**Dear Parent/Guardian(s),**

I am excited to have the privilege of teaching your student(s) this year! This year they are in the Math I class, which is eligible for High School credit. I am looking forward to having a fun, but most importantly, a productive year. My goal is to have them prepared for high school, and on track for college. I will definitely need your help along with your students’ participation in order to achieve this goal. Listed below you will find **IMPORTANT** information that will help you and your student better understand my expectations.

**About me:** My name is Rodney Johnson and this is my fourth year teaching math at Randolph Middle School. However, I’ve been teaching Middle School math (6th, 7th & 8th grade) for 8 years in CMS. I am originally from Hickory, NC and graduated from UNCC in 1997. The Charlotte area has been my home since then and I am happily married with two children, one of which is also attending Randolph Middle. Before teaching, I spent 14 years in the land development business as a senior project manager.

**Policies:**

**Late work**: Due upon return to school. Less credit will be calculated at 10 points each day.

**Formal Grades – 70% (Quizzes/ Tests/ Projects)**: Any student who does not meet mastery (79% or higher) on a formal assessment will be given the opportunity to complete corrections and retake the assessment in order to raise their grade. These corrections and the time needed to retake the assessment will be the students’ responsibility (see note below regarding morning tutoring). Not all formal assessments will be announced.

**Informal Grades – 30% (Warm-ups/ Homework/ Class work):** Any student who does not put their FULL NAME on, or who fails to turn in the assignment on the due date will receive less credit. (See **Late Work** above).

**Absent Work:** The student is responsible for completing any make up work.

**Homework:** Homework is assigned daily, and is usually **collected the next day** for a grade.

**Warm-Ups:** Warm ups will be collected at the beginning of every class, and will be taken up each Friday for a grade.

**Extra Help/ Time:**

 **Morning Tutoring**: 8am- 8:45am Monday, Tuesday & Thursday (upon request given clubs, etc…)

**Extra Copies:** It is the students’ responsibility to ask for/ check Canvas for missing work.

**Contact me:** email me at rodneya.johnson@cms.k12.nc.us, or call 704-604-2130 (mobile)

**Parent Portal:**  Grades are updated at the beginning of each week.

**Help me, help you:**  1. Keep up with PowerSchool/Canvas. 2. Keep up with Compass Learning. You will be able to see your student’s progress through both programs. 3. Keep in touch. If you have questions about anything, email me.

**Classroom Wish List:**

* Kleenex, Kleenex, Kleenex! Clorox Wipes Hand Sanitizer
* Colored Card Stock Copy Paper Candy/Gum

**Technology:**

Students will be given opportunities to use their technology in the classroom. However, if it is being used at inappropriate times, or being used for inappropriate reasons, the technology will be taken and turned into the office. Student may lose all privileges for the rest of the year.

 **Canvas and** **Compass Learning will be accessed through my.ncedcloud.com accounts!!!**

The Canvas Parent App is now live.  Parents can view multiple student's work in all of their Canvas courses. Directions to share with parents can be found here: <http://j.mp/cmscanvasparentapp>

**Tentative Game Plan for the 2017-2018:**

1. Algebra Basics
2. Multi-Step Equations and Inequalities
3. Relations and Functions
4. Linear Equations
5. Direct and Inverse Variation
6. Systems of Equations and Inequalities
7. Exponent Rules
8. Polynomials and Factoring
9. Quadratic Equations
10. Radical Expressions and Equations
11. Radicals
12. Statistics
13. Math 7 EOG/Math I EOC Review

**Daily Classroom Materials:**

* Teacher Handouts – Lots of them…
* Med. to large (2”-ring binder w/Loose Leaf Paper)
* Agenda/Planner (to write down homework assignments)
* Several #2 pencils (used for all notes and homework)
* Blue/Black Ink Pen (used to grade/correct homework **ONLY**)
* Markers/Highlighters

**Let’s make this year great!**

**Sincerely,**

**Rodney Johnson - rodneya.johnson@cms.k12.nc.us**