In 12th grade, I also took the Advanced Topics class. It was a chance for me to explore Mathematica, and in the process of becoming more familiar with it, I was able to explore areas of math that I had worked hard to understand in years past. At the end of my high school math career, I found it fitting that such an omnipotent little program took me full circle in creating tutorials and displays in a multitude of math disciplines. Like my experiences in other math classes, learning Mathematica was difficult, and despite the relaxed atmosphere of Period 3 from 10 to 12 every other day, in no way was this class easy in regards to making everything work. I learned a new language, and it was fun, challenging, and rewarding – I should say that it *is* fun, challenging, and rewarding, because I know my math education is far from over. It’s just starting to spiral out.

