

Thursday, May 28, 2020

Welcome to everyone who has signed up to take **AP Calculus** at Moanalua High School for the 2020-2021 school year.

My name is Jason Nagaoka, and I will be your teacher for this course. This upcoming school year will be my 12th year of teaching (all of which at MoHS), and my 9th year of teaching AP Calculus. I am also active as a teacher-leader in the local community of AP Calculus teachers, and will serve as an AP Reader (i.e., grader of AP exams) for the fourth consecutive year in June 2020. In my free time, I like to watch football, play video games, and study math (I am currently working on my M.S. in mathematics via distance learning through Texas A&M University).

My expectations for students are extremely high, but I believe you will be able to rise to the occasion. My goals for this course are to teach you the content necessary to succeed on the AP Calculus exam in May 2021, help you develop and improve as a young mathematician, and force you to stretch and grow as a student. This is a course covering college-level content, so you will be expected to study and prepare as such.

If you are a new student to MoHS, or you did not register for the course during the registration period in January 2020, please make sure to watch the video linked below (preferably with a parent). (Note: If you have trouble viewing this video, it is probably because you are signed into your moanalua.k12.hi.us Google account. Please log out of this account prior to watching the video, or open the link in incognito mode.)

http://bit.ly/mohs_apcalc20video

You will have mandatory summer homework assignments, which will be due during the first week of instruction. All necessary files will be posted on the course website (linked below). The files currently posted are for the 2019-2020 school year; please do not use those files. Updated files will be posted at some point in June 2020; the top of the webpage will say **Updated for 2020-2021** when this is done.

<http://www.jnagaoka.net/ap>

Some of the PDF files are password-protected. In order to receive the password, please send an email to **Jason.Nagaoka@k12.hi.us**. In your email, please introduce yourself (name and grade during 2020-2021 school year), explain why you signed up for this course (specify if you are in AB or BC), and describe what your potential plans are for after high school (e.g., college or university majors you are considering, possible careers). You may also include any other information you would like me to know about yourself. I will reply back to your email with the password.

You may start on your summer homework assignments beginning July 1. Detailed instructions will be included in the file titled **Summer Homework Instructions**. (This file is yet to be posted online.) Please read through the instructions carefully, and email me if you have any questions.

I look forward to working with you all this upcoming school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me.

P.S. For some reason, my website is not loading properly when using the **jnagaoka.net** domain. I am hoping to fix this issue in the coming days. If this is still an issue later, please use the alternate link below.

<http://sites.google.com/a/jnagaoka.net/home/ap>

Sincerely,

Mr. Jason Nagaoka
AP Calculus Teacher