

Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian,

Welcome back to the school season! My name is Kaitlin Bell and your son or daughter is in my Algebra class. I am very excited to get to know your child throughout the 2021-22 school year!

I love working with students and have a passion for math education. I hope to help your child gain understanding and problem solving skills throughout the school year.

At the end of most class periods, students will be given time to work on a daily assignment. Daily assignments reinforce what the students are learning and help them understand the concepts that were taught in the lesson. Any problems that are not finished in class will be assigned as homework that will be due the next school day. If your son or daughter is struggling with any math concepts, encourage them to see me! I am only in the school building 1st-4th period, but can meet your child before school. Send me an email or talk to me in person about setting up a time to get additional help. I will do everything I can to make sure your son or daughter is successful!

Please make sure you have a reliable email on file with the school. If your son or daughter's work ethic or grade is starting to slip, it is easiest for me to give you a heads up via email. **Re-take tests are an option after every chapter!** If the student makes corrections to each of the incorrect problems on the test and submits their work to me within one week, they are eligible for a re-take test. I will take the best score out of the two tests (i.e. if he/she scores 100% on the re-take test, that is what goes in the gradebook). This is a great opportunity for any student!

I know that Algebra can be an intimidating subject ☺ Below is a free online website that I recommend for math tutoring at home: Khan Academy - <https://www.khanacademy.org/>
You can access the online textbook by visiting: bigideasmath.com → Click "View Easy Access Materials" → Choose "Common Core 2019" and click on the picture of the Algebra textbook.

If your son or daughter misses class for any reason, lesson plans are posted a week ahead of time so that they do not fall behind. **To access past and current lesson plans...**

- Go to sidneyps.com
- At the top of the page, select [Staff](#)
- Choose [Kaitlin Bell](#)
- Click [Weekly Plan](#)

Grades are updated regularly, parents and students have access to view grades from the Sidney High School website (sidneyps.com) with a PIN # issued through the office.

If you have any questions, or would like to schedule a meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me. My email is kbell@sidneyps.com. I am very excited to get to know all of the students and look forward to a great year!

Sincerely,
Kaitlin Bell

Parent Signature: _____ Student Name (Print): _____

Congratulations, your son/daughter has reached Algebra! Algebra is the first of many future math classes where a graphing calculator becomes necessary (most of the math classes offered at the high school make daily use of the graphing calculator). Our class will be using a graphing calculator regularly once we reach chapter 4. Your child has two options. Option 1: Purchase their own graphing calculator that they can continue using throughout their high school years or Option 2: borrow a graphing calculator from me that they must return at the end of the year. The graphing calculator models I provide in the classroom are either the TI-83 plus or the TI-84 plus model. The cost of these calculators is about \$100 each and can be purchased on amazon.

If your child borrows a calculator from me, they bear the responsibility to take care of this technology. The calculator needs to be returned in the same condition as it was checked out in. Any lost, stolen or damaged calculator will be the responsibility of the student to replace in a timely manner. Your signatures and return of this document to me acknowledges your agreement to replace or reimburse the school district for the cost of your child's calculator should it be lost, stolen, or damaged.

If you have any questions or concerns please call or email me.

Sincerely,

Kaitlin Bell, Math teacher
kbell@sidneyps.com

Please check your choice option.

- I plan to bring my own graphing calculator to class
- I plan to borrow a calculator from Mrs. Bell

(student signature)

(date)

(parent signature)

(date)