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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope this letter finds you enjoying the summer months. I wanted to contact you about calculators and notebooks. We are encouraging students to buy their own calculators and recommend the TI-84 Plus graphing calculator. Calculators are an integral component of the mathematics program at VTHS and therefore it is imperative that students become comfortable with this technology because it offers them a means to explore problem solving, data analysis, pattern recognition, and many other important critical thinking skills. Additionally, many standardized and college admissions tests approve of calculator use. While we do have calculators available for use in the classroom, we encourage each student to buy his or her own so that he or she will have access to a calculator while doing homework, thus allowing effective reinforcement of concepts taught in class. You can purchase the TI-84 Plus graphing calculator in many places, including Staples, Office Max, or even eBay. Looking online makes it convenient to compare prices before purchasing.

In math class, your son/daughter will be taking notes and solving problems virtually every day. A notebook becomes a very important source of information and a vital tool for studying. It is essentially an answer key that each student can use to practice problems they have already done in class in order to reinforce learned concepts and skills. I would recommend a separate notebook for math only, whether it is a five subject notebook or a loose leaf binder, as it will fill up quickly.

Enjoy the rest of the summer. I look forward to seeing your son/daughter in September.

Very truly yours,

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