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The faculty of Central Catholic have adopted a cell phone policy that they feel will be helpful in the classroom atmosphere. Central Catholic's goal is to promote responsible use of cell phone in the school environment. Faculty would like to promote social interactions between students between classes.

The cell phones CAN be a useful education device and helpful in the classroom, but they can also be used in a negative way to interrupt classrooms and study halls as well as to facilitate cheating on tests and quizzes.

After consideration, a new policy will go into effect at the beginning semester in January, 2016.

**The policy is:**

During the school day, cell phones are to remain in students lockers except at lunch time. Students will lose their cell phone if used at other times. Students may check for text messages at their lockers during passing times as long as they can be on time to their next class. If it is a true emergency, please contact the office with the message for the student.

Each teacher is at liberty to establish a policy for educational usage in their classroom. When not in use specifically for educational purposes, no cell phones will be allowed in the classrooms. Teachers will lay out their classroom policy for educational usage with their students. Study hall is also included in this cell phone policy (no cell phones allowed.) If a student needs the internet for an assignment, they can get a pass to the library for access to a computer.

Misuse of cell phone policy will result in the removal of cell phone from the student for the remainder of the day and taken to a storage unit in Mr. Osborn's office (or a universal location).

At the end of the day, the student will be able to retrieve their cell phone and sign a violation agreement that will be kept on record in the office. After three violations, the cell phone will not be returned to the student. Parents will be notified and a conference will be held to promote responsible use by the student of cell phones. If misuse continues, further consequences will be determined by the administration.

If you have any questions, please call Mr. Osborn. We appreciate all your support and efforts for our school. We all share our goal to provide quality education for our students.

Central Catholic faculty and staff