



**SUDBURY  
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Dear parents, guardians and students,

We are very pleased to welcome our new students and families, and all those who are returning to the Sudbury Catholic District School Board. The first day of school is an exciting time and as we prepare, we want to share some important changes.

As directed by the Ministry of Education, we have developed new administrative procedures and guidelines (APG's) on the [use of personal mobile devices](#) which comes into effect Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. The purpose of these changes is to reduce distractions while protecting instructional time, therefore enabling educators and students to focus on teaching and learning. Effective this school year, all members of the school community are not permitted to use personal devices during instructional time except under the following circumstances:

- educational purposes as directed by an educator
- for documented health and medical purposes
- to support special education needs

For students in kindergarten to grade 6, mobile devices are to be stored out of view and powered off or set to silent mode throughout the **full instructional day**. Students in grades 7 to 12 are to store their personal devices out of view and powered off or set to silent mode **during instructional time**, which includes school assemblies.

Access to social media sites has also been restricted throughout the day to ensure a continued focus on student success. Students will not have access to Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, Twitter "X", etc. on our networks.

We have also updated our Board [Code of Conduct](#) as required.

For more information on these changes, we invite you to visit us at [SCDSB](#) in our Parent Section. You can also find important information at [Your Child's Education - A Parent Guide to our School System](#).

If you need to reach your child during the school day, contact can be made through the main office.

To our students, we wish you much success and want you to know that our staff is here to support you. To our parents and guardians, we thank you for your continued support, as we work together to create safe, welcoming schools which foster student achievement and well-being. Should you have any further questions with respect to these changes, please do not hesitate to reach out to your school administration.

Wishing you many blessings and much success,

Joanne Bénard  
Director of Education

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Chair of the Board