

SMPC

Cell Phone & Personal Electronic Device Policy

Beginning Jan. 07, 2019

Cellphones **are not** considered acceptable devices for educational learning purposes. Although many students have ipods, iphones, and Android phones, they do not meet the necessary requirements as an accepted learning device. St. Michael's School has Chromebooks, Laptops and Ipads available for student use throughout the day.

During Class Time:

Cell phones and Personal Electronic Devices (PED's) which are brought to school are expected to be placed into the classroom bin at the beginning of every class. Failure to adhere to school protocol surrounding responsible use will result in the following discipline:

1st offence – > cell phone taken away and placed in the office. The device will be returned to student at the end of the school day.

2nd offence > cell phone taken away and placed in the office. Student will meet with administration prior to having cell phone returned.

3rd offence > cell phone taken away, placed in the office and returned to parent/ guardian.

Administration will meet and contact parent / guardian to discuss acceptable use and to return the device.

Elementary- No cell phones or PED's.

Middle School- Cell phones/PED's can be used on Phone Friday during nutrition break.

High School - Cell phones can be used during breaks and spares.

Images/Audio:

Devices capable of capturing, transmitting, or storing images or recording and storing audio **may NOT** be operated in restrooms, dressing rooms, or other areas where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy. Phones must be placed in the classroom bin prior to entering the change room.

Under NO circumstances shall any video, picture capturing or audio recording device be used in any classroom without the express consent of the teacher and school administration. Special consideration shall be given to protect the privacy of students in the classroom if such permission is granted. Operation of any electronic device is prohibited in testing situations or where testing materials are present.

Items in violation of the policy will be dependant upon the severity of the offence.

Teachers' focus is teaching, not managing the distraction of electronic devices.