

Teacher: Johnny Foss (C112)

## Welcome to Geometry!

Welcome to your awakening! Even though we are in some truly interesting and challenging times, WE will make it through successfully because we will be TOGETHER. This year we will learn how to unlock your potential in regards to Mathematics and how it can be useful to your future. There is one main rule...Never Give Up!

### General Classroom Rules...

Take Care of Yourself  
Take Care of Each Other  
Take Care of This Place

### Supplies

Throughout the year Mr. Foss will be checking whether or not you are prepared with the proper supplies while in attendance at Geometry Class. A lack of materials can result in grade reduction.

- Pen or pencil
- Calculator!!!(PLEASE check one out from school for free!!!)

### Retesting Policy:

Due to recent policy change, some students are allowed to retake assessments that they have failed. The policy for the mathematics department at McNeil high school states that in order to retake a major test a student must **FIRST turn in a completed test review**, and second, attend at least one tutorial session where test corrections and supplemental instruction can take place before a retake can be scheduled(**must be scheduled within a week**). The maximum grade possible for a Test Retake is 70%. Failing quiz grades can be raised to 70% by achieving a passing test grade over that material on the first attempt. Students can turn in homework assignments after the original due date for a maximum grade of 70% as long as this occurs before the summative assessment(test) for that assignment. These processes must be student initiated. Good communication is paramount. Feel free to contact Coach Foss should you have any questions on this matter.

### Academic Expectation Reward:

Should a student keep up their end of the academic bargain they can expect several rewards. First, they will have their best chance at earning a grade that is close to their potential(duh!). But also, should a student turn in every homework assignment on time with a grade of at least 60% on all homework assignments for that six weeks, then the lowest quiz grade for that grading period will be dropped. These are just a couple of rewards for those students that are keeping up their end of the academic bargain needed to be successful in today's competitive world.

### Tutorials:

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SUCCESS IN THIS CLASS. If you are having trouble and you don't let anyone know, then failure can only be attributed to yourself. Everyone has difficulty now and then. The people who succeed are the ones that know when to ask for help. If you don't want to ask me for help, ask someone else. Don't stay silent. **WE can figure it out together!**

## What Should My Homework Look Like?

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Homework is your chance to TRY your best to answer questions and complete assigned tasks. This is also your chance to explore, on your own, the current topic and discover what you know and don't know about the subject. You will most likely NOT be able to easily answer all questions. Problems you find difficult to answer can be brought up in class discussions, through an email with your teacher, or on discussion boards in Schoology. Now is a great time to learn to advocate for yourself.

Major pieces of importance that should be found on every homework assignment in your math class include: Name, Assignment, your solution process(aka work), and an answer which can be easily found by the person evaluating your work..

It is VERY important that you **write enough information down so that you can speak intelligently about the problem without the aid of seeing the problem.** Show any and all work that is needed to solve the problem. I need to be able to SEE your work. Just writing down answers keeps us from having a discussion about the problem which is unhelpful.

**NO WORK = NO CREDIT**

**WANT A FREE 100% FOR YOUR FIRST HOMEWORK GRADE?**

**2** tasks **MUST** be completed:

1. Have a parent/guardian email me at [johnny\\_foss@roundrockisd.org](mailto:johnny_foss@roundrockisd.org) and let me know what they consider to be a good test grade for their child. A phone call will also work even though email is preferred (512-464-6383)
2. Complete the "Get to know You" google form which can be found in Schoology under the Welcome to Geometry Section