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Dear parents/guardians of _____,

I wanted to start off the year by introducing myself and giving you some information about your child's math program for grade 10. My name is Sally Parlee and I have been teaching math and science courses at the middle and high school level since 2009.

One of the most important factors in success at this level is to have good communication with and support from parents and guardians so I want to outline some of the ways we can work together this year:

- 1) Please take 2 minutes right now to **email me** (sally.stocktonparlee@nbed.nb.ca) and just put Math 10 as your subject and in the body of the email write your student's name and your relationship to them (ie. David's mom). Email is by far the easiest way to communicate with parents.
- 2) I will send home a **progress report** for math about 6 weeks into the semester so please keep an eye out for this. I will send an email out when I do this to give you a heads-up.
- 3) I have a **website** (www.mmeparleersrhs.weebly.com) that I update daily with class notes/homework and news about upcoming tests, midterms, projects, etc. Please save this website on your computer/tablet/phone so if you're ever wondering what's going on in math class, you can check in.
- 4) I also have **Instagram** (mme_parlee) that you and your child can follow (not a requirement), it's just another way I update/remind about upcoming tests and homework and share what we're working on in class.

Course overview:

Grade 10 math is split into two separate courses. First semester is Numbers, Relations and Functions (NRF) and second semester is Geometry, Measurement and Finance (GMF). Students need to be successful in both courses in order to move on to their grade 11 math course(s).

First semester (NRF) is a very intense course as it contains some of the more abstract math concepts. This course moves very quickly and I can't stress enough how important it is for students to be staying on top of their learning. Practicing questions from class at home on a regular basis and coming in for extra help at lunch as soon as they're having trouble is crucial.

Cell phones:

Cell phones are not to be used during class. Your child will need a **scientific calculator** as cell phones will not be allowed to be used as their calculator. I have a charging station in the class where they can leave their phones, or I would ask that they leave them in their back packs or lockers as it is too hard to ignore the vibration in their pockets or sitting on their desks.

French:

Speaking French in class is an essential part of being in the French Immersion program and students are expected to converse with each other and their teachers in French during class.

I look forward to teaching your awesome kids and being part of their journeys. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns, big or small.

Thank you! 😊

Sally Parlee

Parent/Guardian signature: _____