

Dear Parents,

I want to make you aware of the cell phone/smartwatch/earbuds policy at Saint Helena School before school begins next week. The following information may help you decide if you would like to have your child bring a cell phone, wear a smartwatch, or bring earbuds to school.

All children and parents in Grades 3 – 8 need to sign a cell phone contract. I shall send this out on the first day of school. The contract needs to be signed even if your child does not own a cell phone or smartwatch. Earbuds may also not be worn in school. I realize it is necessary for some of the children to have a cell phone or smartwatch each day because of after school situations, activities, etc. If your child brings a cell phone to school or wears a smartwatch, it is expected to be kept in a locked box provided in your child’s homeroom. Students’ phones and watches will not be kept in schoolbags. If there is a school emergency, the teacher will leave the building with the locked box. Children do not need a cell phone or smartwatch with them in school unless there is a medical reason. The cell phones and smartwatches will be given back to the students at the end of the day when they will place their cell phone and smartwatch in their schoolbag. If a child misses a bus or needs to be picked up from school, Mrs. Tronoski or I will be there to call a child’s parent. Children are not permitted to use their phones, smartwatches, or wear earbuds while on school property.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Gratefully,

**Miss Denise Britt**