To the Parents of Pre-AP 7th Grade Math Students:

The Department of Advanced Academics wants to welcome you and your student to Pre-AP 7th Grade Math. This year, your student will experience a more accelerated 7th grade Pre-AP Math curriculum which will be composed of all 7th and 8th material.

We want to provide every opportunity to build a strong foundation for student success in advanced math classes. The acceleration of this math material will ensure that each student will be prepared to achieve at a high standard in Algebra I during his/her 8th grade year (Algebra I is a high school course that must take the End Of Course Exam and the score counts towards graduation). Therefore, expect this year, in Pre-AP 7th grade math to move at a challenging and accelerated pace.

It will be important to understand that tutorials for this class will focus on keeping students moving and experiencing success. After school tutorials are not a reflection of failure, but should be viewed as tools to utilize in order to strengthen skills and performance.

Some things to keep in mind:

* At first, your student might struggle with the pace.
	+ Research shows that the first weeks in an accelerated course can be trying, but that soon the student adjusts to the new pace and excels.
* Often accelerated math students think if they don’t understand something, they will be able to pick it up at the next lesson.
	+ Encourage your student to ask questions for clarification and to communicate with the teacher as waiting for the answer in the next lesson will only compound the issue.
* Tutorials are to ensure success.
	+ Tutorial times are to assist students not to punish them and they should not be viewed as negative or bad, but as a tool for success.

Teachers and the AA specialist on the campus will be monitoring the progress and sending home information with tips and suggestions as the year progresses.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your student’s Pre-AP math teacher or the campus Advanced Academics Specialist.

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