Pre-Calculus Summer Review 2019-2020

Dear Parents and Students,

Mathematics is a discipline that constantly builds on previous knowledge. Students entering Pre-Calculus Honors will be expected to recall and apply the material that they learned in Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry. To help ensure your success, the high school mathematics department has compiled a list of problems that represent some of the most frequently used Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry concepts. Take time this summer to go over these problems. There will be a test over this prerequisite material in the first few days of class to determine your placement and readiness for Pre-Calculus Honors.

To access the summer review on Delta Math, join the Pre-Calculus Honors Summer Review Google Classroom using classroom code **7r0c51**. Information on how to access the summer review on Delta Math can be found there.

The Pre-Calculus Review Test is scheduled for Thursday, August 15th, 2019. Your performance on this test will be a significant factor in determining if you maintain your placement in honors. Class time will be provided on Wednesday, August 14th for questions.

The packet can be accessed through the district website. To find the review, go to the Morton High School website at https://mhs.morton709.org/academics/math You will find a listing of all of our classes. Please select Pre-Calculus Honors Summer Review

If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Durand at rosie.durand@mcusd709.org.

Have a wonderful summer! The Mathematics Department Morton High School

Note: For those students who will be purchasing a graphing calculator: Please read the attached letter regarding graphing calculator requirements for MHS mathematics courses. You may send your student to school with the calculator's packaging intact for the math teacher to verify the correct calculator was purchased. CAS versions of the TI-Nspire are NOT allowed for students enrolled in Pre-Calculus.

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FOR STUDENTS NEEDING TO PURCHASE A CALCULATOR: MORTON HIGH SCHOOL Required Calculator: TI-Nspire CX

At Morton High School, all students use graphing calculators extensively in their math classes, whether they are in Algebra I through AP Calculus. This requirement has existed for a couple of years now; students are making great strides in mathematical understanding and performance as we continue to implement the use of the TI-Nspire CX. It is of critical importance that students obtain a calculator from the approved list because MHS math teachers have demonstration software for these specific devices, and it reduces the amount of class time spent on teaching students how to use the calculator.

In past years, Texas Instruments has offered schools a special opportunity to collect proof of purchase cards from students to be used towards a free TI-Nspire Navigator system or other TI-Nspire products. This system would allow us to wirelessly network graphing calculators to the teacher's computer, giving us the ability to let students demonstrate what they are doing to the class, receive document files from their teacher on their Nspire, and even use their calculator as a way to answer questions the teacher has posed to the class.

If you will be purchasing a new TI-Nspire CX (the latest version of the Nspire, which has a color screen) between now and the start of the 2019-20 school year, would you please return the entire "compare models" card that comes with the calculator to your child's math teacher? It will help us to obtain the Navigator system at no cost to the district. There is a picture of this card included on the next page. You must return the entire card, not just the "TI Points." **Do NOT purchase a calculator with CAS as part of its name.**

If your child will be using a hand me down TI-Nspire from an older sibling, such as the greyscale model, we will no longer be able to install the latest operating system nor will we be able to use this calculator with the Navigator system. It does, however, have most all of the functionality of the CX and can still be used with much success.

DO **NOT** PURCHASE THE TI-NSPIRE **CAS** OR TI-NSPIRE CX-**CAS**. Although the CAS is allowed on the SAT, these calculators are not allowed on the ACT and thus not allowed for students enrolled in MHS courses other than AP Calculus.

Thanks for helping us make sure your child receives the best possible math education with the latest tools available.

If the purchase of a graphing calculator will place an undue financial burden on your family, please contact your counselor or your math teacher.

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