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September 2019

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Over the last several years, we have witnessed a decline in students' ability to have meaningful, and sometimes, difficult "face-to-face" conversations with their peers. Research strongly supports that when students are unable to access their phones during school hours, they are more engaged academically and socially.

That is why, beginning this fall, students at our school will not be allowed to carry or utilize cellphones. We will be focused on the teaching, learning, and engagement of our students during the crucial hours of the school day. We intend to support our students in being completely "present" in every moment.

**New Procedure**

**A.M. Homeroom (8:00- 8:12)** : All students who have cellphones must be shut off and then surrendered to their homeroom teacher to be labeled and secured in the room.

**P.M. Homeroom (2:15- 2:20)**: All cellphones will be returned to every student.

**Late Students**: All cellphones will be shut off and surrendered to the school's representative in the main lobby. They will be labeled and secured in the main office. Latecomers can collect their cell phones after dismissal.

No student will be allowed to possess or use a cell phone during the hours of 8:00 A.M.- 2:15 P.M. If a student is found to be in possession of a cell phone, the phone will be

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confiscated and delivered to the office where it will be held for 3 school days. A parent must then come to the school to collect the cell phone.

If a student refuses to comply with a request to surrender their cell phone by any member of the faculty or staff and/or administration, it will be considered insubordination. Rules governing insubordination will apply as outlined in the Chancellor's Regulations.

Our goal is to create a safe environment, conducive to learning, and free of all distractions that hinder the learning process. If for any reason, a parent needs to reach their child during the school day, please call 718-491-8440 and we will relay the message.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

C. Heeraman  
Principal

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My child, \_\_\_\_\_, and I agree to abide by the  
2019-2020 PS/IS 30 Cellphone Policy as it has been outlined.

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**Student's Signature**\_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Class**\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Name**\_\_\_\_\_

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**Parent's Telephone**\_\_\_\_\_

**Date**\_\_\_\_\_

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