

## **Cell Phone Policy**

The use of cell phones, either for calling, telling time, calculating, text messaging, taking pictures or video is strictly prohibited during the school day, including the lunch hour. Cell phones are permitted at the end of the school day. Cell phone, pagers, and personal electronic devices must be turned off, kept out of sight, and not used for any reason. For a first offence, if they are found to be on or in use, these items will be confiscated, given to the main office and returned at the end of the day. The second time, parents will be contacted and informed of the breach in policy. Subsequent offences will require the parent/guardian to collect the device. Contents of cell phones may be searched if there exists a reasonable suspicion that it may have been used in an activity that violates school rules – i.e. text messaging to cheat or bully. Similarly, any technological device with capabilities of voice or text communication, pictorial or graphic capabilities is prohibited unless being used in an authorized curricular or co-curricular capacity.