# WELCOME BACK!

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT 2022-2023

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- A little about myself:
  - This is my 13th year teaching at Steinert
  - This year I am teaching Algebra IA, Algebra IB, and Statistics
  - I am the JV baseball coach
  - I graduated from TCNJ (a long time ago at this point) with a degree in Mathematics
  - I have a daughter in the 9th grade here at Steinert

## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT MY CLASSES

While the three classes that I teach are very different, I have the same expectations for all of my students. I expect that each student will aim to reach their potential. I expect that each student will come to class, on time, and ready to learn. My general rule is simply to just do what is right.

#### GRADES AND GRADING POLICY

- We will follow the HTSD grading policy
- All formative and summative assessments will have at least a one week notice
- Homework is not directly assigned
  - This is because I feel the biggest value comes when students work with the teacher present.
  - This does not mean that the students should not work at home. Before tests and quizzes I fully expect students to study and prepare.

#### ALGEBRA IA and IB

This class is an entirely freshman class and has been the one class that I have taught since starting at Steinert. I look forward every summer to meeting the incoming freshman and I enjoy the opportunity to help make the transition to high school an easy one. In this class we will cover a lot of material, often a lesson per day. While this might be a bit different than what the students experienced in middle school I have no doubt that they will adjust to the new pace. As will always be the case, I am available after school or during my free periods to work with students who ask.

# **STATISTICS**

What I enjoy the most about teaching statistics is that it is such a different pace than my other classes. My biggest goal when teaching this class goes beyond just the statistics itself. I put a lot of focus into independent work and studying styles that might be useful next year and beyond in college. This class lends itself to being a lot more casual than Algebra I, for any students who had me in that class as well. Whereas in Algebra I we will cover a specific lesson a day, in Statistics we will often block off a week or two to work on a chapter, and often the students will work on that at their own pace.

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