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***Educating Tomorrow's Citizens Today***

## **NATIONAL SPORT SCHOOL**

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

In order to support our student-athletes in maintaining focus and decreasing distractions during class time we have decided to introduce a school wide policy around cell phone use in the school. We understand social networking, online access and connection to the digital world are major components of the environment our current student-athletes have grown up in. Cellular phones however, are not required in any of our classes to support learning and do present opportunities for distraction. There is a growing concern around the frequency of use in classes as well as the impact on learning as a result of cell phone distraction in classes. All students and staff are now expected to have cellular phones silenced and out of sight during all scheduled classes, including TA.

Students utilizing their phones during class time will have their phones labeled and stored until the end of the class period by each classroom teacher. We are hopeful all students, with support, will be able to manage their own devices and take advantage of the meaningful learning opportunities presented in all of our classrooms.

We recognize some students do use their phones for keeping track of school assignments, due dates and appointments and all students will have opportunity to utilize their phones in the last 5 minutes of each class in order to accommodate these uses. Students are also welcome to use their phones inside the school during non-instructional times (spares, lunch).

In order to support NSS in maintaining an effective learning environment that supports the development of all learners, parents are asked to:

- Speak to students about responsible cell phone use.
- Refrain from sending messages to students during class time. (they will initially need help resisting the urge to check their phones ). A copy of our weekly class timetable is below for reference.
- Speak with your student-athlete about the value of a distraction free learning environment.
- Contact the main office in case of emergencies and a need to reach your child. There are phones in all classrooms.

Thank you for your continued support of the academic development of all of our student-athletes.

Regards,

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Period	Time	Duration
1	8:30 - 9:52	82 min
2	9:52 - 11:15	83 min
lunch	11:15 - 11:45	30 min
3	11:45 - 1:07	82 min
4	1:07 - 2:30	83 min

#### TA Tuesdays

Period	Time	Duration
1	8:30 - 9:40	70 min
<b>TA</b>	<b>9:40 - 10:30</b>	<b>50 min</b>
2	10:30 - 11:40	70 min
lunch	11:40 - 12:10	30 min
3	12:10 - 1:20	70 min
4	1:20 - 2:30	70 min