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Dear Parent and Mathematics Student,

Greetings! I hope your summer has been restful and productive!

The math courses Precalculus, Statistics, and Calculus use the graphing calculator to investigate and develop many new ideas. This calculator will often be used for class work; and is a must for homework.

I have graphing calculators that can be used in class. Plus there are some calculators that can be signed out, like a textbook, for the year. It is recommended that any student who can afford one, purchase their own calculator.

I recommend you purchase a **TI-84 PLUS** or **TI-84 PLUS C (C = color)** from Texas Instruments. The TI-84 PLUS calculator will be used in class. The color TI-84 PLUS graphs multiple functions in different colors. In some locations, the price is the same for color and black/white.

The TI-84 PLUS should cost between 90-\$110. The TI-84 PLUS is available at Target, Staples, Best Buy, Walmart, and other stores where calculators are sold. (note: the silver edition is a fancier/more expensive version of the TI-84 PLUS) There will be sales this summer, so watch the advertisements (Walmart.com is offering the TI-84 PlusC for \$98). You should not have to spend more than \$100 to purchase a calculator. (The price goes up to well over \$100 after school begins). Purchasing a case is a good idea to protect your investment. I do not recommend purchasing the service contract. These calculators are very dependable.

Bring your calculator the first or second day of class and we will engrave your name on it.

Please call me if you have any questions. This is a big investment and I am available to talk to you about it.

Sincerely,

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