Dear Parents and Guardians, September 2018

I am your child’s Algebra 2 (Common Core) teacher this year, and I’m looking forward to an exciting year. This is my sixteenth year teaching math here at Baker, and I’m always excited to start a new year! I thought I’d drop you a quick note to explain a few highlights of what you and/or your child can expect over the course of the school year.

1. This class is extremely intense and jammed packed with material to be covered. We move very quickly, so please encourage you child to stay on top of the material. Each topic we cover builds on previous information, so it is extremely important not to get behind.
2. I am available for extra **help** every day during school (5th, 6th and 8th) and after school at least three days per week. My availability for the week will be posted every Monday so they can plan ahead. Please encourage your child to see me for help if you see them struggling. **I have often found that a few minutes with the teacher can save hours of frustration.**
3. I keep an **updated website** that can be accessed through the Baker website teacher directory. On my website I post copies of the daily notes, links to graph paper, etc. If you child is **absent** from class, please encourage him/her to print off and go over the notes prior to returning to class.
4. This year, I will be using **Remind** to send message and reminders to students about upcoming test, quizzes, etc.
5. Please check up our your child’s academic progress regularly by accessing their grades through the **Parent Portal** for the School Tool program. Please understand that I do not update grades daily, however, I generally do so at the end of each chapter and after I have completed grading the chapter test.
6. My students have the opportunity to **re-take** a limited number of quizzes. There are certain requirements to be met in order to be eligible for re-takes (up-to-date on homework, etc.) so please encourage your child to take advantage of this option. They have received more information on these requirements.

Please feel free to contact me at any time to discuss your child’s progress or any special circumstances that you feel I should be aware of. The best way to contact me is by e-mail, and I generally will respond within the day. I look forward to meeting you at Open House!

Sincerely,

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