

Dear Parents and Guardians:

On behalf of the Holy Cross admin team, I would like to take a moment and review with you *Policy 610: Cannabis, Electronic Cigarettes, Tobacco A Smoke Free Environment* which states the purpose of the policy:

- The YCDSB endeavours to provide and maintain learning and working environments which safeguard the health and welfare of students, employees, visitors and stakeholders. Such environments are free from the harmful effects of cannabis, electronic cigarettes and tobacco products. This is achieved by prohibiting the smoking and/or the use of cannabis, electronic cigarettes and tobacco products, anywhere on Board property, Board premises and all locations where Board or School sanctioned activities take place.
- Electronic Cigarette Devices refer to a vaporizer or inhalant-type device, whether called an electronic cigarette or by any other branded name, that consists of a battery-powered delivery system that vaporizes and delivers a liquid chemical mixture that may be composed of various amounts of nicotine, propylene glycol, and/or other chemicals intended to be inhaled by the use of the device. They produce a vapour that resembles smoke and can produce a glow that resembles the tip of a cigarette.
- "Vaping" means inhaling or exhaling vapour from an electronic cigarette or holding an activated e-cigarette whether or not the vapour contains nicotine.
- It is the policy of the York Catholic School Board to declare, establish and maintain a cannabis, electronic cigarette and tobacco smoke-free environment in all premises and on all properties, owned and operated by the Board. This policy is governed by the Smoke Free Ontario Act (SFOA) and the Cannabis Act.

We would ask that you please assist with ensuring that your child does not bring a vape to school for use in and around school property. In addition, please review with your child that any person not in compliance with the policy and the Acts, specifically concerning electronic cigarettes/vapes, will have the following consequences imposed:

- Suspension from school
- Smoke-Free Ontario Fine
- Additional fine for the malicious setting off of a fire alarm; which is a wrongful act done intentionally by any person without just cause or excuse

In addition, students congregating in a washroom stall with smoke or vapour in the air may also be subject to the above-noted consequences.

Thank you for your continued support and wishing you a blessed day.

Mrs. Sandra Abate

Principal