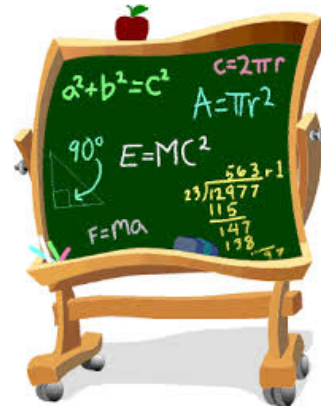


Ms. McLaughlin ~ Rm. 12

7th and 8th Grade Math

8th Grade Religion



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2017/2018 school year. I look forward to working with your child in math and religion and believe every student can succeed in my classroom.

This year's religion curriculum will focus on Church History and the



Sacraments, especially the Sacrament of Confirmation. The text is divided into units that help the students understand and appreciate the challenges and contributions of the Catholic Church as it developed from the 1st-20th centuries. We will also be studying Scripture, enhancing our understanding of the liturgy, participating in prayer, and expanding our knowledge of social justice. Students will be evaluated through participation, unit

tests, written assignments, and class projects. I look forward to working with your children as they continue to grow in their faith.

Math grades are generated from tests/quizzes, worksheets (class work and homework), projects, math binder, group work, test reviews (corrections for partial credit are allowed if the student wishes) and homework. Many homework assignments are based on newly learned skills. I consider this to be practice work and will give a 100% on the assignment as long as it has been attempted and complete. These assignments will be worth 2 pts. each and will be added as one overall grade at the end of the quarter labeled "Completion of Homework". If a homework assignment is based on review skills, it will be graded based on the number of correct answers and I will tell the students it is being graded when assigned. These assignments will also be included in the completion of homework grade at the end of the quarter. If your child has any difficulty on a homework assignment, they should use their notes, call a friend, ask you for help, and/or take their best guess. There will generally be daily homework assignments in math. I hope all students will put time and thought into their homework.

Missing assignments are any assignments with *any problems incomplete* or any assignments that do not have the *scrap work provided* when needed (scrap work is needed most of the time). Missing assignments need to be signed by you and returned completed by the next day. I would like to help your child work on

responsibility and organization, which I believe is extremely important for preparing them for high school. Students will receive a demerit for any missing assignment. A total of 5 demerits will result in a detention and can be accumulated in any class and from issues other than missing assignments. Please refer to the school handbook for more information on the demerit system.

The math binder is a very important tool for class. It should be neat and organized (we work on this together). It also should be used for homework help and studying for tests. Please encourage your child to use their binder frequently.

The math curriculum follows the Common Core State Standards as well as some added Diocesan standards. <http://www.corestandards.org/Math/Practice/> is a great link to learn more about Common Core.

Every student should seek help whenever needed. I am available for extra help if your child would like to set that up with me. I appreciate you spending your time reviewing this information. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me about them. I'm looking forward to a very positive school year!

Ms. Michelle McLaughlin