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Dear Parents/Guardians & Students:

My name in Mr. Ostoforov (a.k.a. Mr. O) and I will be teaching Foundations of Math & Pre-Calculus 10 to your student. I would like to take a few moments of your time to highlight some important details about this course. I encourage you take a few moments to familiarize yourself with the course website, notably the course syllabus and expectations at this point in time.

In grade 10, there are two math streams for students to pursue. Foundations of Math & Pre-Calculus 10 focuses on more theoretical use and application of mathematics geared towards those students looking at attending post-secondary education notably in the fields of Math and Science. Students in this course should have previously completed Math 9 obtaining a 'B' grade or higher. They may find aspects of this course very challenging otherwise.

All grade 10 students will also be expected to complete the Provincial Numeracy Assessment to fulfill a graduation requirement. This assessment will assess students' ability to use and apply mathematics principles in real-world situations. There will be more information about this assessment at a later date.

Math is a subject area with which many students struggle for a variety of reasons, and it is my goal to assist them in becoming more numerate and confident in their approach to math. I believe that combining theory, with real world applications, as well as using inquiry, students can make stronger connections with the curriculum in a more engaging and meaningful capacity.

To help assist students, I have developed a website (<u>www.ostoforov.weebly.com</u>) where your student will be able to find pretty much everything relevant to this course; course agenda, notes, assignments, resources, etc. In response to Covid-19 situation and the possible need to learn remotely I will also be using Microsoft Teams as a resource and communication tool. Should your student miss class for any reason, these two resources will provide everything your student will need to be successful in this course.

Foundations of Math & Pre-Calculus 10 Parent & Student Letter



As you are undoubtedly aware by now, RSS has implemented the Copernican model (2 courses per quarter). This is a very intense model with a whole course to be delivered in a 9-10 week time period. As a result, it is imperative that students attend class regularly (missing two days is equivalent to missing almost a week of school in our previous semester system). Also, due to the expedited nature of the course it is also important that students stay current with the course work and immediately advocate for their learning should they encounter any struggles and/or need extra help, so they do not fall behind.

Please feel free to contact me at any time should you have any questions or concerns or if you just want a progress update on your student. My contact info can be found at the top of this letter or be made directly through my website. I have also attached a short questionnaire on the following page. Please complete it and detach (please keep this letter for future reference) and have your student return it to me as soon as possible. Thank you ahead of time for your cooperation.

Professionally,

Mr. Ostoforov



Parent/Guardian & Student Questionnaire

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