

September 1, 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another fun filled school year. Parents and students may know at all times the exact standing of a student in the class through the use of PowerSchool. Login information may be obtained by contacting a guidance counselor. I will update grades daily by 3:30 pm. Parents, please utilize PowerSchool often. It will allow you to know the progress of your child throughout the year. You can email me at npallotta@hopatcongschools.org and I will usually reply quickly. **Also, feel free to call or text me at (973) 446-5717. This is my Google Voice Number.** I am also using **Remind** this year. This is essentially an “Alert Now” system for my classroom. I will send out the homework each night and any important announcements for my class. These announcements will include quiz or test alerts and parent reminders.

Grade 7 Math students and parents can sign up by sending a text to (973) 786-1654 with the message @mrpallotta

Grade 7 Pre Algebra students and parents can sign up by sending a text to (973) 786-1654 with the message @ekhba7

As per district policy, student grades will be calculated using the following categories and weights.

Classwork is worth 15% of the marking period grade. Any work assigned to be completed in class will be graded in this category.

Homework will be assigned every night and is worth 15% of the grade for the marking period. Completed homework receives 10 out of 10 points. Incomplete homework receives 5 out of 10 points. 8 out of 10 points are given when an incomplete assignment is completed. Late homework will be given 6.5 out of 10 points. **It is imperative that the students complete homework nightly!** **However students may stop working after 30 min.**

Tests comprise 40% of the marking period grade. There will be three tests during a marking period. All tests will be announced in class and on the class website at least three days prior to the test date.

Quizzes comprise 30% of the marking period grade and may not be announced. There will usually be five or six quizzes during a marking period.

(Students will be allowed to retake a test or quiz once to improve a low grade. The retest must be scheduled and taken afterschool)

The address of my class website is www.mrpshomepage.com

I look forward to a productive and successful school year.

Sincerely,

Mr. Pallotta