



Marlboro High School

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Dear MHS Families,

I'm writing this e-mail in advance of our open house on Tuesday, September 19th. I will discuss this in the opening presentation at 6:50 PM that night and teachers will share their expectations with you as you move throughout your child's schedule. As you know one of the challenges of our society is balancing the use of cell phones/electronic devices and our need to disconnect and be present in life.

Our school is embarking on a campaign of common sense on cell phone use. Students are permitted to have cell phones in our building. We work with our students and they can use their phones during non-instructional times such as lunch and study hall.

In many instances teachers at MHS have students use their phones as part of our instructional program. Examples include instructional feedback apps such as Prism and Kahoot, as well as Google Classroom, and its associated tools, as we work toward fulfilling our 1:1 Chromebook initiative. We want to continue to support this constructive use of technology in our classrooms.

The focus of our campaign this year is to help our students and families understand the importance of working with our teachers to foster a productive instructional environment. To that end, I'm asking for your support and cooperation. We are working with our students so they understand when their phones can be used in the classroom and when they cannot. If the conversation comes up at home, we ask you to support us by helping your child understand the importance of disconnecting from the virtual world and remaining present in the real one.

As a final note, we ask that you please refrain from texting your child during academic class time. If there is an emergency, please contact the school directly, as we are responsible for your child's well-being during the school day.

I look forward to greeting you all at Open House on September 19th and to a fantastic 2017-2018 school year.

Yours in education

Ryan Lawler
MHS Principal