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Dear Parents,

We will be making our school a phone-free space to improve teaching and learning using a system called [Yondr](#). Yondr has been implemented in over 1,000 schools across 21 countries to facilitate an engaged learning environment.

We believe that phones have great utility. We have also found that learning and social behavior improve drastically when students are fully engaged with their teachers and classmates.

The Yondr Program utilizes a simple, secure pouch that stores a phone. Every student will secure their phone in a personally assigned Yondr pouch when they arrive at school. **Students will maintain possession of their phones and will not use them until their pouches are opened at the end of the school day. Students are required to bring their Yondr pouch to and from school each day and are responsible for their pouch at all times.** Students who do not have their pouch upon entry to the building will be expected to check their cell phone in the main office for the duration of the school day.

Yondr recently surveyed over 900 school partners to measure the effects of creating phone-free educational environments. These schools achieved notable progress in multiple areas:

- **65% of schools saw an improvement in academic performance**
- **74% of schools saw an improvement in student behavior**
- **83% of schools saw an improvement in student engagement in the classroom**

In an attempt to ease any apprehension that you have, I will be posting a video about the program on our website for you to preview. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school directly at 937-542-7180. Additionally, we will be discussing the implementation of Yondr at our Freshman Orientation on August 12, 2022 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., and will also have a table set up at our Open House on September 1, 2022 from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. for parents interested in obtaining more information.

If there is an emergency and you would like to get in contact with your child, please reach out to Mrs. Gail Thalheimer, our school secretary at 937-542-7180, or our school nurse, Mrs. Catherine Lewis at 937-542-7236.

In an effort to best serve your child, we appreciate your full support in adoption of the Yondr Program at our school.

Thank you,

Heather N. Davis
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Our Mission

To equip our students to achieve success in a global society by implementing an effective and rigorous curriculum with fidelity.