

## PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICIES

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To make sure students are in an atmosphere conducive to spiritual growth and academic excellence, STJ limits the use of certain personal electronic devices on campus. Any electronic device or accessory including cell phones, smart watches, tablets, gaming systems, laptops, earbuds, etc. will be subject to the following policies:

- Smart watches that send or receive communications are not allowed at any time or place during the school day.
- All other personal electronic devices are not permitted to be visible and/or used in Welder Hall, O'Connor Hall, Administration Building, Library, Cafeteria, and the Pozzi Center. During Mass, courses, or other special assemblies in the Flyer Dome, these same rules apply. Devices should be turned off and put away during attendance at after-school tutorials.
- Individual teachers may have specific academic policies concerning electronic devices. Electronic devices may be used for educational purposes under the specific instruction of a teacher. Electronic devices should not be used in a classroom for non-academic purposes.
- Any device visible or in use during the school day (7:50am-3:00pm) within any specified location will be confiscated. All confiscated devices will be held in the Administration Building until the end of the school day.
- Earbuds, headphones, etc. are not permitted to be visible and/or used in prohibited areas unless specified by a teacher or administrator.

Violations of these expectations will result in the following penalties:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Infraction                      Confiscation of device for the remainder of the day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Infraction                      **For 30 school days**, the device will be confiscated when a student arrives on campus until the student leaves for the day
- Further Infractions              **For 90 school days**, the device will be confiscated when students arrive on campus until the student leaves for the day

### Lunch Guidelines

St. Joseph High School recognizes the importance of healthy socialization for teenagers and acknowledges the growing body of research which highlights the risks of over consumption of social media and other internet content through personal electronic devices. While students are at the cafeteria for lunch, they will be required to place their cell phones in secure storage and not access them until dismissed from the cafeteria. Additionally, laptops or gaming systems will not be used in the cafeteria during lunch. Students should still have a few minutes, once they have left the cafeteria, to use their devices under normal circumstances. Students in a disciplinary protocol during lunch will not have access to the device throughout the lunch period.