

## ***Welcome to Math 2 Honors!***

Welcome to the Fall 2014 school term – one that I hope will be successful and enjoyable for your son/daughter. The full Math 2 standards can be viewed at [www.corestandards.org](http://www.corestandards.org). The new math curriculum does not isolate certain math concepts and skills into specific courses as we have had in the past, e.g., Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry. Instead, math concepts and skills will be integrated with one another and taught based upon a highly successful International Model. The Math 2 State Standards provide a consistent, clear understanding of what students are expected to learn, so teachers and parents know what they need to do to help them. The standards are designed to be robust and relevant to the real world, reflecting the knowledge and skills that students need for success in college and careers. Parents and students need to understand that the traditional classroom setting is being shifted to a student centered approach. The Math 2 Standards place an emphasis on process, not just content. Students are encouraged and expected to research, discover, question, and obtain new information on their own, with their peers, and with guided help from their teacher.

### **Important Dates to Remember:**

**Open House:** Thursday, September 18 (6-8pm)

**Progress Reports:** Tuesday, September 23 and Wednesday, December 3

**Early Release Days:** Friday, Sept. 5, Friday, Oct. 17, Friday, Nov. 7

**Exams:** January 12-16, but dates are subject to change

All important dates can be found on the school's online master calendar.



### **Grading Policy:**

**Tests- 50%** Tests will be announced several days before they are given.

**Quizzes-30%** There will be announced and unannounced quizzes so be prepared.

**Homework -10%** HW will be checked everyday.

**Classwork-10%** This includes participation, group work, labs etc.

You can access your child's grades through HOMEBASE powered by PowerSchool. Student's grades will be updated weekly.

**Each quarter will count 40% and the final exam will count 20% ( It is an NC Final Exam! )**

**Supplies Needed:** -3-Ring Binder w/ lots of paper! AND dividers! Graph paper is optional.

-Pencils, Pens, and Dry-erase markers (2).

-TI-83 or TI-84 is the required calculator. I must encourage you to get one of these, if you haven't already, as it will carry you through AP Calculus and beyond to college. I will have some (not enough for everyone) to use IN-CLASS but you will be at a large disadvantage if you choose not to purchase one for this class. Many HW assignments will require the use of one of these to complete.

### **Classroom Expectations:**

1. Do your best and be your best!
2. Be honest, courteous and respectful to your teacher and classmates!
3. Be prepared for class daily!
4. Tardy policy will be enforced!
5. All bathroom needs should be taken care of on the way to class. Passes are for emergencies only and you will receive only 2 for the semester. The 10-10 Rule will be followed as well.
6. NO headphones, cell phones, or electronic devices during class unless we are using them!!!
7. All Wake County School Rules Apply!

**Make-up Work** will be made up in a timely manner. If you are absent you **will** be missing something. Full credit for missed assignments will only be earned for excused absences. I would like Tests to be made up within a week.

\*\*\*When you are absent be prepared the next day by completing the homework assigned the last day you were in class.\*\*\* Remember to place absentee homework in the hw bin.

***I am always willing to work with anyone who needs help as long as they are giving an effort in class. I am available during lunch and after school!***

**Smart Lunch:** *Math Tutorial* will be offered each week on **Tuesdays & Fridays during the A (first) Part of lunch.** EVERYONE must attend at least 2 tutorial sessions per quarter regardless of grades. Students with a grade below 77 will need to attend at least 3 tutorial sessions per quarter. Students will receive a grade for attending tutorials.

**Test Corrections:** Every student will have the opportunity to do them, regardless of grade. You will have to complete the corrections within **2 tutorial sessions following the Test.** You can earn no more than half (50%) of your points back. There will be NO RE-TESTS!

I am very excited about the new semester and look forward to introducing you to the world of CCM2 at Athens Drive HS. We at Athens take our math very serious and we are known for our strong Math program. I hope that this will be a positive and challenging semester. If at any time you wish to contact me, please e-mail me at [gharrell@wcpss.net](mailto:gharrell@wcpss.net). ***Also this year, I am trying something new!***



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Please also refer to my website: [www.harrellshall.yolasite.com](http://www.harrellshall.yolasite.com) for important information and updates. The twitter service will be available through Twitter and also through regular texting features. If you prefer text, text harrellmath to 40404.

### ***Academic Integrity***

Students at Athens Drive are expected to uphold the Athens Drive Honor Code. In cases where a violation of the honor code is suspected, the student(s) will be invited to meet privately with the instructor, the behavior discussed and necessary paperwork will be submitted according to ADHS Academic Integrity Violation Procedures. Please see the Athens Drive web site to learn more about our Academic Integrity Policy.

**Parent Assignment-**In order to help me know your child better, write a short letter describing anything you think would help us have a successful year in this course. You might wish to include information about your child's math background, study habits, and extracurricular activities including sports and hobbies. You may send your letter by your child, email it to me or you may mail it to me at the address on the front of this sheet. This assignment is due by Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Completion of this assignment will entitle your child to one *free homework pass*.

In an effort to save ink and paper, please go to the link below to verify you have read this letter and discussed the expectations of the course with your child.

**[Verify Here!](#)**

If you are having difficulties with the link, you may email [gharrell@wcpss.net](mailto:gharrell@wcpss.net) to verify you have read the letter. Please include the name of your child in the email and a daytime telephone number.

If all else fails, you may print this page and send it signed with your child.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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**Parent Email Address**  
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