**USE OF ELECTRONICS**

The use of cell phones or other electronics, texting or taking pictures while on school property will be closely monitored and limited to specific times. Students who fail to comply with expectations for use of electronics will lose the privilege of accessing those items while on school property.

At RVMS, we believe that it is important to model acceptable use of technology for our students. Students using electronics or other forms of technology on school property during the school day must adhere to the following guidelines:

* Electronics may be used in the morning before the 8:30 bell, at lunch in the cafeteria, and during Activity Period.
* Electronics may not be used between classrooms, in washrooms, in hallways or in any unsupervised areas.
* Teachers may choose to allow use of electronics in their classrooms at specific times but these times will be clearly set and monitored by that teacher and will only apply to that teacher in that classroom for that time and not to other classrooms or time periods.
* Electronics will not be used to send inappropriate, harassing or negative texts, messages or images.
* Under no circumstances will students be allowed to take pictures and/or videos; nor will they be allowed to post any information, pictures and/or videos to public internet sites.

**Students wishing to contact parents during the school day must do so in the school office. Parents wishing to contact their child during the school day must contact the school office directly. Students should not be receiving texts during instructional time.**

If a student is found to be in violation of the standards above, the following consequences will apply:

* ***First violation:*** cell phone/device confiscated and returned at the end of the day. Note sent home to parent/guardian.
* ***Second violation:*** cell phone/device confiscated and held in the school office to be picked up by parent/guardian. Official warning of suspension from school.
* ***Third violation:*** cell phone/device confiscated and held in the school office to be picked up by parent/guardian. Student suspended from school for defiance of school rules. Loss of use of electronics privileges, as per the above policy, for a time period up to and including the end of the school year may also apply.

***If management of the above policy becomes excessive due to student abuse of the policy, RVMS reserves the right to return to usage of the more restrictive guidelines as suggested in the provincial policy.***