



PENHOLD CROSSING SECONDARY SCHOOL

August 30, 2024

Hello Parents and Guardians,

We are getting excited to see all the kids bright and early on Tuesday. Please review the following information as we move into the new year.

We encourage you to have a conversation with your child related to the Alberta Ministerial Order we will be following as students are no longer allowed to use personal mobile devices (cellphones, smartwatches and tablets) during instructional time. Our superintendent sent a letter to all parents on Wednesday with more information ([please review it here](#)). Here is a quick synopsis for our school:

Grade 7/8: Students will not be permitted to use personal mobile devices at school during school hours. This includes breaks and lunchtime.

Grades 9-12: Students will not be permitted to use personal mobile devices during instructional time, but may have access before, during spares and class transitions, at lunch and after school. Students will be asked to store all personal mobile devices out of view and powered off in a designated location in the classroom or their locker.

*Under the direction of the school and classroom teacher, students will be permitted to use classroom appropriate technology such as school or personal Chromebooks and laptops when appropriate to support learning activities. If you can, please send your child with their chromebook or laptop.

Instance	Actions
First Offense	Warning, discussion and reminder to put it away
Second and Third Offense	Delivered to office and collect at end of student's day
Subsequent Offenses	Delivered to the office, the parents contacted to retrieve

Contacting Students in the Event of an Emergency: Contact the office (403-886-8604) and inform the office staff of the emergency. Your child will be called to the office and provided needed support.

We would like to invite you to join us on Friday (Sept 6) for lunch for our annual Burger Bash. We use it as a kick off to the Penhold Fall Festival, and a chance to come in and meet your child's teachers. Burgers will be served between 11:30 and 12:30. We will ask you to make yourself aware of the bell times ([linked here](#)) and be sure to go through our school website for loads more information. www.penholdcrossing.ca

And (as always) if you ever have a question just ask! If it is classroom based, please check with your child's teacher first, for anything else please call the office and we can help too. We are looking forward to a terrific year of educating your child!

Clark Peters (Principal), Corbyn Shields (Vice Principal) and the entire staff of Penhold Crossing