

Dear Families,
Please be aware of our BYOD reminders and social media safety alerts below.



BYOD or Bring Your Own Device:

- This is a South Brunswick District Policy in place for students in grades 6-12 only.
- Acceptable uses of technology are devoted to activities that *support and enhance teaching and learning*.
- Bringing technology to school is optional.
- Parents or guardians make the final approval for whether or not their child may bring in a device. Technology will still be available for students should families decide not to send in devices.
- Students are not allowed to make calls or take photos in school during the school day.
- Communication with parents must go directly through the main office phone, the nurse's phone, or through the classroom teacher/school phone. Students and families are asked to refrain from using devices to send messages within the school day.
- Crossroads North students created a brief video of the policy, which can be viewed here: http://www.sbschools.org/schools/xrds/docs/BYOD_Expectations.mp4
- For more information, the BYOD policy is accessible online: http://www.sbschools.org/our_schools/policies/docs/AUP-6-12.pdf



Social Media and Oversharing:



- Middle school students find it appealing to express themselves online. However, posting information online must be handled with caution. We have posted a social media alert on our website to also assist parents in being aware of potential dangers: http://www.sbschools.org/schools/xrds/docs/Social_Media_Alert_3.2015.pdf
- Information that is posted online may last forever and could impact one's future.
- Here are 10 simple things for students to think about before they share anything online: https://www.common sense media.org/sites/default/files/uploads/classroom_curriculum/oversharing-poster-11x17-a-b_7.pdf
- Legal requirements of most social media apps state that children age 13 and above may use their services.