

## **SMS Mathematics**

The Sarasota Middle School Mathematics Department is dedicated to ensuring that students are challenged to their fullest potential, while still enjoying math. Through ongoing data review, teacher recommendations, and parent input, our team works hard to determine appropriate student placement. We encourage our families to work directly with our math teachers - because they are they experts! For any additional questions or concerns, our Math Department Chair, Donna Winstead, is an excellent resource. She can be reached at [Donna.Winstead@sarasotacountyschools.net](mailto:Donna.Winstead@sarasotacountyschools.net).

## **Pathways**

It is important to recognize that our students at the middle level are enrolled in courses that are preparing them for high school. We want to appropriately place them into courses that will aide them in developing a strong foundation so they can feel successful as they enter into high school. Please refer to the Middle School Math Pathways flowchart for information on which courses lead to high school credit classes. (attach flowchart or imbed it as a picture)

## **Panther Math**

Over the past several years, we have implemented Panther Math, a program that provides targeted interventions for students who would benefit from additional math support. We are excited to have the ability to continue to offer this program for our students. Currently, our Panther Math program runs once a week during Encore classes. Students work in small groups with our Intervention Teacher, Steve Doe. If you are interested in this offering for your child, please contact your child's math teacher for additional information.

## **Math Lab**

Currently, we offer a Pre-Algebra/Algebra help lab for students who need support with homework or someone to help study/prep for quizzes and tests. The Help Lab runs Mondays - Thursdays from 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. in the media center computer lab. In addition to the assistance offered by an instructional staff member certified in math, we also have NJHS students who are enrolled in Geometry Honors that offer tutoring/assistance during Lab time.

## **Math Links**

<https://www.ixl.com/>

<https://www.bigideasmath.com/BIM/login>

<http://www.algebration.com/>