



BUSAN FOREIGN SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Welcome to High School Math. My name is Mr. Virgen (or “Mr. V”), and this will be my sixth year teaching and third year at Busan Foreign School. I will be teaching Geometry, Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus, and AP Calculus AB. I look forward to helping your child excel and reach their potential.

I come to Busan from Phoenix, Arizona. I was born and raised in Mexico, but moved to America when I was in 6th grade. I am fluent in both Spanish and English. I earned my Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education with emphasis in Mathematics at Grand Canyon University. I was involved in leadership at GCU as a Resident Assistant and Global Outreach Coordinator. I come with AP training and experience from my previous school in Arizona. I will also continue leading the BFS HS Student Council and encouraging all students to enjoy their high school experience through meaningful events and activities. I enjoy teaching, spending time meeting new people, traveling, reading, and hiking. I’m very excited to be here at BFS with my wife, Mrs. Virgen, who will continue teaching 3rd grade.

My goal as an educator is to guide your child toward academic success and to help build critical thinking skills that will help them blossom into adulthood. I will do my part to inform you when your child isn’t working to their potential and/or involvement in disruptive class behavior. **I am dedicated to the well-being of your child and I need your cooperation in helping them reach their potential. Please feel free to contact me by email alamvirgen@bfs.or.kr with any concerns regarding your child’s academic success. I will gladly reply within 24 hours.**

Please help your child purchase the following materials for class:

Geometry	Algebra 2
<p>For everyday use: 1) 3 ring binder (3-5 cm) or folder for resource materials 2) Pencils and erasers</p> <p>Other supplies needed: 3) Ruler (15-30 cm) 4) Protractor and compass (we have a class set, but get one if you want your own) 5) Scissors (<i>optional</i>) 6) Glue sticks (<i>optional</i>) 7) Colored pencils (<i>optional</i>) 8) Highlighter 9) Scientific calculator*</p>	<p>For everyday use: 1) 3 ring binder (3-5 cm) or folder for resource materials 2) Pencils and erasers</p> <p>Other supplies needed: 3) Ruler (15-30 cm) 4) Scissors (<i>optional</i>) 5) Glue sticks (<i>optional</i>) 6) Colored pencils (<i>optional</i>) 7) Highlighter 8) Graphing Calculator* *I recommend the TI-84+ Silver Edition, TI-84 Plus C Silver Edition, or TI-89.</p>

Pre-Calculus	AP Calculus AB
<p>For everyday use:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 3 ring binder (3-5 cm) or folder for resource materials 2) Pencils and erasers <p>Other supplies needed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3) Ruler (15-30 cm) 4) Scissors (<i>optional</i>) 5) Glue sticks (<i>optional</i>) 6) Colored pencils (<i>optional</i>) 7) Highlighter 8) Graphing Calculator* <p>*I recommend the <u>TI-84+ Silver Edition, TI-84 Plus C Silver Edition, or TI-89.</u></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 2 pencils (preferably mechanical) 2) 1 pen (blue or black ink) 3) 1 small notebook for Warm-Ups 4) 1 folder or 3 ring binder (3 – 5 cm) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One section for notes • One section for handouts • One section for graded quizzes 5) Graphing Calculator - <u>TI-84+ Silver Edition, TI-84 Plus C Silver Edition, or TI-89.</u>

I am looking forward to working with you throughout the coming year, and I am confident that together we can provide the support and encouragement needed to help your child excel.

Sincerely,



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