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Dear Parents/Guardians

I am writing to make sure that you are aware that the District's Electronic Device policy restricts students from carrying cell phones, iPods, iPhones, or any other device that can possibly take pictures or make videotape recordings during the school day. If a student chooses to bring one of these devices to school, it must be placed in the student's locker upon arrival and not removed until dismissal. If a student is discovered in violation of the aforementioned policy, consequences will be imposed. You may refer to page 38 of the Hendrick Hudson School District's Code of Conduct for a full description of this policy and consequences.

Recently, we have discovered that a number of students have been using cameras and phones to take pictures during the school day. Furthermore, some of these photographs were inappropriate in that they depicted students misusing school facilities or they depicted students in provocative poses. Some of these photos were then uploaded onto Internet social networking sites such as *Facebook* and *My Space*. In addition, some students have been sending and receiving text messages during the school day.

I have included a document on the BMMS webpage you may find helpful to protect your child by utilizing security and safety options available on *Facebook*. I also ask that you consider monitoring your child's phone, camera, *Facebook* and *MySpace* sites for texting histories and appropriateness. Additionally, there are many links on the BMMS Library's webpage that address internet safety that you might find helpful and informative.

Sincerely,



John S. Owens
Principal

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