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Dear Grace Community School Parents,

My name is Benjamin Tsvirinko and I am excited to be the math teacher for your child this upcoming 2006-2007 school year. I earned my bachelor's degree and teaching credential from Fresno Pacific University and I am currently working on a master's degree in Mathematics Education. I find math interesting and hope to transfer this interest to your child by helping him/her truly understand the richness and complexity of mathematics.

To be successful in my math class, your child needs to be responsible by coming to class prepared. This includes bringing the following items: (1) GCS math pad, (2) spiral notebook, (3) two sharpened pencils and a green pen, (4) plastic pencil sharpener, (5) homework, (6) pocket folder, (7) school planner, and (8) textbook.

Homework will usually be assigned daily, except for Wednesdays. I require every student to write down the problem as well as show all the steps required to solve the problem. It must be done in pencil on the GCS math pads. Late homework will NOT be accepted unless due to an absence. If absent, your child will be responsible for finding out the missed assignments.

Grades are based on homework assignments, notebook checks, problem solving, class participation, projects, quizzes, and tests. I will be using the GCS grading scale:

A+ 100	B+ 92	C+ 84	D+ 76
A 95-99	B 87-91	C 79-83	D 71-75
A- 93-94	B- 85-86	C- 77-78	D- 69-70

Your child has many responsibilities to fulfill in my class. My intent will be to prepare your child to glorify God through a proper application of mathematics in all appropriate areas of his/her life. The more you, as a parent, are involved the more successful your child will be. Please think about the time commitment necessary for your child's success in this class, and hold your child accountable.

Thank you for your support,

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