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SUBJECT: Final Exams – Electronic (smart) Devices

Charger Parents:

As you are aware, students are taking final exams next week, January 21-23. This is an opportunity for students to show proficiency for a semester's worth of curriculum and instruction. For students, final exams are an integral part in earning academic credit for a course and moving one step closer to a high school diploma.

Although there are numerous positives to utilizing technology in education, one area of concern is the accessibility of technology during comprehensive final exams, which may lead to academic dishonesty by our students. To avoid conflicts during final exam times and to remain consistent with standardized test (i.e. SAT) rules, electronic (smart) devices are prohibited. Devices that can be used to communicate test content or share answers are not allowed during final exam times. It is highly encouraged that students leave devices in their cars, backpacks, lockers, etc. to avoid any conflict.

Students in violation of this procedure will receive appropriate academic consequences which may include a loss of credit for the course. Churchill High School’s handbook outlines all our policies regarding academic dishonesty. The handbook can be found on Churchill’s website under the “students” tab.

A sample list of prohibited electronic devices during final exam times is listed below.

LIST (not comprehensive)
- Smartphones
- Smart tablets
- Smartwatches
- Airpods (or any smart headphones)

We understand there may be exceptions to this procedure, and those exceptions will be communicated by individual teachers.

This information will be shared with students throughout the week as well as at the beginning of each final exam day. We ask you to share with your child(ren) as well. Thank you for your cooperation with this procedure as we look forward to a successful final exam week and end to our first semester.

Sincerely,

Kevin Etue
Principal, Churchill High School