

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope everyone had a healthy holiday season filled with fun! Mr. McCorkle and I met with all grade levels at BIS yesterday to welcome students back and to go over some policies and procedures we needed to address as we begin 2023. We wanted to share the main topics with you as well so everyone is informed as we begin this new year.

First, our tech department has noticed a massive increase in damaged Chromebooks over the last couple of months. As outlined in the "Student-Parent Chromebook Agreement" that both students and parents/guardians signed upon receipt of their device, students are responsible for their Chromebooks; any device that is damaged beyond our IT department's capacity to repair will incur a \$250 invoice from the business office. Lost chargers or cases incur a fee of \$25. Students are also required to conduct safe and appropriate internet searches; those who cannot follow this rule may lose privileges.

Secondly, we discussed behavior on the bus. Students are NOT to eat on the buses; this is an important rule due to the many students who have serious food allergies. Additionally, we have found that many students do not clean up after themselves and this creates a lot of extra work for the drivers. In general, all school rules apply on the buses (except that students are permitted to use their cell phones on the bus); students who are not able to follow the rules may be suspended from the bus. This is for everyone's safety.

Lastly, we believe that if students use our school's core values to guide their actions, they will consistently make good choices. As you likely already know, our three core values are:

- 1) Strive for excellence
- 2) Find your passion
- 3) Be kinder than necessary

We thank you for your partnership with us and we look forward to having a wonderful 2023 with the students and families at BIS!

Regards,

Katie Porter

Assistant Principal