

Greetings Class of 2026,

I trust that you are having a great summer thus far. My name is Mr. Wooster, and I am a member of the Mathematics Department at St. Augustine Prep and am serving as the coordinator of the summer math coursework. The purpose of this email is to go over the math summer work you are required to complete by August 15, 2021.

We use a program called ALEKS for the summer math coursework. You will need to go to [www.aleks.com](http://www.aleks.com) and click "Sign Up." Please use your Hermits email when you sign up. Your Hermits email was already sent to you by Mr. Garufi. Your class in ALEKS is called "8th Grade Summer ALEKS Work." As part of the sign-up process, you will need a class code. The class code is XK3TM-YVLTG. Regardless of current math placement, all eighth-grade students will complete the same summer work that focuses on mastering key Pre-Algebra skills.

Once you have completed the sign-up process, I will approve your registration. Please complete this sign-up process by Saturday July 17, 2021. On Sunday July 18th, I will finalize the approval process for the entire Class of 2026. This will give you ample time to complete the work before the due date of August 15th.

The first task you will have to complete is the Initial Knowledge Check. Please take this Initial Knowledge Check seriously - your performance on it will determine how many topics in the course you must complete. ALEKS is adaptive software, so it focuses your work on topics in which you need more practice to reach mastery. Once you have completed the knowledge check, the program will automatically generate work to be completed to reach mastery based on the assigned topics. This summer work will be worth two homework assignments. Late work will not be accepted.

All incoming students' current math placement was based on a formula that considered the score on the math placement test (which was a test of Pre-Algebraic skills) and information from the enrollment application (math teacher letters of recommendation, report cards, standardized tests). During orientation in August, students will take a test on the Pre-Algebra topics reviewed in ALEKS. This test will be the final factor in determining each student's math placement for the fall, and ultimately a few students, based on this test performance, may be moved from their currently assigned math course to the other. Both Pre-Algebra and Algebra will serve to perfect key foundational skills that are critical to success in all four years of high school math and science (chemistry and physics specifically).

If you have any questions regarding summer work in ALEKS, please feel free to reach out to Mr. Wooster at [Mr.Wooster@hermits.com](mailto:Mr.Wooster@hermits.com). If you have any questions regarding

math placement, please feel free to reach out to Mrs. McHugh at [mrs.mchugh@hermits.com](mailto:mrs.mchugh@hermits.com).

Have a great summer!!