

## Tips for success in math

As a sophomore (or junior or senior) starting high school, it can be very difficult to get used to an A/B schedule. Here are some ideas that will help you be successful in all of your classes, but in particular math.

- Take good notes in class.
- Ask questions if you do not understand. Do not feel stupid for asking questions. I guarantee someone else has the same question but is too shy to ask.
- On the day you have math, go home and read over your notes.
- On the day you have math, go home and do the odds.
- Do not do work in your head. Show all of your work no matter how easy.
- Check the odd answers with the answers on my webpage or skyward.  
([gordonclassroom.weebly.com](http://gordonclassroom.weebly.com))
- If you have questions on the odds, come ask me or another math teacher or a trusted friend for help the next day.
- On the day you DO NOT have math, do the evens.
- If you have questions on the evens, you can come ask in the morning the next day.
- Remember we have tutoring available Monday-Thursday mornings from 6 am-7am and Monday-Thursday after school from 2:30-3:30. (see schedule posted around the school or on the school's webpage or on my webpage)
- **DO NOT** ignore your homework until the night before it is due!
- If it is a weekend, do some of the problems every day so you do not forget what you were taught in class.
- If you do not get a 100% on your homework, redo the assignment until you get a 100%. (Follow rules for doing an assignment over.)
- **DO NOT** get behind on your homework. Have your homework finished the day we grade it in class. Doing 4-5 assignments the night before a test does not help you pass the test.
- Be sure to pay attention to the work I show when you grade your assignments. I write the work that is required to show on the tests.
- Find a friend you trust and swap homework with them. Grade each other's assignment for work and correct answers using the answers given on my webpage or skyward. Give each other constructive feedback so you can each improve.

