Use Your Phone for Good…AND NOT EVIL

Camera/Video Camera

- ✓ Miss class or want to compare your notes with a friend? Have him/her take a picture of his/her notes and text or email them to you.
- ✓ Have to do a presentation? Video yourself, watch it, and make improvements based on what you see.
- ✓ Take a picture of anything important written on the white board.

Apps

- ✓ Utilize flashcard apps (search your app store for flashcards and you'll find both free and paid apps).
- ✓ Get a dictionary app – when you come across a word you don't know: use this app to look it up.
- ✓ Use a To-Do list app to ensure that you don't forget what you need/want to do.
- ✓ Use a calendar app to both remember important events and manage your time each day.
- ✓ Get a Google Drive App so you can easily access Google Drive/Docs.

Voice Recorder

- ✓ Record your thoughts when brainstorming ideas for an essay.
- ✓ Record yourself reading an essay and then listen back – keep the essay in front of you and stop and revise anything that sounds weird.
- ✓ Record anything that you need to memorize and listen to it over, and over, and over, and over again.
- ✓ For oral exams: Record yourself and then listen to see where your trouble spots are.

Music

- ✓ Listening to music does help some students study more productively. If that is you, create a playlist of songs that will help you focus.

Other Good Stuff

- ✓ Is reading difficult for you (or boring)? Get the audiobook and listen to it as you read.
- ✓ Alarms – set alarms as a reminder for when you need to start your homework.
- ✓ Timer – Estimate how long an assignment should take you to complete, set a time for that amount of time, and then make it a goal to do it in that amount of time (don't rush, but be as focused and efficient as possible).
- ✓ Use Facetime or Skype to study with a buddy.
- ✓ Email your teachers if you have a question.

EVIL USES...

- ✓ After each song finishes taking the time to select a new song
- ✓ Listening to music while reading
- ✓ Texting and/or playing games during homework/study sessions
- ✓ Constantly checking Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, Pinterest, etc.
- ✓ Constantly checking for texts/calls
- ✓ Staring at your grades on School Loop instead of doing work to improve them