a privilege and truthfully is an experiment in using an on line text for Geometry. I am aware of all the distractions and temptations it may place on you. In a word, "DON'T" !

5) EXTRA HELP:

Extra help will be available to anyone who finds normal classroom questioning insufficient means for understanding the material. (schedule will be determined) It is not intended to provide you with a quick answer for something that, given time, energy, and sometimes considerable thought, you are capable of doing for yourself. A record will be kept of all students who have come for extra help. I am in school by 7:15. Please obtain the appropriate morning pass.

Extra-Help: Day(s) yet to be determined				
MONDAY ↓	TUESDAY ↓	WEDNESDAY ↓	THURSDAY ↓	FRIDAY ↓

If you are experiencing a great deal of difficulty, you are urged to make use of all assistance available (IU unit, NHS tutoring, private tutor), early. Marks are cumulative. One passing report card at the end of the year does not ensure a passing mark for the year. DO NOT ANTICIPATE EXTRA CREDIT.

I wish you a good and successful year. Believe in yourself and your ability. One final thought:

“Do not wish to be anything but what you are, and try to be that perfectly.”

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Mrs. Starlet Vitikacs

Parent Signature _____ Student Signature _____

PLEASE PRINT OUT, SIGN AND PLACE IN YOUR BINDER.