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Phoenix Christian Middle and High School Family,

We are excited to introduce YONDR pouches as a commitment to strengthening our focused learning environment for 2026-2027.

We will be making our school (7:50am to 3pm) a cellphone-free space to enhance teaching and learning using a system called YONDR.

YONDR is now implemented in thousands of schools to strengthen learning environments.

- We know students are facing a social, psychological, and academic crisis, impacted by cellular devices.
- We know learning and social growth improves significantly when students personally engage with their teachers and peers.
- We know the YONDR pouches will help better protect academic integrity.
- We believe cellphones have an important place in modern communication, but should not interfere with teaching, learning, or our Christ-centered community during the school day.

The YONDR pouch is a secure pocket that stores a cellphone. Next year, every 6th – 12th grade student will secure cellphones in a personally assigned YONDR pouch prior to the start of school. Students will be in possession of their cellphones and will not use them until their YONDR pouch is opened at the end of the school day (usually 3pm).

Students are required to bring their YONDR pouch to and from school each day and are responsible for their pouch at all times. Students who do not have their pouch upon entry to campus will be expected to check-in their cellphone in the front office for the duration of the school day.

- YONDR recently surveyed nearly 1,000 school partners to measure the effects of creating phone-free educational environments.
- These schools achieved notable progress in multiple areas:
- 65% of schools saw an improvement in academic performance.
- 74% of schools saw an improvement in student behavior.
- 83% of schools saw an improvement in student engagement in the classroom.

To answer any questions that you have, we have generated an initial FAQ which will also be posted on our website with ongoing updates.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact your principal directly.

Additionally, we will be introducing the YONDR pouch at Launch on August 11, 2026.

With prayer and gratitude for your family,

JEFF BLAKE