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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Parents/Guardians
FROM: James P. Cody, Principal
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RE: BACKPACK INFORMATION

As many of you are aware, all of our students will have Chromebooks that they will be allowed to bring home with them as part of a school-wide 1:1 technology initiative. Because of this increased use of technology, students will not have to carry around as many books and supplies from class to class as they have in the past. For this reason, and to ensure the safety and general well-being of our students, we are continuing our “no backpack” initiative similar to what we had in place last year for our students during the school day. Students will be given opportunities to stop at their lockers at specific times during the day to drop off and pick up their belongings, which will prevent them from having to carry around supplies for all of their classes throughout the day.

Students **will be able to still use their backpacks when traveling to and from school if they feel that it is necessary to safely transport their books/supplies.*

Based on feedback we received from our students in previous years, we will allow them to carry a normal sized drawstring bag with them from class to class to hold additional supplies that may not fit in their Chromebook bags, such as a calculator, pens/pencils, etc. If a student chooses to use a drawstring bag during the school day, they must have their name clearly printed on the outside of the bag for identification purposes.

We are confident that this change will result in students having much less physical stress on their bodies by no longer carrying around unnecessarily heavy backpacks throughout the day. Our hallways and classrooms will also be less congested, leading to safer environments with fewer distractions. We appreciate your cooperation with this matter.