

# Pre-Calculus

Dear Students and Parents,

August 31, 2016

Welcome to Pre-Calculus! I hope we will all have a successful school year. Pre-Calculus starts with a review of old concepts, but then takes them to a deeper level than Algebra. We will cover some topics you saw in Algebra II and will also delve into some Trigonometry. The goal of this class is to get each student ready and excited to take Calculus next year.

**BE PREPARED** each day with

- YOUR COMPLETED HOMEWORK
- sharpened pencils
- lined loose-leaf paper kept in a 3-ring binder (1 ½" or 2"), designated specifically for your math notes and assignments. I'm not going to be too picky about this, but you need a place to store notes, tests, etc.
- GRAPHING CALCULATOR

**BE PROMPT.** Be sure to sharpen your pencil and have your materials ready when the bell rings. Go to the restroom BEFORE class. You are expected to be in the classroom ready to work when the bell rings in order to **avoid being tardy.**

**Detentions will be assigned for multiple tardies.**

**HOMEWORK** is usually assigned every day (see <http://www.barody.org/PreCalc/HW.html> for the assignments). You will be responsible for all work, including work you might miss when absent from school. You should keep your notebook organized, and all assignments done in a neat, organized manner. A list of answers will receive no homework credit- **you must show work for all problems.**

**BE POLITE and RESPECTFUL** of everyone in class!

Everyone shares the right to learn and I expect respect not only for all the teachers at Dover-Sherborn, but also for all the students, particularly your classmates.

## **GRADING POLICIES**

You will receive grading reports regularly.

Each grading period your grade will be calculated as follows:

- Assessments are 84%
- SAT Packets are 8%
- Homework/ICE packets are 8%

This may be adjusted as the year goes on...this is currently for Term 1 only.

## **EXTRA HELP**

I am regularly available for extra help before school, after school, and during my free periods. Scheduled extra help days can be found on your homework calendar

( <http://www.barody.org/PreCalc/HW.html> ), but please know there are lots of opportunities outside of those to get extra help!

We will be using a textbook, but there will also be many notes given in class, as well as assignments through worksheets. Please be organized and do not lose your notes, as the midyear and final exams are cumulative!

Parents may contact me at Dover-Sherborn by email: [barodyj@doversherborn.org](mailto:barodyj@doversherborn.org)  
This is the fastest way to reach me as I check my email daily and respond quickly.

I am looking forward to a fantastic year!

Please be sure to check out my website for information about homework, policies, and any other information I find important. I keep it updated as much as possible and try to put up as many materials as I can.

You can find my website through the DSHS home page and at:  
<http://www.barody.org>

### Graphing Calculator Information

Many of our assessments this year will involve the use of a TI-84 graphing calculator. This calculator is essential to your understanding and mastering of the material. You will not be allowed to share calculators with other students during assessments, and I do not have calculators to lend. So, you need to purchase a calculator (if you do not already have one) and bring it to class EVERY DAY.

Please take this form home and sign it **after** reading through the letter, homework policy, the department cell phone policy, and the school's cheating policy. All of these were either handed out in class or are available on my website or the school's website. Review everything and be sure to get a parent's signature as well as signing yourself!

This counts as your first homework assignment.

I read all the materials relevant to Mr. Baroody's Pre-Calculus class, and will abide by all policies.

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature

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