

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year. Although the summer has gone by quickly, I am very excited to start the school year. This will be my 3rd year teaching 8th grade Algebra and I am excited and ready! This year in math we will be continuing our learning of algebra skills. As noted on the Parent Letter posted this summer, the expectations of this course are at a high school level. Students are responsible to get to class each day, participate, get their homework done and come in for extra help when needed. Note that every day your student is absent, he or she is missing key content. In this Algebra course, students will be using a textbook that is also available digitally. Students will be expected to take notes in class that will assist in homework completion and studying for tests. I will be introducing new concepts and only ask that your child stays focused, asks questions and works hard on the materials being taught.

As for little bit about me, my name is Kari Cooley. This will be my sixth year of teaching math, which I am extremely passionate about. Not only do I teach, but I am involved with various committees in the district. I have lived in Lorain all my life and am a graduate of Clearview High School and Bowling Green State University. I have my master's degree in Computer Technology in Education and am always looking for new ways to integrate technology into the classroom. I love sports and still play in volleyball leagues and run the beach leagues and tournaments at Lakeview in the summer. I had coached basketball the past 7 years and recently quit to take care of my family and start a new business endeavor. I have two sons, Callen, who turned 3 this past summer and Deekon, who will be 2 in December. This past summer, my husband and I had our daughter, Paycen, who is now 1 month.

Along with this letter, each student also received a syllabus of the expectations and programs that we will be using in class this year. Students will be required to complete Study Island blue ribbons quarterly as well as Accelerated Math assignments weekly. We will also be using an online learning environment called Canvas where students will be taking quizzes and recording homework into the system. There will be instances where students are responsible for taking posted notes at home to allow for more time to practice problems in the classroom. I am more than willing to work with students that are without internet access however, the student will be responsible to take care of that work within school hours without me having to remind them. A flyer is also sent home to set up text message/email reminders of homework and tests using Remind. Students are also receiving a Calculator Contract to get signed and returned stating if they have their own personal calculator for class, or if they will need one signed out to them from the school.

Please take note that our first Parent-Teacher conference date will be **Thursday, September 15th**. Please feel free to contact me at any point that you are worried about your child. I respond best to email or you can call and leave a message at the school. You will be receiving access to our online grade book system called PowerSchool. There is a link on the Clearview Website under the Parent tab or under Quicklinks on the 8th Grade Staff Page.

I know that purchasing school supplies can be stressful, however please ensure that your child has his or her binder, dividers, filler paper, calculator, pencils and grading pens for Monday. The rest of the supplies will be needed, throughout the year. I look forward to working with you and your student through the course of the year. My door is always open if you ever want to sit in a class.

Sincerely,

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Links and Usernames for the School Year:

Resource	Username	Password
Holt: (Math Textbook) http://my.hrw.com	First initial + last name + 21 + holt Ie. Kcooley21holt	Initials + 6-digit lunch code Ie. KC123456
Canvas (Online Learning Community) canvas.instructure.com	First initial + last name + 21 Ie. Kcooley21	Initials + 6-digit lunch code Ie. KC123456
HomeConnect (AM/AR) Hosted63.renlearn.com/105080/homeconnect	First initial + last name + 21 Ie. Kcooley21	Initials + 6-digit lunch code Ie. KC123456
Study Island www.studyisland.com	First initial + last name + 21@dms Ie. Kcooley21@dms	Initials + 6-digit lunch code Ie. KC123456
PowerSchool https://ps7-cv.treca.org/public/home.html	6-digit lunch code Ie. 123456	6-digit lunch code Ie. 123456