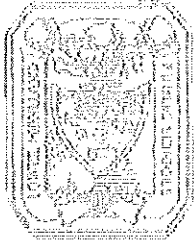


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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Your child will be enrolled in Algebra I for the 2015-2016 school year. This course uses a graphing calculator as a tool to engage in investigation of abstract concepts, problem solving, pattern recognition, data analysis, and many other key skills in mathematics. Your child will be expected to complete homework assignments regularly where a graphing calculator will be needed.

We recommend purchasing a graphing calculator for this course. The recommended calculator is a **TI-84 Plus (Texas Instruments graphing calculator)**. This is the same calculator your child will use throughout his or her mathematics courses in high school, on the SATs, and for many college courses. These calculators range in price from \$70.00 for used calculators to between \$100 and \$130.00 for new calculators. These calculators are also available on eBay and other alternative sources for a reduced rate. We are sending this information now so families can take advantage of sales that often take place during the summer online and in retail stores. This calculator should be kept at home as each Algebra I classroom will have calculators for the students to use during the school day.

When shopping for this calculator, there are a number of calculators with similar numbering. Please be sure **not** to confuse the **TI-84 Plus** with other versions such as the **TI-84 Plus Silver Edition**, **TI-84 Plus CE graphing calculator**, or **TI-85**, to name a few. They are not the same, and these models are more expensive. If the **TI-84 Plus** is cost prohibitive for your family, the **TI-83** graphing calculators are similar and less expensive and can be used as a substitute.

If you are unable to purchase the **TI-84 Plus** calculator for the 2015-2016 school year, please contact the main office during the summer. Your child will be able to sign out a calculator for the year to use at home. This calculator must be returned in the same condition at the end of the school year.

If you have any questions about this purchase, please contact your child's current math teacher before school ends. If you have questions over the summer, please contact Ms. Kate Kirkpatrick, 8th grade mathematics teacher, at KKirkpatrick@lmtsd.org.

Thank you,

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