

Algebra II

Instructor:

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Course Description:

This course is designed to review the major concepts of Algebra I in greater depth. The new topics covered are: irrational and complex numbers, rational exponents, logarithms, sequences and series.

Book:

Algebra 2, by Edward B. Burger and others, published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston in 2007

Materials:

Notebook, pen or pencil and calculator.

Grading Policy:

1. Quarter Grade = 50% Quizzes and Chapter Exams + 40% Homework + 10% Notebook
2. Semester Grade = 40% First Quarter + 40% Second Quarter + 20% Semester Exam
3. Letter Grades will be assigned in accordance with school policy:
A = 100 - 90, B = 89 - 80, C = 79 - 70, D = 69 - 60 and F = 59 - 0
Grades will be posted online in a timely manner on my homepage.

Homework:

Homework is assigned daily and the student will be given ample time to complete the task. All homework is published on the Palma web site. Some homework will be collected and others will be placed in the notebook next to the corresponding section. Collected homework will be graded and the value to be equal to twice the number of problems assigned. All non-collected homework will be checked in class the next day. Late assignments are accepted but at a reduced value. Notebook is graded on neatness and content and collected on the last week of each quarter.

Participation:

It is important for the student to be present in the class and participate in all assignments and discussions in a manner that assists in the learning of all the students present. Good behavior and active participation are essential to success in the class. If a student is absent for a class he is responsible for all notes and homework that was assigned.

Tests and Quizzes:

1. Quizzes are given periodically. They are worth either 10 or 20 points each.
2. Tests will be given to monitor how well the student has learned the mathematical concepts. They will be administered at the end of each chapter. Each test will be worth 100 points. All test dates are listed on the Palma web site.

Office Hours:

7:30 to 9:00 am, 2:15 – 3:00. Can be reached at 422-6391 x118 or brosamp@palmahs.org

Content:

You can find this information on my website.

Other places to seek help:

Hotmath.com (password is palma)

Holt, Rinehart and Winston math website for the book at www.go.hrw.com

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Math Classes

Class Expectations

1. Students are to arrive to class on time out of respect for their instructor and their classmates and so that the lesson may begin promptly. Students arriving late are to get an admit slip from the front office before entering the classroom.
2. Students are expected to arrive to class prepared, that means to come to class with a pen or pencil, a notebook for taking notes, a book if applicable, and their homework completed from the previous night.
3. Students are expected to go to the bathroom before the class begins and will not be allowed to go to the bathroom once class begins. The one exception is in the case of illness the student may leave with the permission of the instructor.
4. Absolutely no food is to be carried into or consumed in the room. This includes snacks, gum, candy, and drinks. Any student caught with such items will be detained after school for one hour on the day of the offense or as soon as it may be convenient for the instructor.
5. Students are not to use racial slurs, or foul or abusive language in any context within the classroom setting.
6. Students are to be expected to demonstrate maturity and mutual respect for all peoples involved in the class. Students displaying a lack of respect, either physically or verbally towards the instructor or another student may be removed from the class permanently with a full loss of credit.
7. Any student caught cheating or plagiarizing will be subject to the loss of one letter grade or failure of the class depending on the severity of the offense. The determination of the severity of the offense will be resolved by the instructor.
8. All other rules as they are written in the **Palma Student and Parent Handbook** will also be adhered to in this class.

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Password for Gradebook _____