

Dear VCS community,

**The Parents Association is sharing the Wait Until 8th pledge to delay giving kids smartphones and social media.** The Wait Until 8th pledge empowers parents to rally together to delay giving children a smartphone until at least the end of 8th grade. By banding together, this will decrease the pressure felt by kids and parents alike over the kids having a smartphone. There are so many [reasons to wait](#).

Many parents say “yes” to the smartphone early because so many other families have said “yes.” What if we said “not yet” together though? What difference would it make if our kids had a few more years smartphone free?

Please note that this **pledge is for smartphones and social media only** (not other screens, etc). If you would like your child to have a basic phone (or TV, or basic video games, etc) that just calls and texts, you still can sign the pledge! The basic phone avoids many of the distractions and potential dangers of the smartphone. There are several [basic phones here](#).

**We will track the active pledges and connect you to each other** for peer support as you feel appropriate. Additionally, we plan on having a **school-wide gathering on Feb. 25th** on the topic of culture, in order to discuss this further. Going forward, our intention at VCS is to begin the academic year inviting new families to join the pledge as well. More than 100,000 families from all 50 states have said yes to waiting for the smartphone. Plus, many parents have shared interest from our school. Will you join us?

To learn more and sign the pledge, please visit [www.waituntil8th.org](http://www.waituntil8th.org).

If you're into it, join us, sign the pledge linked below! If you're not interested, no worries at all. We totally understand. If you are on the fence, we encourage you to read this article from the Atlantic Monthly, [End the Phone-Based Childhood Now](#) or check out the [book](#) it was based on.

**PLEDGE LINK AND/OR QR CODE -**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1rW5d\\_GD8tvYoaD5dzCzfS5dJD8emrZ-Ep4zB\\_yOLxac/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1rW5d_GD8tvYoaD5dzCzfS5dJD8emrZ-Ep4zB_yOLxac/edit)



*Thank you for your time!*