To the Parents/Guardians of:

Your child is enrolled in our SAILS Math class for the upcoming school year. Students have been selected for the SAILS course on the basis of ACT scores that indicate “less than college readiness for math.” Ordinarily, next year, your college freshman would need to complete two developmental, non-credit-bearing, co-requisite math classes in college while simultaneously taking their introductory math course.

That's bad news, but good news follows. Tellico Plains High School has entered an exciting partnership with Cleveland State Community College. The Tennessee Board of Regents has approved a program that will allow students to meet developmental requirements by completing a specially designed computer-based college course (SAILS) in high school. This course will also fulfill the senior math graduation requirement.

This is not a credit recovery program. This is a real college class, administered by Cleveland State. Lectures and examples are illustrated via video links, and assignments are completed online. The class will meet every school day. Although students will be spending the majority of their class time working online, Donna Lynn will be in the classroom, providing examples and explanations and proctoring tests.

In addition to classroom instruction, students may attend one of Cleveland State’s math labs, available on the main campus as well as the Athens campus. The normal operating hours for the **Cleveland Math Lab** are Monday – Thursday from 7:30 am—8:00 pm, Friday from 7:30 am – 2:30 pm and Saturdays from 9:00 am—2:00 pm. The **Athens Lab** hours are Monday – Thursday from 9:30 am – 8:00 pm and Friday from 9:30 am– 2:30 pm. Students will need an ID in order to take a test or quiz at the lab. The website for students to work from home is **www.sailstn.mylabsplus.com**.

Students who complete the SAILS course by December will be qualified to take **dual enrollment** in the spring, earning them a college credit in math while still in high school. These dual enrollment classes will also be administered online. There will be some out-of-pocket costs to students, but grant assistance may greatly lessen the financial burden. Again, a teacher will be in the classroom to assist students, and they will have access to online assistance from college instructors.

This is a great opportunity. Here's a summary of why you and your child should be excited:

* Fulfill the senior math graduation requirement
* Avoid a year of non-credit co-requisite math classes in college
* Earn a required college math course at a significantly reduced cost
* Enter college **ahead** in math, rather than behind

It's going to be a great year at Tellico Plains High School!

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