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Dear Middle School Parents,

The summer would not be complete without this annual reminder that a *scientific calculator* is optional for middle school level math courses. The mathematics department feels strongly that students need to acquire a “number sense” and be capable of doing many calculations by hand. However, a calculator may be recommended occasionally on assignments, as well as on some quizzes and tests or parts of them. We prefer that a TI-30 series calculator be used for Math 5, Math 6, Math 7, and Pre-Algebra.

Please refer to the Upper School Calculator letter if your student is enrolled in an upper school level math course including: Algebra A, Algebra B, Algebra 1, Geometry, Advanced Geometry, Algebra 2, Algebra 2/Trig, Precalculus, Advanced Precalculus, Elements of Calculus, Statistics, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics or Linear Algebra.

Here are many excellent math websites that students can use for free over the summer:

<http://www.ixl.com/math/grade-6>

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

[freerice.com](http://www.freerice.com)

<http://www.math.com/homeworkhelp/PreAlgebra.html>

<http://www.softschools.com/math/games/>

<http://www.math-play.com/>

Thank you, and have a pleasant summer!

Sincerely,

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