

## CELL PHONES, SMART WATCHES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Dear Parents,

This is a reminder of school policy about cell phones, smart watches and electronic devices. Smart watches and electronic devices such as, I-pods and portable gaming systems are not permitted at school. These items are often expensive, can be easily lost or stolen, can cause distraction and disruption in classrooms and can be used to share inappropriate material. If students choose to bring these items to school, the items will be confiscated, and parents will need to contact school administration to discuss arrangements for collecting the items.

We strongly discourage students from bringing cell phones to school, for the same reasons that other small electronic devices are not allowed. We do understand that there may be some parents who wish to have their children bring a cell phone for safety and/or communication before and after school. All telephone communication during the school day should be through the school office. As you are aware a phone is available for student use, with a teacher's permission.

**Please complete the attached form if you wish to have your child bring a cell phone to school.**

I require my child, \_\_\_\_\_, Division: \_\_\_\_\_ to carry a cell phone to and from school, for safety/communications requirements before and after school.

- I understand that there is a risk that the cell phone may go missing and that the school will not take responsibility for a missing, lost, or stolen cell phone.
  - I also understand that my child is not permitted to use the cell phone on school property before, during, or after school, with the exception of contacting parents or care-givers after school.
  - I understand that if my child chooses not to follow these guidelines, the cell phone will be confiscated.
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- My child will be handing in the phone to the office each morning, and collecting it after school each day. (We recommend this as the most secure method of storage of cell phones at school.)
  - My child will keep the cell phone in his/her backpack, turned off, during the school day.

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Parent Signature

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Telephone Number