

# HONORS GEOMETRY

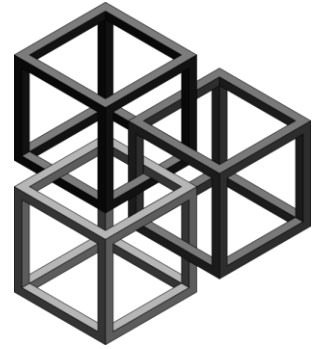
Course Overview 2016 – 2017

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This class will focus on building geometric skills to help you to be successful in geometric problem solving, learning to think logically and constructing valid arguments and seeing geometric figures and relationships in the world around you. Class will consist of: lecture, class/small-group discussion, group work, projects, activities, participation, homework, quizzes, and tests.

## Normal Daily Procedure:

- Phones in bins
- Bellwork/ HW help requested
- Go over top HW problems
- Daily lesson (notes, activity, quiz, test)

**Materials:** Everyday you will need—pencil, colored pens/pencils, notebook, optional: calculator, geometry stencil

## Expectations for HW :

- 1) your name, assignment page and problem numbers are written at the top right corner under your name
- 2) completed in pencil, **all** problems are complete with **all work shown, legible**, answers boxed
- 3) odds self-corrected in a contrasting color (red, green, purple, pink) before class begins—Answers are correct when there is work to back it up... Process is important for sustained learning.

**Absences:** If you are absent, your responsibilities include:

- 1) Communicating with your teacher the **day you return (or before)** to get missed work in one of the following ways:
  - Via email, in seminar, before/ after school or at the end of class (**not at the beginning of class** - I am focused on the current days' work
- 2) Being sure that all absences have been properly recorded by the attendance office in the appropriate time frame. Please discuss all attendance issues with the attendance office- I simply record your presence, absence and timeliness.
- 3) If a student is absent on the review day before a test, the student is expected to take the test on the scheduled date.

### **For EXCUSED:**

- Quizzes/Tests from absence taken during next seminar or next class
- Activities/ other assignments: discuss with teacher

### **For UNEXCUSED:**

- Assignments from absence = 0 pts
- Quizzes/ Tests from absence = 0 pts
- In Class work from absence = 0 pts

**\*\*Absences are to be excused within 24 hours.**

## **Absent / Make-up work:**

Zero points on all items if your absence is UNEXCUSED. If your absence is EXCUSED, Quizzes/ Tests are to be made up during next seminar/ class

**Note Taking Expectations:** Taking notes is one of the ways that you participate in class. Notes will be collected on each test day and checked for a grade.

**Participation:** I expect that you will participate productively in class. Lack of participation or negative participation will result in fewer/no EC opportunities available to you.

**Passes:** The hall pass may not be used in the first 15 minutes of class, nor may it be used while we are taking notes. Please sign out then take the pass – one student at a time. Make good choices.

**Website:** Please bookmark [www.mathwithmrsstratton.weebly.com](http://www.mathwithmrsstratton.weebly.com) where you will find:

- Email contact details
- Upfronts (the assignment schedule for the chapter which list the HW assigned each night of the chapter as well as quizzes and tests)
- Online assignments, answer keys and class announcements
- Other helpful links

**Email:** Since I am teaching students throughout the day, I cannot often respond during the school day. I check email every day, however, and I generally respond to email during my planning period (which occurs every other day). I will respond as quickly as I am able in the order in which the emails were received.

**Rules:**

- 1) Be kind and respectful to everyone in class
- 2) See cell phone/ electronic device info below
- 3) Food, beverages, candy, etc. are not permitted in class. Feel free to bring bottled water to class.
- 4) Backpacks brought to class are to be placed on the back tables or the side counter during class time.
- 5) Please stay near your seat until class is dismissed. No congregating by the door.
- 6) Do your own work. Cheating is not acceptable and will result in a zero for the assignment, a discipline referral in your file and possibly further disciplinary action. Please refer to the NHS Academic Honesty Policy.

**Cell Phones/ Electronic Devices:**

If you choose to bring electronic devices to class, please turn them to silent/airplane mode and place them in the bins at the beginning of class. I will direct you to retrieve them at the end of class.

Using phones/electronic devices in class without specific permission from the teacher will result in confiscation of the device, reporting for blended seminars, disciplinary referrals, etc. Possession of any electronic device during testing or while going over tests will result in a zero on the assignment.

**Grades:** Quarter grades are based on total points of tests, quizzes, projects, activities & participation.

99 – 100	A+	71 - 75	C	Semester Grades	
91 – 98	A	68 – 70	C-		
88 – 90	A-	66 – 67	D+		
86 – 87	B+	61 – 65	D	Quarter 1	40%
81 – 85	B	58 – 60	D-	Quarter 2	40%
78 – 80	B-	Below 58	E	Final Exam	20%
76 – 77	C+				

**Concerns:**

If you have questions/concerns about progress in my class, grades or other issues, please address your concerns with me directly. I appreciate students who approach me with questions, take responsibility for being independent and advocating for themselves. I am available before/ afterschool and during seminar.

Discipline is considered on a case-by-case basis. Possible action may include a phone call home, detentions, writing assignments, extra HW, or an office referral.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions or suggestions. I am open to suggestions for reasonable changes.