

HOWARD B. MATTLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL  
PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

In an effort to maintain an optimal learning environment for all of our students and to ensure safety and limit distractions, we request your support as we curtail the student use of cell phones and smart watches in Mattlin Middle School. Cell phones and smart watches must remain in the students' lockers from 8:30 a.m. to 2:50 p.m. We strongly encourage families to make plans with their children prior to the beginning of the school day for after-school plans.

*In order to maintain the integrity of the learning process, it is important to address this concern of cell phones and smart watches.*

Students may access their cell phones and smart watches prior to 8:30 a.m. and after their day ends at 2:50 p.m. Students will not have access to their cell phones or their smart watches during their lunch periods. During the time of 2:54 p.m. to 3:35 p.m., cell phones and smart watches may be used appropriately in the cafeteria as students wait for afternoon programs to begin or as they wait for the arrival of their 9th period bus. Students are prohibited from using cell phones in the hallways or in remedial classrooms.

All cell phones and smart watches must be turned off and stored in the students' lockers and/or backpacks during the school day. Children packing up their belongings after the 7th period bell must keep their cell phones and smart watches in the "off" position and stored in their backpacks. This procedure will be in effect on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 3, 2024.

In the event that your child must call home, a telephone will be available in the A-House lobby during lunch periods. Health concerns can be addressed using the telephone in the nurse's office. In the case of a family emergency, the office staff will certainly give your child a message or have him/her return your call.

Students will be expected to comply with these expectations and any student who violates these expectations will be held accountable to the District's Code of Conduct.

Thank you in advance for your partnership with our school and your continued support in order to provide a safe and productive learning environment that limits distractions for all of our students.

Sincerely,

*Joseph Coladonato*

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