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Dear Parents,

I'm writing to share the exciting news that we are partnering with Yondr to make our library a phone-free space.

We understand that cell phones have great utility, but cell phone use has increasingly become a source of distraction, antisocial behavior and conflict both at home and at school.

MVRHS believes in maintaining a safe and effective educational environment for all of its students. Research shows that the mere presence of cellphones in the classroom can be detrimental to student performance. According to a survey and report from Common Sense Media that involved 1,240 interviews with parents and their 12 to 18-year-old children, 50% of teens feel attached to their mobile devices, and 59% of their parents agree that their kids have a problem putting their devices down (U.S. News & World Report).

Yondr is currently used across the world in hundreds of classrooms and schools, at concerts, comedy shows, weddings and special events of all kinds. The goal of these spaces is to encourage people to engage with each other and their surroundings.

The Yondr program employs a simple, easy-to-use case that stores a cell phone and requires an unlocking base to open. When students enter the library, they will place their phone in a Yondr case which is then locked. Students maintain possession of their phones but will not be able to use them until they are unlocked at the end of the period. Should a teacher decide to use phones for an educational purpose, he/she will be able to.

We believe this will allow our students to be:

- Engaged in classroom activities and assignments
- Less dependent on electronics to do classwork
- Less likely to engage in conversations around bullying
- Less likely to be distracted and procrastinate on assignments in class

In an effort to best serve your child, we will need your full support in adoption of the Yondr program at our school. We want to assure our families that you can reach your student at the main office at (508) 693-1033.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring a safe and healthy learning environment for our students. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school directly

Sincerely,

Kevin McGrath, Librarian



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## HOW IT WORKS

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### 1. CASE

As you enter the library, your phone and other mobile devices will be placed in a Yondr case.



### 2. LOCK

Once inside, the case will lock. You'll maintain possession of your phone at all times.



### 3. UNLOCK

At the end of the period, unlock your phone by tapping it on the unlocking base at the desk.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What if I want to reach my student during the school day?

We want our students to be engaged in their learning. Please refrain from contacting your student during the school day unless it is an emergency. Please contact the main office at (508) 693-1033 to reach your student.

### What if there is an emergency?

In case of an emergency, we direct our students to safety first. School staff will be able to unlock a Yondr case in a matter of seconds for students once they are in a safe and secure location.

### Will my student's phone be safe?

Yes, because students are in possession of their phone in the Yondr case and should keep the case stored away in their backpacks.

### What if the case gets damaged?

The Yondr case belongs to MVRHS just like any other school supply. If a student damages a Yondr case, he/she will be responsible for the cost of the case.