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Welcome to Honors Math 3!!

Honors Math 3 is a course that will include topics from geometry, algebra, statistics and probability. It is the third course in the Common Core series of mathematics—at the honors level, the expectation is that students are fluent with the topics presented in Math I and II because there is little time allotted for review. The honors course will cover the material from Math 3 but will move at a much faster pace, include more challenging problems, and will include additional concepts and projects requiring students to apply and extend the concepts. **Students in this course should be strong mathematics students who finished Honors Math 2 with an A or B and who look forward to a challenging, rigorous mathematics experience.** If you realize this first week that this course is moving too quickly for you or you do not have the required previous skills to be successful, please come to see me/email me immediately so that we can try to get you properly placed in a course where you can be successful.

Attendance is absolutely essential in this course. The topics in this course build on each previous day, therefore making it very important that you be present in class. In the event that you are absent, ALL work must be made-up. If you miss a topic, you are still responsible for knowing that material. If you know in advance of your absence, please get your assignments and notes in advance. If you are out, please check the website ([www.kreganmath.weebly.com](http://www.kreganmath.weebly.com)) for assignments/notes, call a friend who is in the class, or email me if you have questions. If you are absent on the day of the review, you are still expected to take the test/quiz on the day you return.

There will be homework *every day*. It is not given without thought and you are expected to do it daily. Students who do not practice the skills taught will have a difficult time doing well in this class. Homework is checked based on whether or not it was attempted and work is shown to prove this. No credit will be given for lists of answers. Homework will be updated daily on the homework calendar available on the Weebly page.

 No, there is no textbook for this course - you will be building your own textbook, though I will check out an Algebra 2 textbook if you would like one to refer to. Because of this, it is essential that you keep a neat notebook with handouts and notes from class easy to find. Students who are absent should borrow a friend’s notes, or the class copy of the notes, to copy for themselves.

Occasionally, there will be extra, challenging problems on tests and students may earn extra credit in that manner, but no additional assignments will be given to boost grades. Your grade should and will reflect your performance in class and your mastery of the material. Grades will be rounded according to generally accepted rounding rules. No extra points will be awarded.

Do not let yourself fall behind!! It is important to keep up and understand the material covered daily as it continues to build throughout the course. I am available each morning at 7:05, at SMART Lunch (Wed A lunch) and during PRIDE Time. Remember that PRIDE Time is required for all students who have a grade below a 75 in the class or for students doing remediation prior to taking a retest. There is also a county tutor list available for those of you that might be interested in finding an outside tutor.

I am looking forward to a wonderful semester!! If you have questions or concerns at any time, please don’t hesitate to email me at kregan@wcpss.net .

Thanks,

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