

## ***Welcome to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pre-Algebra with Mrs. Biason!***

The classroom rule is Mutual Courtesy, Mutual Respect. This encompasses most every situation.

You need to be seated in your assigned seat and ready to learn when the tardy bell rings. Otherwise you are counted as tardy. Tardies will be handled according to LHMS policy.

Practice/Homework is assigned almost every day. Keep up with the assignments, ask questions in class, follow along with the teacher in class, and work in class when given time to work. On book work: write the problem, show your work, then write and circle/box the answer. Most pre-algebra practices are checked the following day. The answers to odd problems are in the back of the book and you are encouraged to use that reference to check your progress as you are doing your assignments. Skills learned from practices will be assessed daily with a short skills check, which are usually four questions given to each student at the beginning of the class period. Each student has approximately 5-7 minutes to complete this and they are composed of questions similar to the practice/homework given approximately two days prior.

Keeping organized is an important life skill. For this class you need a three-ring binder (which can be shared with another class). You will need three dividers: notes, assignments, tests/quizzes. All math papers should be kept in the rings for the whole semester. Notebooks will be checked up to three times per quarter.

Quizzes will be given two to four times during a chapter/unit. Tests will be given at the end of each chapter/unit. There will be an EOC (end of course test, assessing your learning from that semester) in January and in June.

Approximate grade breakdown: Practice/Notebook/Agenda 15%, Skills Check 15%, Quizzes 30%, Tests 40%

Every day to class you will need to bring your textbook, notebook, notebook paper, and a pencil or a black or blue pen. Calculators will be used at times during the school year, mainly during 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters. Your agenda will be helpful to have at least once a week in class. Hall passes will be allowed at appropriate times and with only your own agenda hall pass form.

Your textbook will need to be covered to help protect it. The approximate cost of a lost textbook is \$60.

For extra help outside of class time, come into the classroom before or after school. You are welcome to email me for questions or comments, and I will respond usually within 24 hours.

You may volunteer to work math problems on the board and explain them to your peers. This opportunity gives more benefits to your practice/homework grade.

You are responsible for your learning and behavior. If you choose to neglect your learning or intrude on others students' learning, consequences will occur. Disciplinary consequences in most cases will be:

1. Verbal warning; 2. Teacher/student conference; 3. Parent contact; 4. Referral to assistant principal

### **Some helpful websites for your success in this class:**

- ✓ Math assignments should be written in your agenda, but can be viewed through SchoolNotes:  
<http://new.schoolnotes.com/biason/>  
also available through LHMS website, click on Teachers, click on Biason's floating apple
- ✓ Updated grades and grade reports can be viewed by logging in to PowerSchool:  
<http://ps.meridianschools.org/public/>  
also available through LHMS website, click on PowerSchool, then use login and password

- ✓ Access help (Power Points, etc) from the publisher of your math textbook:  
*[http://www.classzone.com/cz/books/msmath\\_3\\_na/book\\_home.htm](http://www.classzone.com/cz/books/msmath_3_na/book_home.htm)*  
also available through LHMS website, click on Curriculum, select the mathematics textbook link
  
- ✓ View your textbook online:  
*<http://www.classzone.com/eservices>*  
You must put in activation code CLASS1895496 the first time you enter, then register

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Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_