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Students, Parents, and Guardians,

The entire staff at Schnee Learning Center congratulates each 2023 graduate and thanks each of our families for a successful 2022-2023 school year. A special thanks is extended to those who attended and celebrated our many 2023 graduates at our beautiful and vibrant commencement ceremony!

We intend to increase our successes next fall with our returning students, as well as our new enrollments. *It is essential that both new and returning students fill out an application packet as soon as possible to secure a spot and also be able to attend our FREE summer school.* Yearly enrollment packets are required by the Ohio Department of Education for all students attending community schools in the state of Ohio.

As schools plan for the 2023-2024 school year, the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio legislature does NOT provide the opportunity for remote learning for Ohio students enrolled in our schools. Thus, Schnee Learning Center will be open on a regular Monday-Friday school schedule next school year. **There will be no fully- remote students in 2023-2024.**

The following are a few important notifications:

- Please review the enclosed report card, and call if you have questions or concerns.
- **Please review the information letter regarding the implementation of Yondr cell phone pouches beginning in August, 2023. (Back Side).**

Please call 330-922-1966 or email cf_pallijaa@cftigers.org if you have any questions or concerns over summer break.

We strongly encourage you to consider how attending our **free summer school** can help your students to meet graduation requirements; please contact Mr. Dudones at cf_dudonesj@cftigers.org for more information.

We appreciate our families,

Tony Pallija, Executive Director

“Molding Our Students to be Accepting, Insightful, and Compassionate”



Dear Parents/Guardians:

In the upcoming school year 2023-2024, Schnee Learning Center will be a **phone-free space** to improve teaching and learning using a system called Yondr. We believe that cell phones have great utility. However, research studies have found that learning and social behavior improve dramatically when students are fully engaged with their teachers and classmates. At Schnee, and in schools across the country, students are being negatively affected by cell phone and social media use in school. By eliminating cell phone use in our classrooms and increasing student engagement, we expect your students to reap the benefits of better grades, higher standardized test scores, more successful course completion, less disciplinary referrals, and, most importantly, **graduating from high school earlier!**

The Yondr Program utilizes a simple, secure pouch that stores their phone. All students will secure their phones/smartwatches in a personally assigned Yondr pouch when they arrive at school. Students will maintain possession of their phones and will not use them, except for during lunch, until their pouches are opened at the end of the school day. Students are responsible for their pouches at all times.

The cost is \$0 to students and families as long as the student does not damage the bag on purpose. If the student damages the bag by ripping it apart, bending the pin, tearing or cutting the bag or other purposeful damage to the bag then they will be charged a \$20 fee for a replacement bag. In addition, once a student has purposely damaged a bag requiring a \$20 charge they will be required to place a \$20 security deposit on another bag. Until the deposit is paid the students phone will be kept in a sealed envelope in the office all day and they will not be given access to their phone at lunch until the deposit is paid. Students will not be charged for normal, everyday wear and tear.

In an attempt to ease any concerns that you might have, we will be posting a video about the program on our website for you to preview.

Additionally, we will be discussing the implementation of Yondr on our students' first day of school, Thursday, August 17th, 2023, and will also have Town Hall Meetings on August 15th, 6:00 pm, August 22nd, 3:00 pm and at our Open House on Tuesday, August 29, 2023 for those interested in obtaining more information.

If there is an emergency, and you would like to get in contact with your student, you will call the main office at (330) 922-1966.

In an effort to best serve your students, we appreciate your full support in the adoption of the Yondr Program at our school, as approved by the Schnee School Board and Staff.

Thank you,

Tony Pallija, Principal/Executive Director