

Mathematics 8

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Equipment and Materials

- Workbook: Theory and Problems for Math 8
- Binder
- Pencil and Eraser
- Scientific Calculator
- Ruler
- School Agenda

Fees

The workbook costs **\$25** and allows the student to write it in freely. If the workbook is returned at the end of the year with no writing and in good condition, the fee will be refunded. At this time the workbook cannot be paid for online. Please bring cash or a cheque to Ms. Bretherton. Please make cheques out to Sir Winston Churchill Secondary.

Grades

Each Term: Tests and Quizzes – 60%
Homework and Assignments – 40%

Final Report: Terms 1, 2 & 3 – 30% each
Final Exam – 10%

Absences

- If a student is absent from class a note from a parent or guardian is required. It will be signed by all teachers and handed in to the office.
- If a student has missed a test or quiz, an email or phone call to Ms. B is required.

Extended Vacations

- Do so at your own risk. The VSB does NOT endorse this practice and teachers are not obligated to provide homework or assignments.
- Missed labs, tests, quizzes and any other work completed during class will be given a **zero**.

Lates/Tardiness

- Students are expected to be sitting at their desk and working on their bellwork when the second bell rings.
- Multiple lates will result in cleaning duty after class!
- Continued late behaviour will lead to a meeting with the counselor and the vice principal.

Missing Assignments

- Students are responsible for completing all work on time.
- If a student is absent it is their responsibility to hand in their completed work the **next class they are back**.
- Students can find out what they have missed via:
 - The homework blog (see web address at the top of the front page)
 - Email (see Ms. B's email address at the top of the front page)
 - Asking classmates
- **Late assignments will have marks deducted.**
- Students with an excused absence (field trips, sports, etc.) are still expected to hand in their assignments the following class.

Missing Tests or Quizzes

- Students can make-up missed tests or quizzes **ONLY** with an **EMAIL OR PHONE CALL** from a parent or guardian on the day of the missed test/quiz.
- It is expected that the test or quiz will be written the **next class the student is back**.
- If a test or quiz will be missed due to a field trip or sport, the student is expected to inform Ms. B before the day of the test/quiz.

❖ Every student is given an agenda that contains all the policies, procedures and other important information and dates for the VSB and Sir Winston Churchill Secondary. **DO NOT** lose it!

Extra Help

- Students who need help at home are encouraged to take a picture of their work and email it to Ms. B who will email a picture back! Any email sent after 9pm, however, will not be seen until the following morning.
- Ms. B is usually at school by 8am and works after school until at least 4pm every day except Tuesdays. Look for her in A217 or the science office at the end of the hall.
- Due to meetings, supervision and a need to eat with friends, Ms. B is generally unavailable at lunch. Peer tutoring is available at lunch on Mondays and Wednesdays in Room 100.
- Don't hesitate to ask for a time to meet with Ms. B for extra help!

Web Bonus

- Students interested in earning extra marks can check the homepage of the class website (top of front page) and submit the answer to the question before the bell rings each class.
- At the end of each term the number of web bonuses completed will be counted. If all of them were completed, a 3% bonus will be awarded; 75% completed will be awarded a 2% bonus and 50% completed will be awarded a 1% bonus.

This information sheet is for parents and students to refer to throughout the year. Please keep it in your binder or another safe place!