

Parents and Guardians of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students,

We have had an increase of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students carrying their cell phones throughout the instructional day. Students are using their phones to text each other, record themselves and each other, and cheat on academics. All of these are a disruption to the learning environment. In order to help support our students in making positive choices throughout the school day, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team will be requiring that all their students keep their cell phones in their lockers throughout the day, as in accordance with our Student Handbook. They will no longer be able to keep their phones on their person. We are also not allowing Bluetooth Air Pods during the school day either, as students are also using these to connect to their phones and listen to music in class. We want to keep our students focused on academics during the day and not their phones, social media, etc. Students who do not comply with placing phones and or Air Pods in lockers will receive office level disciplinary consequences. Please discuss the importance of keeping cell phones in lockers with your students.

Thank you for your support of CCGMS.