

Dear Middle School Families,

While the Harper Creek Middle School Cell Phone Policy has not changed, please be informed that we will begin enforcing the policy in the below manner beginning with the 2019-2020 school year. The HCMS staff hopes that the enforcement of this policy will provide a more focused learning environment for your child.

USE OF TELEPHONES

If a student wishes to contact parents/guardians during the school day, they should do so from the main office student phone. Students should receive permission from their supervising teacher and then proceed to the office to use the phone with permission from the office staff. Except in an emergency, students will not be called to the office to receive a telephone call.

During the regular school day, students may not use any type of cellular device (including phones and watches), or other electronic communication device unless given specific permission by an administrator.

CELL PHONE POLICY

Students may not be in possession of, or use, any type of personal communication device (PCD)/cellular device (including phones or watches) from the first tardy bell of the day to the last dismissal bell of the day, including when in the hall on a pass, during class time, during passing time and at lunch. From the first class bell until the dismissal of the last class of the day, these devices are to be kept in the student's locker and powered off.

Students may not use their cell phones or electronic devices in the bathrooms, hallways during passing time or in the lunchroom during their lunch time.

Students may bring larger tablets or E-Readers to class, with prior approval from their teacher, to be used for educational purposes only.

Students found to be in possession of a disallowed PCD/cellular/electronic device will earn a referral and be sent immediately to the Responsibility Room or main office. The Responsibility Supervisor, or designee, will confiscate and secure the device and the student will return back to class without the device. Students refusing to give their device to the Responsibility Room Supervisor ~~they~~ will be disciplined for insubordination. Confiscated devices may be picked up the same day between 2:40 and 3:30, or any day following between 2:40 and 3:30. See consequences below for information about who may pick up the phone.

- **Offense 1 – Student may pick up device. Parent informed.**
- **Offense 2 – 1 Lunch Detention. Student may pick up device. Parent informed.**
- **Offense 3 – 2 Elective Class ISS hours. Student may pick up device. Parent informed.**
- **Offense 4 – ½ day ISS. Parent or guardian must pick up device.**
- **Offense 5 – 1 day ISS. Parent or guardian must pick up device.**
- **Offense 6 – 2 days ISS. Parent or guardian must pick up device.**
- **Offense 7 – 1 days OSS pending parent conference to develop behavior plan. Parent or guardian must pick up device. (for subsequent offenses, days of OSS will increase)**

If multiple offenses occur, a student may lose his/her privilege to bring a PCD to school for a designated length of time or on a permanent basis.

The number of offenses will reset each school year.

Please see the full 2019-2020 handbook to review student use of a communication device in violation of District policies or administrative guidelines.

Free Summer Events around Battle Creek

Visit Historic Bridge Park

One of the most beautiful parks in Calhoun County is a great way to spend a summer day! Historic Bridge Park is located on the Kalamazoo River just east of downtown Battle Creek. The park is home to many historic bridges from all over Michigan. Many of the bridges are over 100 years old and have been restored. This beautiful park is great for many things and it even connects to the Calhoun County Trail way! While you are there explore the bridges, play on the playground or even bring your bikes. When it is time for lunch, take a seat at one of the park's many covered picnic areas. Each is outfitted with a table and grill.

Go Geocaching

Just because it is summer does not mean your kids have to stop learning. Have you heard of geocaching? It is a great activity for adults and kids. All you need is a GPS (Phone)! The Calhoun County Visitors Bureau has a Geocache Challenge that follows the path of the Underground Railroad in Calhoun County. The brochure will lead you through the history and give you the coordinates to each cache. For more information on Geocaching visit www.battlecreekvisitors.org.

Movies in the Square

There is nothing better than being outside in the summertime. It gets even better when you combine a movie and games with that! On July 18 and August 15, there will be kid's movies in the Festival Market Square. On July 18, the movie will be *Fire & Rescue*. There will be lots of different games and activities for the kids to enjoy. The Binder Park Zoo Mobile will make an appearance along with some real life firefighters! On August 15, the movie will be *Frozen*! The kids get to enjoy some Frozen fun in the summertime. There will even be an appearance by Anna, Elsa, and Kristoff! Activities start at 5:30, performances at 6:30, and the movie at dusk.

Movies in the Park (Different from the square)

A FREE family event featuring pre-movie activities beginning at 8:00 pm followed by a family friendly movie at dusk! Join us on the lawn at Mill Race Park for all the fun!

June 7th at 8:00- Wreak it Ralph

July 19th at 8:00- Space Jam

August 9th at 8:00- Incredibles 2

VIBE at 5

Vibe @ 5 is an outdoor concert series with tributes to popular artists. All concerts begin at 5:00 PM at Friendship Park. Bring your family, friends and your lawn chairs for an entertaining night out in downtown Battle Creek!

July 5th, July 12th, 19th, and 26th, August 2nd, and 9th

Go on a family walk, hike or bike ride

Leila Arboretum, Begg Park, Calhoun County Trail way (Starting at Memorial Bridge on Verona Road and connects to the Linear path), Woodland Park and Nature Preserve (Entrance on Helmer road), Monument Park all offer many trails for walking, hiking and sightseeing. For more information visit www.BattleCreekVisitors.org.