

To: Parents and Guardians

Date: August 15, 2011

From: Mr. Cantlin, Math Teacher at Susan Moore HS

Re: 2011-2012 Math Classes: Introduction, Free Help & Redo Policy, Supplies

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 eighth 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 started out as a reactor operator on a nuclear submarine in the U.S. Navy, used the GI Bill to get through college, and then worked as an engineer in the electric power industry for 15 years. After I left the power industry in 1995, I worked for my own computer services company making web sites for small businesses while earning a degree in education and a teacher's certificate in 1999. I taught math part-time for three years (middle & high school) and one year full-time (8th grade) in Illinois before my wife and I decided to leave the snow and traffic of the Chicago area and live in 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 provide math help every day after school and my wife (also a former engineer) and I have 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:

Every Day After School	Until 4:30 p.m.	Students must have a signed permission note from home that includes who is picking the student up and at what time. (See "Tutor Ticket" on BulldogMath.com)
Every Saturday	9 a.m. to Noon	

Redo Policy – Redo Almost Any Assignment: 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. Almost any graded assignment can be brought up to a 92%. There are some restrictions and student responsibilities, there are more details provided to your student and on bulldogmath.com.

☞ Supplies Needed: All Math Classes for 2011-2012

- * **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** Tip: the ones on the end of pencils are, in most cases, not good
- * **3-Ring Notebook with a 3-Ring Pencil Pouch**
- * **Graph Paper** a small pad of about 50 sheets to start
- * **Index Cards** about 500 3x5 inch standard size cards, lined or unlined
- * **Algebra 2 Students - Scientific Calculator** I strongly recommend a TI30XS Multiview, this is perfect for the ACT too

Students: Put about 75 sheets of loose leaf & 10 sheets of graph paper in your notebook. Put about 5 sharpened pencils, the eraser, the sharpener, about 50 index cards, and the Ziploc bag (if needed) in your pencil pouch. Bring your notebook to class every day! Your book may stay at home. 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!