

Nov 22, 2016

To: Gr 8/9 Students and Parents of Onoway Jr./Sr. High School
From: Mr Lobo - Principal

RE: Gr 8/9 Students and Personal Electronic Devices.


On Page 6 of the OJSH student handbook, there is a section about Personal Electronic Devices: cell phones, tablets etc. These devices are part of our lives. However when these devices distract from the learning environment, it is problematic. We have seen through the first part of the 2016/17 school year, there have been numerous instances where our Gr 8/9 students are off task in classes due to being distracted by their personal electronic devices. Administration has dealt with issues due to these distractions .

While we do want the teachers and students to have the flexibility to integrate these personal electronic devices into lessons. A classroom teacher will specifically give direction to student(s) if they can bring their device to class. We require students to **LEAVE PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN THEIR LOCKERS** as of Nov 28, unless the teachers has stated differently

The school will be working with our Gr 8/9 students on the larger concepts of Digital Citizenship and Digital Etiquette, to support the appropriate use of electronic devices.

Teachers and students will use the time from November 22 to November 25 to ensure they understand this new protocol. The full expectation of gr 8/9 keeping personal electronic devices in lockers during class time , unless a teachers has stated differently , will come into effect on Monday November 28, 2016.

If parents need to urgently contact their child during the school day, please call the school and we will get that message to the student. Please contact me at the school 780-967-2271 if you have any questions or concerns.



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