BLOGGING GUIDELINES AND REMINDERS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION BELOW!!

1. All Algebra 2 Honors students are required to post to their blog at least ONCE A WEEK (Saturday through Friday). Each post is a 5-point assignment in that nine weeks grade. A new weekly entry must be posted to your blog by 11:59 p.m. every Friday night. You may post as many times as you wish during a week (and you are encouraged to do so as often as you like), and you will receive 1 point extra credit for a second blog post in a week. You will not receive additional extra credit points for more than two posts in a given week. The first blog post is due by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, November 2. Mr. Lipp will send out reminders for the first two weeks of blog posts, but will not send reminders after that time.

2. Be creative but thoughtful with your blog posts. Just about anything goes, as long as it is class or math related! Your post should clearly demonstrate that you put time into your entry. Mr. Lipp reserves the right to NOT award the 5 points for the assignment if a post appears to be haphazard, meaningless, or clearly doesn’t indicate any effort or thought was given to it. Some ideas might be:
   - Requests for help on a topic in class you are having trouble with or suggestions for other students on how you “got it.”
   - A link to an online article or video about math – but be sure to include a thoughtful description on what you found interesting about the article or video!
   - A piece of creative writing … lyrics to a song, a poem, or a story … related to a math topic.

3. Each week, Mr. Lipp will choose a “Post of the Week” that he feels is the most thoughtful, meaningful, creative, or maybe just the most fun. But remember, as always, that this is a MATH blog … and that will be a major consideration for Mr. Lipp’s choice! The blogger whose post is selected will receive 2 points extra credit for that week’s post. You can earn this extra credit award on top of the extra credit point for an additional post in a week.

4. You are ENCOURAGED to follow and comment on other students’ blog posts. Bear in mind that Mr. Lipp will be monitoring, reviewing, and approving ALL comments BEFORE they appear on student blogs. Comments should be polite, POSITIVE and SUPPORTIVE … compliment the writer, add new information, make a connection, ask a question, provide constructive (helpful) feedback, or give a wish or hope. Please REVIEW the rules of online behavior in the “Netiquette” tab on Mr. Lipp’s Blog Central before submitting your first post or comment!

5. For safety and security reasons, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES are you to post your last name, picture, or any other personal information (address, phone number, e-mail address, location, daily routines) on your blog. Likewise, you are NOT to post the last name, picture, or personal information of any other student in your entries or in comments on other students’ blogs.
6. Remember that this is a SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT and, as such, all posts and comments will be governed by the same rules of behavior and Code of Student Conduct as classroom work. In addition, students are expected to abide by Duval County Public Schools' Acceptable Use Policy for Computers and the Internet that is located in the back of the Student Code of Conduct (and is posted on the class website and Mr. Lipp’s Blog Central). All posts and comments must contain appropriate language and subject matter. Any inappropriate blog posts or comments will be referred immediately to the Dean’s Office for disciplinary action.

7. In order to maintain additional security, an authorization password may be required to view Mr. Lipp’s Blog Central and student blogs if you are not already logged on to your blog. This authorization password is da107 (Douglas Anderson is school #107). DO NOT SHARE this password with anyone other than other DA students, parents, faculty, or staff.

8. Excuses such as “my computer wasn’t working” or “my Internet was down” will NOT be accepted for not posting each week by the deadline. If you choose to wait until the last minute to post to your blog, you choose to accept the risk that something may happen to prevent you from completing the assignment. You can use any Internet-enabled computer in the school, including the two in Mr. Lipp’s classroom, to post to your blog during the school day. The two student computers in Mr. Lipp’s room will be available on A-day mornings from 7:45-8:15 a.m., afterschool on Tuesdays when test retakes are being administered, and if we finish a lesson early in an Algebra 2 Honors class period.

9. Mobile apps for Android and iOS devices are available. Search for and install the “Edublogs” app if you wish to use it. This, however, does NOT give you permission to use your mobile device in Mr. Lipp’s or any other teacher’s class without PRIOR permission … even if this is a class assignment. If we are finished with our lesson for a class period and you have time to work on homework, you may ask to use your mobile device to post to your blog. If, after this permission is granted, you are found to be using your cell phone for any other purpose, it will be confiscated and turned in to the Dean’s Office with a referral.

10. Text, chat, and other online “abbreviations” are NOT to be used in blog posts or comments and go easy on the emoticons (maybe one, 😊). Write in complete sentences with correct grammar and punctuation (unless, of course, you are posting a piece of creative writing, such as a poem or story). Please use standard English and PROOFREAD your posts and comments before submitting.

11. If you need help with how to use your blog, refer to the Edublogs User Guide (help.edublogs.org/user-guide). You can also see or e-mail Mr. Lipp … but don’t wait until the last minute!