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Dear Parent(s)/Guardians

Next school year (2012-13) we will be offering a chance for Grade 12 students to do both Pre-Calculus 12 and Calculus 12 in one year. With the old math curriculum (Principles of Math 11 and 12) the placement of topics in Math 11 allowed us to run Math 12 and Calculus 12 at the same time for our Grade 12 students. With the new curriculum (Pre-Calculus 11 and 12), this is no longer a feasible option. Thus in order to satisfy the student need/want to do Calculus in high school without acceleration in summer school, we are offering Pre-Calculus 12 and Calculus 12 next year as semestered courses. This means students will sign up for the semestered option which will be two blocks (Pre-Calculus 12 and Calculus 12). However in practice, they will do Pre-Calculus 12 in both blocks (one per day) from September to January, then do Calculus 12 in both blocks from January to June. Preference in this course will be given to Grade 12 students, if there is room left over, Grade 11 students who have completed Pre-Calculus 11 will be considered.

Two things that need to be clearly communicated about this option are:

- 1) Students are required to have at least a B in Pre-Calculus 11. Special consideration may be given to students who have less than that or upgrade in summer school, but this will be up to the Math Department's discretion. Contact me if you wish to further discuss your son/daughter's placement in this course.
- 2) Due to the special timetabling of this course, and because of the double block that this takes up, students will not be able to drop this course past the cut off point in September. You are signing up for two courses which run the entire year. So please think about this carefully. Once again, please feel free to contact me to discuss this option further.

Thank you,

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