**Game Day!**

**Conquering Math Tests**

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**Before the Game:**

*Preparing for the Test*

- Concentrate on learning the material, not the grade. If you know the material, the grade will take care of itself.
- Get a math buddy - a reliable teammate who works well with you.
- Start a one-page summary sheet from the first day of a new chapter or unit to help prepare you for the final exam. *This is especially useful if your instructor permits a cheat sheet!*
- Make a Mock Test about a week before the exam to identify your strengths and weaknesses.

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- Read all the problems. Do the easiest problem first to build confidence. Use the 30 second rule: If you don't know how to approach a problem in 30 seconds, move on and try again later.
- Don't erase an answer unless you KNOW you made a mistake. That is, don't second guess yourself. First instincts are best instincts!
- Save checking your answers until the very end...
- ...and when you check your work, ask yourself if the answer makes sense. (Does it make sense if the price of the candy bar comes out to be $12,000?)

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**Game Day:**

*Taking the Test*

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**Instant Replay:**

*After the Test*

- Learn from your mistakes. When you get the test back, review your errors carefully. Where they "concept" mistakes or "simple" math errors?
- Set a goal to improve your score for the next test. If you made a 75 on Exam 1, aim for an 80 on Exam 2. Small steps get you there!