

August 2017

Dear Parents:

I would like to start by welcoming everyone back to the 2017- 2018 school year. I am very happy to be returning to Junior High Math this year at St. John Fisher. The eighth grade students will attend mathematics in my classroom in the afternoon. This year we will be using the on-line version of our math series, "Go Math!" My goal is to get the students excited about math and get them to see its importance in everyday life.

The concepts covered in 8th grade include rational and irrational numbers, solving multi-step problems, functions, slope and intercept, solving and graphing linear equations, Pythagorean Theorem, and systems of equations.

The breakdown of the students' grades will be as follows:

**TESTS AND QUIZZES...40%**

Upon completion of one or multiple objectives within a section, students are given a quiz. The number of quizzes per section/topic may vary depending on student comprehension. Tests will be given at the end of each section. Students are always informed of test days. They will also receive a study guide for tests in class.

**HOMEWORK...20%**

Students will receive homework assignments everyday or every other day, again depending on their comprehension of class material. Homework assignments are meant to be done independently by the student and handed in the following class period. **If an assignment is turned in one day late, the student automatically receives half credit. Any assignment turned in after that will result in a zero.**

**CLASS WORK...30%**

Class work assignments are given after I have instructed the students on a specific topic and I feel they are ready to work independently. Students are monitored during all class work assignments and are able to get extra help if needed. Class work will also include Math Everyday – a daily board activity that will be tested each month. Students may use their notes on the Math Everyday tests.

**ACCELERATED MATH TEST AVERAGE...10%**

Accelerated Math is done one class period every other Monday. Students are given the entire class period to work on assignments. This program allows the students to work at their own pace and allows for a review of topics previously taught in class. Please visit my blog for a more detailed explanation Accelerated Math.

I am available most days before and after school to assist any student in need of additional help. To get an overview of what we are working on each week, please visit my blog through the SJF website. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [cbrowne@sjfschool.net](mailto:cbrowne@sjfschool.net). I am excited to begin what I know will be a successful year!

Sincerely,  
Ms. Cathy Browne