Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am excited about the 2017-2018 school year and am pleased to have your child in my class as a 7th grade math student. We have a lot to accomplish as we move forward together in preparation for this year and later years in your child’s life. Math is an integral part of everyday living; whether used for making change, estimating the cost of a purchase, or daily problem solving skills. The better we are at solving math problems, the better we will be able to respond to the challenges of everyday life. Our instructional time in 7th grade will focus on four critical areas:

- Developing understanding of and applying proportional relationships
- Developing understanding of operations with rational numbers and working with expressions and linear equations
- Solving problems involving scale drawings and informal geometric constructions, and working with two- and three-dimensional shapes to solve problems involving area, surface area, and volume
- Drawing inferences about populations based on samples

To help you and your child understand how math grades are calculated, I have attached class requirements and how I will compute quarter ending grades. Your child should expect to have homework (independent practice) almost every day of the school week. When no written independent practice is assigned, students are expected to study their notes for an upcoming assessment. Students who complete the independent practice on a regular basis are generally more successful in my class.

Finally, I have sent home a class contract for this school year. Please read this over with your child and then both of you sign it. I would like these returned to me no later than Friday, September 8th. If during the course of the year you have any questions about your child’s progress in his/her math class, please do not hesitate to call me here at Woodbury School (893-7055 voice mail #3253) or email at andrea.desmarais@sau57.org. I hope that together we can make this a very successful year for your child.

Sincerely,

Ms. Desmarais
7th Grade Math Teacher
Grade 7 Math Course Requirements

I. Classroom Participation

A. Materials needed for class every day:
   1. Pencil
   2. 3-ring binder (Provided)
   3. Assignment Book

B. Independent Practice:
   1. Assigned on a weekly basis
   2. If the student is absent, it is her/his responsibility to make-up all missing assignments

Note: Independent practice will be checked for effort and completeness

II. Outline of Grading Policy

A. Tests and Quizzes: Will be pre-announced to students

   Retakes are available for all tests and quizzes for up to two weeks after the original date of the assessment. Students must complete the independent practice that correlates with the assessment, set-up a conference with me, and fill out a Test Reflection Form prior to the retake.

B. Independent Practice: Will be checked weekly and documented for completion in Infinite Campus, under “Unscored Assignment”

   In infinite campus, grades for independent practice will appear as a “C” for complete, a “P” for partially completed, or an “I” for incomplete.

C. Study Plan: Study plans assigned through MathXL will be assigned before each new unit and need to be completed within the specified time frame

D. Math Projects: Periodically, students will complete math projects

   Grades are based on the accumulation of points; each assignment will be worth a certain amount of points.

Extra help is available after school on most days until 2:45 PM.
Math Classroom Contract

Name: __________________________ Date: ________________ Period: ___________

Classroom 253 Rules:

(1) Be prompt
   📅 Ready to learn when class begins as well as after transitions

(2) Be Prepared
   📖 Have materials with you at all times and know all due dates

(3) Be a Polite and Positive Participant
   🎤 Listen attentively and show respect for all

(4) Be Productive
   📋 Turn in your work on time and always do your best

(5) Be a Problem Solver
   📈 Solve problems in a diplomatic manner before they escalate

Consequences (if failing to follow classroom rules):

(1) Clarification of rules with a verbal warning
(2) Lunch Detention
(3) After School Detention
(4) Parent/Guardian contact
(5) Referral

We have read the math course requirements and classroom rules.

Student Name (please print): ______________________________ Period: __________
Student Signature: _____________________________________________

Parent Name (please print): _____________________________________
Parent/Guardian Signature: _______________________________________
Parent’s Email: _________________________________________________
Parent’s Phone Number: _________________________________________