



# EAGLE ANNOUNCEMENT

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Good afternoon parents of ACA Middle and High School students,

Greetings from ACA! I hope you have all had a blessed summer. With the start of the school year just a couple weeks away, I wanted to reach out and share a few important pieces of information with you in regard to the upcoming school year.

**Smart Devices Policy:** In several of our recent Eagle Updates, we have shared our [Smart Devices Policy](#) for the upcoming school year. In this regard, I want to quickly emphasize a couple things. In the communications we have sent, there was an [electronic form](#) included which provided an option for parents to request an exemption from the policy in certain situations. Please note that if you do NOT complete this form, our expectation is that students will be turning in their devices when they arrive at school on the first day (and subsequent days as well). **This form should be completed by the end of the day on Thursday, August 14.** In terms of requesting an exemption from the policy, there are three options which you can choose from in the shared form. They are:

- Medical Exemption: If your child needs to access his or her phone during the day for a documented medical reason.
- If your child does not have a smart device, you may indicate this on the form.
- If you commit to having your child leave his or her smart device at home, you may indicate this on the form.

**School Handbook:** We have spent some time this summer updating our handbook, and it is now [posted on the website](#). I strongly encourage all parents to take some to review the handbook as it lays out various important policies and procedures for the upcoming year.

**Principal's Perspective:** This year I am planning to send out a monthly "Principal's Perspective" email. My hope is to include not only policy and schedule-related reminders, but also to share some of my thoughts on the important distinctives of ACA and the opportunity that the Christian home and the Christian school have to partner with one another well to point young people to Christ. I know there is no shortage of things to read, but I would humbly encourage you to read this as it is sent out each month.

Please know that I am in regular prayer for our school community, especially in these final weeks before the school year begins. I am thankful for God's faithfulness for many years now in the life of this school and trust that the Lord will continue to direct our steps in the upcoming year.

In Christ,

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Secondary Principal

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