

St. John's Preparatory School

<u>Course Title:</u>	Algebra 1 – Common Core
<u>Teacher's Name:</u>	Ms. Hillig
<u>Textbook:</u>	<u>Algebra 1</u> – Glencoe Publication Aligned to the Common Core Standards
<u>Workbook:</u>	<u>On Core Mathematics – Algebra 1</u> (Softcover) Houghton Mifflin Harcourt <u>Algebra 1 Common Core Workbook</u> (online)

Objective:

This course builds the students' knowledge of algebra and problem-solving topics. This course will prepare students to take the NY State Algebra Common Core Exam in June. All students must pass this exam in order to graduate high school, as required by New York State. Topics include: Relationships between Quantities and Reasoning with Equations and their Graphs, Descriptive Statistics, Linear and Exponential Relationships, Polynomial and Quadratic Expression, Equations, and Functions, A Synthesis of Modeling with Equations and Functions. SAT Preparation will be done.

Necessary Materials: Each student needs to bring to class pens/pencils, a 3 Ring Binder **dedicated just for Math** and a graphing calculator every day. Each student will be **required** to purchase a **TI 84 graphing calculator**. Graph paper will be needed at some point during the year.

Homework Assignments: Homework will be assigned each night. The student's name and the assignment should be visible at the top of the page. Homework is to be done neatly. Homework will be checked each day. To be a successful student in this class it is extremely important that homework is done nightly. **Late homework will not be accepted.** If a student is absent they can check the class web site for the assignment. Homework can be turned in when they return.

Textbook and Workbook: Students will have online access to the textbook by going to my class web site and clicking on the link provided. There will be two workbooks that we will be using. One workbook is online and students will have online access to this workbook by going to my class web site and clicking on the link provided and the other is the softcover workbook given to students in class. I will refer to the workbooks in their homework as either softcover or online so they know which book I am talking about.

Calculation of Grade:

- 65% - Tests
- 20% - Quizzes
- 10% - Homework
- 5% - Participation/Preparedness

Testing: Exams are cumulative and given on a regular basis. Testing includes all exams, quizzes, and pop-quizzes. If a student misses an exam, it is his/her responsibility to see me regarding a time and place to schedule a make-up exam. Since every student is required to have a calculator, sharing a calculator during an exam is not permitted. Similarly, students are responsible to have their calculators with them on testing days, no excuses! If a student does not have a calculator on a test day then the student will have to take the exam without a calculator.

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Classroom Policies:

- Every student is expected to come to class on time. After 3 lates a student will serve detention with the teacher.
- Each student is expected to come to class prepared to work with the necessary materials each day.
- Every student is expected to treat fellow classmates and the teacher with respect.
- Every student will receive a progress report midway through each quarter.
- Extra help will be given before or after school. A schedule will be set up that is agreeable to both students and teacher.

Attendance: Attendance is very important in order for students to fully learn the material. In the case of an absence, it is the **student's responsibility** to obtain any missed class notes and homework from a classmate, the class web site or myself. It would be helpful if the student exchanged phone numbers with someone in class.

Classroom Web Site: I have set up a web site for the class. The web address for this web site is www.mshillig.org. It will contain homework assignments, resources and important documents. It is updated on a daily basis.

Home Logic: Information will be sent home regarding the use of the online grading system. Home Logic will be updated on a weekly basis. I would ask that you give me a week to grade any tests or quizzes. It is extremely important that you check home logic on a weekly basis. If you have any concerns they can be addressed right away. If you have any concerns regarding the system or are having trouble please do not hesitate to ask.

Remind App: Throughout the year I will be using this app to remind students of certain things. For example: upcoming tests, quizzes, projects, extra credit, etc. Students are **required** to register for this application either by downloading the free app on their smart phone or by going to www.remind.com and click on sign up. Parents/Guardians may also register and receive the same messages I send to students. Just ask your child for the class code.

Contact:

I will be using the student's school email account to communicate with them. I am asking for a parent email address so that I can contact you by email as well. I would like to have the opportunity to use email as well as the telephone. Please print your email address on the next page and check whether you check your email regularly. **Please Note:** if you have the letter O in your email address write it as an O if you have a zero in your email address put a diagonal line through the zero. If you have the letter L in your email please write it like L and if you have the number 1 in your email please write it like 1.

To contact me during the day, call (718) 721 – 7200 x210 and leave a message. I will return it as soon as possible. You can also e-mail me at dhillig1@stjohnsprepschool.org if that is more convenient.

I look forward to working with you and your child this year. I know it will be a successful year!

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PLEASE SIGN AND COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW AND RETURN TO MS. HILLIG

Student's Signature

Parent's Signature

Parent Email Address (Please Print)

Do you check it regularly?

Yes No

Check here if you don't have an email address.

Don't have an email address