Dear Parents/Guardians,

Hello and welcome to **9th grade Algebra I** at **[Our] High School**! I am very excited about working with you and your child. I know we will have a successful and productive school year in room **[number]**.

Your student needs only a **1 subject, 70+ page notebook** (ask your child what color it should be) & **lots of pencils**! Please keep *at least* 1 box of pencils **at home** so that your student will always have enough. You can help your student be successful as well:

1. **Read “Welcome Back to School”** with your child and make sure they know what is expected of them in my class.
2. Encourage your child to ask questions in class and come in for extra help when they need it. I am available before school, during lunch, after school and even weekends.
3. **Make sure you receive your child’s progress report once every six weeks!** If you aren't getting anything in the mail from JCHS, no one here is going to know unless you call the office at xxx-xxx-xxxx and ask to update your address (and phone number).

Please don't wait until conferences to contact me with any concerns or questions. I am always willing to talk to you. Call me at school or call my cell (xxx-xxx-xxxx) before or after school if you need me.

Queridos Padres de Familia y/o Guardianes,

¡Bienvenidos a **Algebra I del 9no grado** al **[Nuestra] High School**! Estoy muy emocionado de trabajar con ustedes y con sus niños. Sé que tendremos un año exitoso y productivo en cuarto [number].

Su hijo/a necesita solamente un **1-materia cuaderno, 70 o más páginas** (pregúntale a su hijo/a de qual color) y **muchas lápices**. Por favor, guarda una caja de lápices **en casa** para que su hijo/a siempre tiene bastante. Se pueden ayudar su hijo/a en sus hogares:

1. **Lean “Welcome Back to School”** con su hijo/a y discuitan los expectativas de mi clase.
2. Anime a su hijo/a a hacer preguntas en clase y a venir a mi clase para la ayuda adicional cuando lo necesita. Estoy libre antes de escuela, durante lonche, y después de la escuela.
3. **Recibirá usted los progress reports una vez cada las seis semanas.** Si Ud. no recibe correo de escuela a su casa, tiene que llamar la oficína de la escuela a xxx-xxx-xxxx para arreglar su informacion.

Les animo a que no esperen a tener conferencias formales conmigo para poder discutir cualquier asunto. Llamame a escuela durante las horas de escuela o antes y despues escuela a mi celular (xxx-xxx-xxxx).

**Conference periods/***Horas para conferencias***:** 2nd (9:35-10:30am), 5th (1:35-2:30pm)

**Phone**/*Teléfono*: xxx-xxx-xxxx (school), xxx-xxx-xxxx (Mr. DeRosa's cell/*celular de Sr. DeRosa*)

**Email**/*Correo electronico***:** email@myschool.com

Thank you/*Muchas Gracias*,

Mr. Thomas DeRosa

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Mr. DeRosa - 9th Grade, Algebra I - Room [number]

“*NO EXCUSES”*

Class Expectations

There is only one thing you need to know about this class: as long as you don't do something to interfere with anyone's learning—meaning you, your classmates, the students in other classrooms, and me—you're fine.

What if I do something to interfere with learning?

I will do whatever I can to **make sure you are learning** and that everyone else can learn as well. Depending on the situation, this could mean a short meeting between just you and me, a phone call home, meetings with our team, Assistant Principal, counselor, your parents/guardians... or anything else that will help get you back on track.

What if I do well?

* Praise, praise and more praise
* Positive notes or calls home
* **Student of the Week** recognition
* Homework Passes
* Eligibility for special **Math Scholars** events and trips

Supplies

You MUST HAVE: at least a 1 subject, 70+ page **notebook** & **PENCILS**!! You have the OPTION to also get erasers and a ruler to help you this year.

Grading

1. This is how your grade is calculated:
* 40% = Major Assessments (Six Weeks Exam, Major Projects, etc)
* 30% = Minor Assessments (Weekly Mini-Tests, smaller projects, etc)
* 20% = Other Assessments (Kickoffs, daily classwork, Accelerated Math, etc)
* 10% = Homework
1. If you score below a 70 on an exam, you can retest once within **7 class days**. If you scored below a 50 the first time, the highest grade you can get is an 80. If you scored above a 50, you can get up to 100. Do the best you can the first time!
2. You only have **ONE retest** for each major assessment, and you can only take it **after** you've done something (tutorials, review assignment) to show me that you've learned what you needed to learn.
3. You're responsible for making up work you miss when you are absent. Check the **work calendar**, **assignment folders**, and Mr. DeRosa’s **Sample Notebook**, which are all in the same place in the room. Ask Mr. DeRosa if you have any questions or are unsure what to do.

Math is hard. What if I need help?

One thing you will learn about me very quickly is that **I will do anything I can** to help you succeed inside and outside of this class. I am here early before school, often skip my lunch, and am here late after school. When **tutorials** start, I will be here. I offer about **a million chances** to make up assignments, to get extra credit and to pull up your grades. If things outside of this classroom are affecting your performance, **I want to help you** work through those problems as well. In the end there are **no excuses** for failure—you can pass Algebra, you can DO Algebra, and maybe by the end of the year you might even LIKE Algebra!

\*\* KEEP THIS PAPER AT HOME \*\*

**Parent Survey**

Student’s name/ *Nombre de estudiante*: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent or guardian names/ *Nombres de padres* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address/ *Direccion de envio*:

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**Telephone numbers/ *Numeros del telefono*:**

Home/*Casa*: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Work/*Trabajo*: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cellular: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Best time to call/ *Mejor tiempo para llamarles*? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do you prefer to speak in English or Spanish/ *Prefieren que les hable in ingles or espanol*? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Who else can I call (just in case)/*Quien otro me puedo llamar (si necesito)*?

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As the parent, you are the expert on your child. Please answer the following questions so that I can best meet your student’s needs. *Como padre, usted es el experto tocante a su hijo/hija. Por favor, conteste las siguientes preguntas para que yo pueda servir major las necesidades de su hijo/hija.*

1. What do you think your child is best at in school/ *En cual area piensa usted su hijo/hija es mas exitso?* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. What does your child find difficult/ *Que se le dificulta a su hijo/hija?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

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3. Does your child like math? Why or why not?/ *Ha su hijo/ hija le gusta matemáticas? Porque o porque no?*

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4. Do you use math at work a lot (are you an accountant, engineer, etc)? Would you be willing to visit our classroom and talk to the students?/ Usa matemáticas mucho a su trabajo? Podría visitar nuestra clase para hablar a los estudiantes? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**To My Student: Thank you for taking the time to have a parent/ guardian fill out this contact information form. Please sign and return the form for your first homework grade.**

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    Student Signature         Parent/Guardian Signature      Date