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Dear Students and Parents,

We are very pleased to have you as students this year, and sincerely hope that we can work together to ensure your success. This year we will be co-teaching together, so that means that two teachers will be inside the classroom, teaching and working together with all of the students. Here are some things that we would like to share with you.

First, many incoming high schoolers struggle with organization and study strategies. We would like you to know that we are always happy to help you figure out what strategies work best for you. We would also be glad (at any time in the year) to help you re-organize, even if that just means clearing out and sorting the dozens of papers crammed hastily into your backpack.

Second, many students are unaware that, unlike in middle school, you **MUST** pass certain classes in order to graduate. Algebra 1 is one of these classes. For more information on graduation requirements, please look on our school website, [rioranchohigh.rrps.net](http://rioranchohigh.rrps.net), and click on the link titled Program of Studies 2017-2018.

Third, and we believe most importantly, we have noticed that students who struggled with math in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade tend to struggle in Algebra 1 as well. But do not despair, because we have also noticed that students who come in for tutoring on a regular, or semi-regular basis tend to have more understanding and confidence, and, if they take tutoring seriously, see vast improvement in not only understanding, but also in their grades.

In light of this information, we would like to let you know that we will be offering tutoring at the following times:

At A and B Lunch on Wednesdays inside of the classroom E & T 118 (students should let us know before lunch, or try to get to our room in the first five minutes of the lunch period) \*\*These hours are subject to change.

Please don't hesitate to call or email (email is preferred) us at any time with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Nolan Deal and Jessica Arrieta