

Dear Algebra 1 Students and Families,

I hope that this letter finds you safe and healthy. First, I want you to know that I miss seeing all of you in class and am looking forward to connecting via email, phone or zoom in the coming weeks. Below are some new expectations and answers to some common questions. As we begin this new journey together, please email any and all questions as they come up and I will be here to help you as best as possible. My email is [messierd@luhsd.net](mailto:messierd@luhsd.net)

### **Weekly Assignments**

- Assignments will be posted weekly by 9am and will be due the following Monday by 9am. No late work will be permitted
- **Preferred Method of submission:** Submit all assignments online via Big Ideas Math (accessed through Clever.com) unless otherwise noted on your weekly assignment page/packet
- If you are unable to scan and send me your work, you may drop it off to the main office each week.

### **Zoom Meeting Times**

- Zoom meeting dates and times will be posted on my website each week – an email the morning of the each meeting date will be sent with meeting code and password via AERIES to the email on file (most likely a parent email).
- Students are not required to participate in zoom meetings. Think of them as a drop in time to ask questions and get help with the content.
- Zoom meetings will have many restrictions to guarantee the time is productive. Students will be placed in a Waiting Room and allowed into the Meeting Room if their full name is visible, muted, and background is permissible.
- If the meeting times do not work with your schedule or conflict with other things, you have to do, please email me and I will be happy to try to schedule additional time to meet.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Make-Up Work**

- There are a handful of students who were absent or had not finished making up a test from quarter 3. I will be reaching out to each student individually to find a time to make-up that test. Most likely, what that will look like is a zoom meeting with me where I share my screen that has the test. You will have a separate sheet of paper to do your work and then will email that work before we get off our zoom video call. Feel free to reach out today if want, but I will be reaching out within the next day or two.
- We should look to close out any make-up assessments by the end of next week (4/17) and if you want to complete any late Big Ideas work from quarter 3 the deadline will also be 4/17.
- In addition, I understand that everyone's situation right now may look different, so if the above scenario does not work for you, just communicate with me and we will figure something out.

### **Tips for Success**

- Communicate with all of your teachers early and often each week as needed
- Make a plan for each week once you receive all of your work
- Expect that more changes may occur as we get going with distance learning, focus on things that you can control in the moment

*I am here for you and I know that all of you are strong, resilient and capable young women and men who will accept this new challenge, put your best foot forward and come out of this experience better prepared for what life throws at you next.*

*Mr. Messier*