

## **Letter to students and parents new to the OHS Mathematics Dept.**

OHS offers course work ranging from supported 1<sup>st</sup> year Algebra to the intense Advanced Placement Calculus sequence. All programs demand a high commitment on the student's part and a "B" or "C" grade or higher (depending on the course) is necessary for progression through the sequence. To ensure a good balance between challenge and success we have a placement test for students new to our district planning on entering our sequence beyond the Algebra 1 level. **The placement tests are 16-question, no calculator, show-your-work tests.**

### **Desired entry course:**

**Algebra 1** – no placement test required; just register for Alg. 1

**Geometry** – take the post-Algebra 1 placement test

**Algebra 2** – take the post-Geometry placement test

**Precalculus and above** – no placement test

In all cases, student transcripts should reflect the successful completion of any math course work previous to the desired course level. This is especially important for students wishing to enter at the precalculus level or above since there is no placement test at these levels. With new Washington state requirements and the advent of required End of Course examinations, it is imperative that Algebra 1 and Geometry show on the transcripts.