

Parents and Guardians of Students in College Prep. Geometry,

Welcome to a new semester here 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. While the book your child is issued can be used as an overview of Geometry, we will explore a number of concepts not addressed in the book, so it is important for your child to pay attention and take quality notes.

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". Once there, enter your child's last name and student ID as provided below and all grades will be displayed. Please check this site regularly to stay informed on what's happening with your child in my class. Details of how to accomplish this are found on the reverse side. (Using your child's Student ID helps me to ensure privacy. If you have a concern with this, please let me know.)

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 my "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). 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).

Although conferences are quite early this semester, I encourage you to attend if you would like! However, once we get further into the semester, if you feel the need to meet with me, we could arrange that as well.

Thank you,

Mr. Hamilton

Conferences (Call Guidance for Appointment):

Thursday, February 11, 2010 (3-9 PM)

Block:

Last Name:

Student ID:

Please Return by Monday (February 1, 2010) 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:

Parents / Guardians: _____

Student: _____

How to check grades online:

- Step 1: Go to my web site <http://www.jmhamilton.net>
Step 2: Click on "Grades" for the appropriate class (Block 2 or Block 4)

> CURRENT COURSES - SPRING 2010								
Block 1	Advanced Geometry	Class Info		Grades		Schedule		Notes
Block 2	CP Geometry	Class Info		Grades		Schedule		Notes
Block 3	Plan / Lunch							
Block 4	CP Geometry	Class Info		Grades		Schedule		Notes

- Step 3: Enter the Last Name (Capitalize First Letter Only) and Student ID Number
Step 4: Click "Show Me The Grades!"
Step 5: If you get any errors, feel free to e-mail me.

> Obtaining Grade Information	
To access your grade information, type your last name (with only the first letter capitalized) and your student ID as your password. Parents, if you need your child's student ID to access this, please contact me. This setup allows me to post in-depth grade information while keeping it private. In my opinion, this is beneficial to everyone. To ensure privacy, close your browser when finished.	
Last Revised: Monday, January 25, 2010	
Last Name: <input type="text"/>	◀ Enter Last Name as given
Student ID: <input type="text"/>	◀ Enter Student ID as given
<input type="button" value="Show Me The Grades!"/>	<input type="button" value="Reset"/> ◀ Click "Show Me The Grades"