

# **M117 ALGEBRA 1 - CLASS INFORMATION**

## **MRS. PRUSKO**

Welcome to Algebra 1! This is my 15<sup>th</sup> year teaching algebra and it is sure to be an exciting one! With all students having an iPad and the introduction of Common Core, there will be many changes to our instruction. Both you and I will be learning a lot along the way.

I am really looking forward to working with each of you this year. If you are willing to work hard, ask questions, and stay positive, I am confident you will learn a lot, be successful, and most importantly have an enjoyable experience in this class!

### **REQUIRED MATERIALS:**

- Your iPad - fully CHARGED
- Pencil for all in class assessments
- *Scientific* Calculator
  - A calculator with square,  $\sqrt{\quad}$ , sin, cos, and tan keys will be required.
  - Calculators cannot be shared and your phone/iPad/iPod cannot be used on any assessment.

### **MORE HELPFUL INFO FOR CLASS:**

- My Website: <http://jprusko.wix.com/prusko>
- Schoology Account - ACCESS CODE: ZWQ82-MCJSB

### **CLASSROOM GUIDELINES**

Tardy Policy: Be in your seat when the bell rings. WALKING IN THE DOOR IS TARDY.

Bathroom Policy: Use it before or after class.

### **BEHAVIOR**

Respect your peers, respect the classroom, respect the teacher, and there won't be any issues. CHEATING in any form will not be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to wandering eyes or talking during an assessment, having any conversation regarding an assessment outside the classroom, or submitting someone else's work as your own.

### **CELL PHONES & EAR BUDS**

These items are NOT PERMITTED to be used IN CLASS. They may be used during passing time or in the cafe. However, in class phones must be turned off and put away - not on your desk or on your lap. Ear buds must also be put away out of sight - not around your ears or neck.

**\*\*There will be certain times during class that I will allow you to listen to music on your\*\***  
device, so please have earbuds for those times ONLY.

## **GRADING**

Your grade in this class will be based on the following breakdown for each QUARTER:

★ 90% TEST GRADES

★ 10% HOMEWORK

- Unit Assessments (similar to a big quiz) = 1 TEST GRADE EACH
  - You will be allowed to take advantage of 3 retakes on unit assessments each semester. You will need to have at least an 80% on your HW for the unit in order to be allowed to utilize the retake. You will also need to make corrections on your assessment and complete a remediation with tutoring assistance before a retake can be attempted.
- Mid-Quarter & Quarter Assessments = 2 TEST GRADES
- Expect homework every day. It is to be completed on your iPad and submitted on your iPad.
- Homework should be done neatly (using a stylus will be helpful) and **all work must be shown to receive full credit.**
- Homework will be graded for effort or selected problems may be graded for accuracy.
- Homework turned in late will receive half credit and will only be accepted until the end of the unit from which it was assigned.

## **GETTING HELP**

If you are struggling with any of the material **do not** hesitate to come and see me! Don't wait and think it will just get better. You will get behind very quickly! There are a number of options we have to help you be successful in this class!

- I am available during 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> hours to help students.
- SSC - Room 191 - The Student Success Center is open every hour of the school day and is staffed with various teachers throughout the day. The SSC is also open before and after school on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (AM only). **I AM IN THERE THE 2<sup>ND</sup> HALF OF 6<sup>TH</sup> HOUR!**
- Math Lab - Room 360 - This room is for math help only. It is staffed with 2 math TA's each period of the day (no before/after school help).

## **MAKE-UP WORK**

- If you are absent, it is your responsibility to find out what work you missed and turn in any work that was assigned. Check my website and/or schoology to find out what you missed!
- If you are absent the day of a quiz/test, you will be expected to make it upon your return to school.
- If you are absent for more than one day, you will need to see me to set up an agreed upon schedule for your make up work.
- If you have an unexcused absence the day of a quiz/test, you will receive a failing grade on that assessment.