

**To:** Parents and Guardians

## **ALGEBRA 1A/1B**

**Date:** August 2, 2007

**From:** Mr. Cantlin, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher at Susan Moore HS

**Visit our class web site at: <http://www.bulldogmath.com>**

**Every assignment is put on bulldogmath.com every day**

I would like to introduce myself. My name is John Cantlin and this is my fourth year as a math teacher at Susan Moore High School. My wife, Barbara, and I live in Oneonta having moved from the Chicago area in 2003. We have relatives in Hoover and Huntsville.

I have a degree in engineering and that was my career before I switched to teaching. I was a reactor operator on a nuclear submarine in the U.S. Navy, used the GI Bill to get through college, and then worked in the electric power industry for 15 years. After I decided to leave engineering, I worked for my own computer services company while earning a degree in education and a teacher's certificate in 1999. I taught math part-time for a few years and one year full-time in Illinois before my wife and I decided to leave the snow and traffic of the Chicago area and live in warm and beautiful Blount County.

I feel confident that I can help your child learn math. I am committed to doing so.

I offer free "math help" sessions to all students six days a week. I am available every day after school. My wife (a former engineer also) and I also offer free help every Saturday in my classroom from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Parents are welcome too! I can arrange to be available at other times by appointment if there are special circumstances.

### **Free Math Help Hours:**

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|------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Every Day After School | Until 4:15 p.m. or later by appointment. | <b>Students need a signed note from home or their parents need to call the school saying it is OK to stay after. YOUR PARENTS AND I MUST KNOW YOU ARE HERE AND KNOW HOW YOU ARE GETTING HOME!</b> |
| Every Saturday         | 9 a.m. to Noon                           | No appointment needed, tap on the classroom window if I am not expecting you.                                                                                                                     |

**Redo Policy:** If a student does poorly on a test or other assignment and wants to improve their score, I will let them work to bring their grade up. I ask that they restudy their weak areas and come in for extra help. Any student that is willing to work can excel in this class. There are more details provided to your student and on bulldogmath.com.

### **✂ Supplies Needed: Algebra 1A (9<sup>th</sup> Grade) & 1B (10<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

- \* **Loose Leaf Paper** (start with a couple of packs, College or HS ruled OK, NO SPIRAL NOTEBOOK PAPER -- Please)
- \* **Pencils** (standard wood #2, we will use many, start with a box. NO MECHANICAL PENCILS -- Please)
- \* **Small Pencil Sharpener + Ziploc Bag for Shavings** (if the sharpener doesn't have a place for the shavings)
- \* **Good Eraser** (the ones on the end of pencils are not good)
- \* **3-Ring Notebook**
- \* **3-Ring Pencil Pouch**
- \* **Graph Paper** (a small pad of about 50 sheets to start)

*Students: Put about 75 sheets of loose leaf and 10 sheets of graph paper in your notebook. Put about 5 pencils, the eraser, the sharpener, and the ziploc bag if needed in your pencil pouch. Bring your notebook to class every day! Thank you.*

I look forward to working with you and your student this year.

Sincerely,

*Mr. Cantlin*

**PARENTS:**

Student Name: .....

Please sign and return. Thank you!