

## Cell Phone and Electronic Device Policy

### Cell Phones

We understand that you may want your child to have a cell phone with him/her at school. Cell phones will be collected in the morning when the students arrive in the classroom and will be returned before dismissal time. Students attending Extended Care must keep cell phones in back packs in the off mode position until they are picked up and are off school grounds. Cell phones must remain at school while students are on field trips. The school is not responsible in any way for cell phones if they are lost or damaged while at school and extended care.

### Electronic Devices

Electronic devices including, but not limited to, I-Pods, MP3 Players, Handheld Game Systems (i.e. PSP, Gameboy, Nintendo DS, etc...), Walkmans, CD Players, etc... will be collected from students in the morning when the students arrive in the classroom and will be returned before dismissal time. Students attending Extended Care must keep these electronic devices in back packs in the off mode position until they are picked up and are off school grounds. Students must be aware that these items are expensive and are at risk for damage or loss. The school is not responsible in any way for these electronic devices if they are lost or damaged while at school and extended care.

It is difficult for the school staff to monitor what the students are listening to, watching, or playing while using these electronic devices. We take careful precautions to protect your student while they use the Internet at school. Please assist us in keeping the students safe by having your student keep these items at home.

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### Consequences

Once items are collected in the classroom, the following consequences will be enforced for students who have not adhered to the above policy:

First Offense: The cell phone / electronic device will be confiscated from the student. The parent will be contacted to pick up the cell phone / electronic device from the Principal.

Second Offense: The cell phone / electronic device will be confiscated from the student. The parent will be contacted to pick up the cell phone / electronic device at which time a conference will be scheduled.

You may refer to the following website for reasons as to why students may not use cell phones on school grounds.

[http://www.schoolsecurity.org/trends/cell\\_phones.html](http://www.schoolsecurity.org/trends/cell_phones.html).

If or when my/our child(ren) bring a cell phone, and or electronic device to school I/we accept full responsibility for abiding by the rules and regulations set forth in this device policy and are aware that the school is not responsible in any way for the cell phones and/or electronic devices if they are lost or damaged while at school and extended care.

I/We have read, understand, and acknowledge the above policy for cell phones at St. Bede Catholic School.

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Student Name

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Grade

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Parent Signature

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Date