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From the Mr. T Files . . .

Positive Behavior at All School Meetings

Dear Parents:

We hope all is well. As an ever-evolving community, we are always working to tighten up procedures so that we operate with a student's best interest at heart. This week, I want to focus on adult behavior and action at All School Meetings (ASM). That time is sacred because it is our chance to come together as a community and celebrate one another. We have set aside that hour every week to listen, learn and share. You, our parents and guardians, appreciate that hour because there is nothing more special for you than seeing your child on the stage and shine!

In order to fully absorb that special time, we have to make sure conditions are optimal. We ask that you respectfully refrain from using your devices for purposes other than taking pictures or videos. Texting, checking email and working during an informance is distracting, and it conveys a message that the child's work is not important. We understand the nature of the fast-paced world, and all of its demands. As the school leader, I have to be mindful and leave my cell phone in my pocket (or if I am wearing skinny jeans, leave it in the office). If there is a true emergency, I am accessible. However, I pledge not to use my phone, or have conversations during an All School Meeting. I am asking you to join me in making this promise.

There is nothing more heartbreaking than taking your child to gymnastics class and having her reprimand you for paying more attention to your device than watching her master a new skill. I share this personal story with you so that you can truly understand where I am coming from.

Thank you for understanding.

*Fondly,
Mr. T*