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Dear Parents,

My name is Tim Izzo, and I will be your son/daughter's mathematics teacher this year. I am looking forward to another great school year in working with your child this year! I have drafted this letter as your parental "homework assignment" for the first day of school ☺

Please read the following and fill out the detachable form on the third page.

Please send **ONLY THE THIRD PAGE** back with your child on the second day of school (September 6th).

1. **First and foremost, please become familiar with my website.** Every single thing we do in class (topics, notes, assignments, study material, etc.) will be noted on the website for each day.
 - a. My website address is <http://www.timizzo.com>
 - b. The website can also be accessed through the high school website class pages link. <http://www.mtsinai.k12.ny.us>
2. Please try to talk with your kids daily, or at least weekly, about what they are learning in class. One of my major goals is to give students examples of when certain mathematical skills are needed or can be applied to the real-world. Your life experiences can confirm these applications, or maybe through discussions you both can come up with new applications!
3. Encourage your son/daughter to complete all homework assignments.
 - a. In Calculus and Algebra, homework will be almost every night, and will take between 10 and 20 minutes. If they say they do not have any homework, they are probably mistaken. **When in doubt check the website!**
 - b. In Financial Math, homework will usually only consist of me asking students to bring in an article, a credit card offer from junk mail, a paystub from their job, etc. **While not technically an assignment, they will be grossly unprepared for a lesson if they forget to bring these items to class!**



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4. Please remind your son/daughter not to get distracted by their phone in class. I ask for them to keep it either in the basket under their desk, or away in a backpack, purse, etc.
 - a. I especially ask that you do not become part of the problem by calling or texting them during class (**Yes, this happens more than you think**).
 - b. If you need to get in touch with your child, call the main office and we can get in contact with them immediately.

5. Check PowerSchool as frequently as you wish. Grades are usually up to date and accurate within 24-48 hours after a quiz/test. **Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns.** I also encourage you to contact me if you think I need to know about anything going on in your child's life that may affect their performance. Email is the fastest way to get me (I will respond within 24 hours) My email address is: tizzo@mtsina.k12.ny.us

6. Along with this, please do not let sports (i.e. practice) trump your child's academics. I was a varsity football coach for 16 years, and know the importance of practice. However, for a struggling student, extra help should take precedence. If you need me to talk to another coach please let me know.

7. **Please do not accept mediocrity from your child!** Some students seem to be content with just getting by. The world is too competitive these days for that sort of attitude. I will push your child to do their best, I ask you to do the same.

8. Please detach the next page and fill out form

Once again, I am excited for an excellent school year ahead! Thank you again for your support!

Sincerely,

Timothy Izzo

Mr. Tim Izzo



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Parent Homework!!

Please fill out this form .

Detach this page only (you keep the rest of the packet)

Send back to school tomorrow (September 6) with your son/daughter

Student's Name: _____

Parent Name : _____

Parent Email Address: _____

I certify that I have read the attached letter and have visited Mr. Izzo's website (of course you visited the website, that's the only way to access this document ☺):

Parent Signature

Date