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Dear Woodbury Middle School Families,

On behalf of the Nonnewaug High School Math department, I would like to welcome you and your student to Nonnewaug High School. Today, your student received the summer math packet for Algebra 1 or Geometry. All students entering these courses are required to complete the summer math assignment. This will be due on Monday, August 31st.

One question that we receive a lot as families prepare for the start of high school is, “do we need to purchase a graphing calculator?” The NHS Mathematics department is committed to the use of technology and hands-on experiences in math to bring the subject to life. In line with this objective, we ask that all students have a graphing calculator. This technology allows students to focus on the big ideas of mathematics without getting bogged down in the calculations. The graphing calculator will get plenty of “mileage” as it will be used in math classes for all four years of high school. Many science classes will also have students using their calculator. Therefore, a graphing calculator is a sound investment in your child’s long-term mathematics success.

The recommended graphing calculator is the TI-84 Plus CE or the new TI-84 EVO. The TI-83 Plus or TI-84 Plus are also acceptable. These calculators have substantial memory that allows students to write and store programs and they are upgradeable via the Internet. Finally, the TI-83 Plus, TI-84 Plus, and TI-84 Plus CE have been approved for use on the SAT and ACT. You will find other brands that are cheaper, such as Casio; however, they are not compatible with the TI-83 or TI-84 calculator family and their use will differ from the instruction provided by our teachers.



Texas Instruments calculators can be purchased at many local stores, such as Walmart, Target, or Staples and are typically on sale with the back-to-school sales. They can also be purchased online at and are usually discounted during Amazon Prime Day. Additionally, used graphing calculators at a reduced price can usually be found online at eBay and other secondary market sites.

Once the school year begins, NHS has a limited number of school-owned calculators available for students to sign out and borrow for the school year. Each member of the math department will have copies of the form for the start of school and it will require parent/guardian signature. Completed forms can be returned to your student’s math teacher. Like a textbook or Chromebook, a lost or damaged school-issued calculator will incur a replacement cost.

Information about 9th grade orientation will be emailed out to families. Parents and guardians, we look forward to meeting you at NHS Open House on Thursday, September 10th. We appreciate your support in our efforts to provide a high-quality math education for all students and wish you and your family an amazing summer vacation. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Mrs. Belanger via email at sbelanger@ctreg14.org.

Sincerely,

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