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Dear 8th Grade Students and Families,

Welcome to a new school year! My name is Mr. Morse, and I am excited to be your child's 8th Grade Math teacher. I am looking forward to a year filled with learning, discovery, growth, and success. I have been a middle school math teacher for five years. I previously worked on Wall Street for twenty years as a NASDAQ trader and Director of Global Equities for a major brokerage firm.

Eighth grade is an important transition year as students continue to develop greater independence, strengthen their academic skills, and prepare for the challenges ahead in Algebra 1. In our classroom, students will be encouraged to think critically, ask questions, collaborate with others, and persevere when faced with challenges.

This year students will further their understanding in Exponents, Linear Relationships, Linear Equations and Systems, Functions, Geometry including the Pythagorean Theorem, and Statistics/ Data Analysis with real life scenarios so students can focus on problem-solving, mathematical reasoning, and explaining their thinking.

My goal is to create a classroom environment where every student feels safe, respected, supported, and challenged to do their best. I believe that all students can learn and grow when they put forth effort, stay organized, and maintain a positive attitude.

To help ensure success this year, I encourage students to:

- Come to class prepared each day.
- Complete assignments on time.
- Ask questions when they need help.
- Participate actively in class discussions and activities.
- Treat classmates and staff with kindness and respect.

Communication between home and school is very important. Please feel free to contact me throughout the year with any questions or concerns. Working together, we can help your child have a successful and rewarding school year.

I am excited to meet everyone and begin this learning journey together. Let's make this an amazing year filled with growth, achievement, and memorable experiences!

Sincerely,

Mr. Morse

Classroom Supplies

Please send the following items with your child on the first day of school.

8th Grade Math Supply List:

- Pencil case with pencils and erasers
- 3 Ring binder either 1 ½" or 2"
- Section dividers (3)
- Graph Paper
- Lined paper
- Headphones or earbuds (wired only, NO Bluetooth)
- Calculator to be used later in the year

Optional but Appreciated:

- 3 Boxes of Tissues
- 1 Container of Lysol Wipes
- 1 Bottle of Hand Sanitizer

Back to School Night

We look forward to seeing you at Back-To-School Night, which will be held on Thursday, September 17th.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at:
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