

### **Cell Phone/Smart Device Policy**

Cell phone use and/or the use of any smart device is not allowed during school hours, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Smart devices include, but are not limited to, devices such as cell phones and (wrist) smart devices, such as the iWatch. No personal iPad or other tablets are allowed on campus. Please note that any device which has the ability to connect to the internet or that has the ability to communicate with a cellphone is considered a smart device under this policy. ***For this reason, we highly recommend that students not bring any smart devices to school. However, if a parent/guardian wants their child to bring a cell phone or other smart device to school, the parent/guardian needs to give her/his permission by submitting the Cell Phone/Smart Device Policy Form. Please note: Fit bits, and other exercise tracking devices, as well as traditional digital watches, may be worn at school.***

#### ***Please note:***

- If a parent /guardian/ student submits the Cell Phone/Smart Device Form, the student must turn in their cell phone/smart device to their homeroom teacher upon arrival.
- The cell phone/smart device will be secured by the teacher for the day.
- The phone/smart device will be returned to the student at dismissal, and they must place the phone/smart device in their backpacks immediately.
- Students not complying with the cell phone/smart device policy will have their phone/smart device taken away, and a parent must pick up the phone/smart device from the principal's office. A consequence will be given to a student based on the number of offenses as well as the severity of the offense.
- Students may not use their cell phone/smart device on the bus unless the bus driver gives them permission to use it.
- ***Requesting to bring a cell phone/smart device to school places liability of the phone/smart device on the student and parent/guardian. St. Patrick School is not responsible for any phone or other smart device that is lost or damaged while on campus.***

### **E-Reader Policy**

E-Readers may be brought on campus for use during the school day and/or for use in our aftercare program, Innovation Learning. E-readers may be brought on campus for the reading of previously downloaded books only. Students may not use any other function, such as the internet, while on campus. If a student uses the e-reader for any purpose, other than reading downloaded books, the student will no longer be able to bring their e-reader to school for the remainder of the school year. Students will be responsible for the e-reader throughout the school day and in aftercare. Homeroom teachers will not secure the device. Students will be able to have the e-reader with them for use at appropriate times during the school day, at the discretion of the teacher. If a student uses an e-reader at an inappropriate time, the teacher has the right to take the device away from the student. The device will be returned to the student at dismissal. Bringing an e-reader to school places liability of the e-reader on the student and parents. ***St. Patrick School is not responsible for any e-reader that is lost or damaged while on campus.*** E-Readers are not to be shared at any time with any other student on campus. ***Please Note: If a parent/guardian wants their child to bring an E-Reader to***

***school, the parent/guardian needs to complete and submit the Cell Phone/Smart Device/E-Reader Policy Form.***

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