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Empowering Self-Reliance, Responsibility and Independence

There's a pretty good chance that at some point during the year, your child will forget to bring a needed item to school. This could include his/her completed homework, an assigned project, a school binder, the day's lunch, his/her musical instrument, etc. In an effort to promote individual responsibility and greater independence on the part of our middle schoolers, we ask for your cooperation when your child forgets something at home.

We are implementing a system where all students are to begin the habit of automatically checking in at the main office (or the lunchroom cart) to see if/when a forgotten item has been brought to school for them. Given the importance of maximizing instructional time, we need to minimize interruptions and will not deliver messages or items to students throughout the academic day. ** Of course, if there is a family emergency or urgent need to contact your child, we will do so ** To clarify; emergencies do not include forgotten homework, instruments, notebooks or projects.

In addition, please do not text or call your child on their cell phone to tell them you are bringing (or have brought) an item in. A student's use of his/her phone during the academic school day is a violation of school policy and will result in the confiscation of the phone, as well as the assignment of disciplinary consequences. Instead, we ask that you encourage your child to check in at the office (or lunch cart) periodically throughout the day for any items they might be expecting.

Forgetting supplies and items is a normal life occurrence; our goal is to help our students develop the life-long skills of responsible behavior, good and productive habits, and creative problem solving. We look forward to working as a team as we develop our capable young people.

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