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Dear JHS Parents,

I hope this correspondence finds you well. We are looking forward to a new school year and cannot wait to see our JHS students entering the halls for the 2022-2023 school year. As the principal of JHS, my first responsibility is to provide students and staff a safe and orderly learning environment. The purpose of this letter is to share new safety protocols developed by the School Leadership Team that will be implemented at the start of the 22/23 school year.

The School Leadership Team discussed four major concerns impacting students, teachers, parents, and administration. These concerns include vaping devices, food containing illegal substances, cell phone usage inhibiting student productivity, and weapons.

After much thought and consideration, the School Leadership Team has put the following safety measures in place for the 2022-2023 school year. Students will not be permitted to carry cloth or mesh bookbags in the hallways nor in classrooms once the school day starts. **Students will store their book bags and other personal items in their assigned lockers.** Lockers with school issued locks will be issued at no cost to the students. Students are encouraged to bring only essential items to school and will be permitted to carry a small clutch/purse, no larger than 4.5" x 6.5". The bell schedule has been adjusted to permit students ample time to access their notebooks and books throughout the day. **If you feel it is necessary for your child to carry a backpack throughout the school day, they may do so if and ONLY if it is a CLEAR backpack.**

Lastly, students will not be **permitted to use cell phones or other personal electronic devices** during the instructional day to include class changes, bathroom breaks, lunch and/or Refresh. **Cell phones and other personal electronic devices are to be powered-off and stored in a secure location.** Parents who need to correspond with their child during the school day may email their child using their school email address or call the front office for assistance. Students will be permitted and are encouraged to check their email throughout the school day.

For dress code information, tardy policy, cell phone/vape use violation consequences and/or any other information related to providing a positive academic and safe school, please review the student handbook. The handbook will be emailed to all JHS students by August 3, 2022.

I look forward to having a safe and productive school year.

Very respectfully submitted,

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