



Dear Parents,

In the new year it should be easier than ever to stay up to date with what is happening in Mr. Sweetman's classes. I invite you to subscribe via email to my blog *sweetmansprojects.blogspot.ca*. I will do my best to write a short post once a week to inform you of upcoming topics, assignments, and quizzes. It will be short but informative. If you subscribe via email you will get an email each time I post linking you to the blog. In addition, you will also have the ability via PowerSchool to check student attendance and progress. Please contact the school administration if you don't already have the necessary information for PowerSchool. Hopefully this means you as parents have quick and easy access to important information to further the success of your students.

I am also very pleased to offer students a chance to bring their own technology to my class on a regular basis. Other teachers at CAMS have successfully developed BYOT programs, and I am excited to offer a similar program to my students. So, whether students have smartphones, tablets, or laptops they will be able to use them in class. Of course they will need your permission to do this, so please review and sign the contract on the back of this paper. If you would like to learn more about the benefits and challenges of a BYOT program please visit *sweetmanedu.blogspot.com* and on the right hand side under *labels* click on *Bring Your Own Tech*. There are several informative videos for you to watch, and some other useful information on how we will overcome the challenges that come with BYOT. Thank you, and if you have any questions please feel free to contact me via email at sweetman@staff.ednet.ns.ca or call the school.

Thank you,

Mr. Sweetman



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Student Usage Guidelines:

1. Our wireless network will provide filtered Internet access. I am not liable for student access to any other network within the classroom (including internet service provided by your phone company).
2. When students are not using their device, they should be turned off and put away in a safe place, such as their locker. Students are encouraged to take their personally-owned devices home everyday after school to be charged.
3. I will not be held liable for any damage that may occur as a result of connecting to our wireless network or any electrical power source.
4. I will not be held responsible for any physical damage, loss, or theft of the personally owned device.
5. I will not be held liable for either texting or internet usage charges that occur from the use of a student's personal device. It is the parent's responsibility to make sure their child understands the usage options that are available to them, such as the number of texts available, or whether or not a student's service plan includes Internet.
6. **Students may not, at any time during the day, text other students, film teachers or students, take pictures, or play games on their personal electronic devices, unless filming and taking pictures is part of a teacher approved assignment.**
7. SSRSB follows the guidelines set by FIPPA (Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act). I will not be held responsible for students signing-up for online services which share private information outside of class time.

By signing this document below:

1. You agree to the guidelines and agreements contained in this document.

Please write down your child's name below, as well as check whether or not your child may use their electronic devices at school according to the policy listed above.

Student Name (Printed): _____ May () May Not ()
Use their personal electronic devices during school hours.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student E-mail: _____

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