



SCHOOL OF SAINT MARY

CELL PHONE/NON EDUCATIONAL DEVICE DISCIPLINE POLICY

Please do not message your child/ren during school hours. If you must leave a message for your child, call and leave a message with the school's secretary. In an effort to promote a healthy, safe environment, to remove distractions from the academic environment, and to protect the integrity of the curriculum, the School of Saint Mary prohibits students from using and/or having cell phones or other electronic communication devices turned on during the school day.. Cell phones or devices with messaging do not support learning and disrupt instruction. They are not to be visible, on, or used during the school day. Use of cell phones for emergency purposes or for the accommodation of a disability must be authorized by administration and documentation carried by the student.

CELL PHONES and any other electronic device must be kept OFF and in the student's backpack until the student leaves the school premises unless given permission. This includes the lunch periods, passing periods, the playground, carline, as well as on school sponsored trips. "Using" refers to not only the making and receiving of calls, but texting messages and receiving text messages as well as listening to music and reading.

1st offense School personnel confiscate the device giving it to the principal. The device will be returned to the student at the end of one (1) school day. The student may come and pick up the cell phone for the student after speaking with the principal.

2nd offense School personnel confiscate the device giving it to the principal. The principal will return the cell phone to the student's parent/guardian at the end of one (1) school day. The parent/guardian must come into the office and pick up the device.

3rd offense School personnel confiscate the device giving it to the principal. The principal will return at the end of three (3) school days unless it falls on a weekend. The student's parent/guardian must come into the office and pick up the device.

If a cell phone or non educational device is confiscated during a quiz, test or exam, the student may be subject to more serious disciplinary consequences. The School of Saint Mary is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged cell phones.