



# MR. BURO'S MATH CLASS WEBSITE



Dear Parent/Guardian,

I would like to inform you that I have created a website for our class. There are a few different reasons for having the site, but generally speaking, it will make things easier for everyone (students, parents, and the teacher).

As a parent, you may want to stay informed of your student's progress. On the site there is a section that allows you to access their grades using your last name and the telephone number that is on file with the school (unless you or your child changed the access password with me). Detailed login instructions are on the login page. In the past, the parents have used it often to keep track of their child's grades. Nobody likes surprises. I usually see 30 – 60 visitors daily before 3pm.

In addition to grades, the site will contain notes from old lessons, old homework assignments, any important handouts, and some extra support material. There is a picture section showing pictures from current class events and from past years. I will also post links to other websites that may be useful to everyone associated with the class. There are a few more things too, but they are better explained from you exploring the site.

Please understand that I am taking it upon myself to create and maintain the website, and also the online grade viewing system connected to it. It is NOT connected to the NYC Dept. of Education or the school. Please do not expect up-to-the-minute grade or assignment postings. I will only be updating it when I have time to do so. There will be a note on the site saying when it was last updated.

Students still have to copy all the notes in class and write down homework assignments. The site typically will contain material that we have already seen in class a few days before. Copying notes is VITAL to learning and remembering things.

You may be wondering why I am not using our regular school site hosted by eChalk. The simple reason is that it doesn't offer enough freedom or functions to do what I need it to do for us. If you visit my pages on the school eChalk site, you will simply see links to our real site.

If you do not have internet access, this is fine. The site will only be there as an extra branch of the class, no one will ever be forced to access the site for assignments or information. This would be unfair to those with difficulty accessing the web.

The address is [WWW.ABBUBACA.COM](http://WWW.ABBUBACA.COM), it is my webspace that I previously used for assignments when I was getting my Masters degree. It uses basic Macromedia Flash, Javascript, and Adobe Acrobat Reader functions that you should have on your pc. If you are having difficulty accessing the site, understand that I can't really help you with any technical problems, only password related access problems for the grade viewing system.

Lastly, I have developed and tested a nice bulletin system that will run through email and text messaging. We used it last year. The goal is to send out short, non-personalized bulletins about tests and homework. It will be all class related. The alert/bulletin system will not cost you anything. Also, it will be ONE-WAY communication only. If you need to contact me, send a note in with the student or email me at [jburo@is34.org](mailto:jburo@is34.org). The bulletin system will of course also be optional, but I know from last year it to be widely accepted. I strongly recommend you get involved. You should have received a separate form with instructions to sign-up!

Any questions or comments please write a note and give it to your child or email me.

Thank you,

*Mr. Buro*