

# HELLO!

## WELCOME TO 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE AT INDIAN HILLS AND TEAM FUSION!



My name is Mr. Newendorp and I will be your math teacher for this year. (I'm not as big a geek as the picture, although some may disagree.) We all hope your transition to Indian Hills and/or 8<sup>th</sup> grade will go smoothly and that you'll jump in with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. We know that changing schools and/or grades can be tough and you need to know that we want to help



and are here to answer any questions you may have.

One way to help ease into my class is making sure you know what supplies you need for math. My recommendation of a **separate 3-ring binder** with dividers is a great start. Past students have found that a separate math binder has proven helpful because we keep all assignments for a full semester, and that a separate math binder can ease overcrowding in the one big binder. You will need **four** of the dividers for math since we divide our notebook into four main parts. They should be labeled as follows:

- 1) notes
- 2) homework
- 3) quizzes
- 4) tests

You will also need several pencils, a checking pen, a basic four function calculator (with square root function), and a willingness to work hard!!!

Your **quarter** math grade will be determined in one of the following two ways depending on which math class you are entering:

<u>Pre-Algebra</u>		<u>Algebra</u>		<u>Integrated Math</u>	
Quizzes	30%	Quizzes	33%	Quizzes	40%
Tests	60%	Tests	67%	Tests	60%
Qtr./Sem. Test	10%				

Your **semester** math grade is determined the following way:

<u>Pre-Algebra</u>		<u>Algebra</u>		<u>Integrated Math</u>	
Quarter 1/3 grade	50%	Quarter 1/3 grade	45%	Quarter 1/3 grade	50%
Quarter 2/4 grade	50%	Quarter 2/4 grade	45%	Quarter 2/4 grade	50%
		Semester Final	10%		

You will notice that homework is not included as a main category. I do not grade homework on accuracy; I grade homework on effort and completion. I believe homework is practice. **Please see the homework explanation page for further details.** We check every assignment in class the next day so the opportunity to receive further explanation is always there. The problems on the unannounced quizzes usually come right off of the homework assignments so that's another way you will be held accountable for completing your homework.

That's about it for me. If you have **any** questions, please ask!!!

