

Parents and Guardians of Students in Advanced Geometry,

Welcome to a new year at Canfield High School! We are dedicated to providing an appropriate and challenging education for each student in the school. In doing so, we want *you* to feel involved in the process; after all, you play an important role in your child's life. Hopefully, we will be able to work cooperatively to accomplish this goal!

I hope this course will be both challenging and rewarding to all of the students in it. More than likely, your child will need to put serious effort into the class - attempting to coast will not pay off in the long run. We will be moving at a decent pace, and someone who doesn't keep up with notes and homework could quickly fall behind.

I would encourage you to go to my web site (<http://www.jmhamilton.net>) to see all of its features. In addition to notes, schedules, assignments, and other resources being posted, you will be able to access up-to-date grade information! Log on to my web site and click on the appropriate class for "grades". From there, you will be directed to "Engrade". *Using the access code provided, you have the opportunity to create an account to view these grades; as such, please ensure that you are aware of how to log in to keep updated with your child's progress in the class.*

Finally, I would like to stress that as a mathematician, I value the *process* used to arrive at an answer more than an answer itself. Therefore, on "written assignments", homework, and exams, an answer by itself (even if correct) is not worth much. I need to see some explanation and/or rationale for full credit to be earned. At the same time, an incorrect answer resulting from a silly mistake will get nearly full credit on any assignment as long as the reasoning is valid.

Feel free to contact me via phone or e-mail if you have any comments, questions, or concerns. E-mail would be more efficient for me (to avoid phone-tag especially, as the school phone goes directly to voice-mail). I ask that you please read the course requirements and grading policy your child has in addition to this letter. After doing so, please fill out the form at the bottom of this sheet, detach it, and return it to me (have your child bring it to school). Also, please provide an e-mail address at which it would be acceptable for me to contact you throughout the course, if possible.

It would be wonderful if you could attend Open House and Conferences! The times are listed below for your convenience. I look forward to a great semester!

Thank you,  
Mr. Hamilton

<b>CHS Open House:</b>	<b>Thursday, September 22, 2011</b>	<b>(6 PM)</b>
<b>Conferences (Call Guidance for Appointment):</b>	<b>Tuesday, November 22, 2011</b>	<b>(3-9 PM)</b>

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*Please Return by Monday (September 12, 2011) for full credit.*

**Parents / Guardians:**

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign here if you have read these 3 documents and agree to support these policies Mr. Hamilton will use in his classroom including the way grades will be posted online. Additionally, the parent agrees that he/she is aware of how to view grades online through "Engrade". If there are any problems with this arrangement, please contact Mr. Hamilton before turning in this form.

**Parents / Guardians:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student:** \_\_\_\_\_

# How to register with “Engrade”

Step 1: Go to my website < <http://www.jmhamilton.net> >

Step 2: Click on “Grades” for the appropriate class

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Block 1	CP Geometry	<a href="#">Class Info</a>		<a href="#">Grades</a>		<a href="#">Schedule</a>		<a href="#">Notes</a>
Block 2	Advanced Geometry	<a href="#">Class Info</a>		<a href="#">Grades</a>		<a href="#">Schedule</a>		<a href="#">Notes</a>
Block 4	Advanced Geometry	<a href="#">Class Info</a>		<a href="#">Grades</a>		<a href="#">Schedule</a>		<a href="#">Notes</a>

Step 3: If new to Engrade, click on the “Sign Up for Engrade” link

Step 4: Enter the Access Code I have provided

Step 5: Register for Engrade (setup an account and password)

Step 6: You're ready to go!