



Information About Cannabis

On Wednesday, October 17, 2018, cannabis became legal in Ontario and the rest of Canada. The Toronto Catholic District School Board remains committed to maintaining safe school and work environments that are welcoming and support the Board's focus on excellence in education. Although legislation permits the recreational use of cannabis, the vaping, smoking, or use of lighted tobacco, cannabis/marijuana, herbal material (or any other combustible material) and electronic smoking devices **is prohibited at all TCDSB schools and worksites.**

Current rules for ALL TCDSB and Ontario schools:

A positive school climate and a safe learning and teaching environment are critical for student success and central to our Board's goals as outlined in our Multi-Year Strategic Plan.

All current policies and regulations governing the use of cannabis remain in effect and include, but are not limited to:

- Possession of cannabis (except for medical purposes, if authorized by a health care practitioner such as a physician or a nurse practitioner) will not be permitted while in schools or at school-related activities, even after legalization of recreational cannabis.
- Suspension may be considered for a student under the influence or in possession of cannabis.
- Suspension will be required, and expulsion may be considered, if a student gives cannabis to a minor.

PLEASE NOTE:

Smoking or vaping cannabis is NOT permitted at schools and places where children gather

You are also not permitted to smoke or vape cannabis:

- At school, on school grounds, and all public areas within 20m of these grounds
- On children's playgrounds and public areas within 20m of playgrounds
- In child care centres, or where an early years program is provided
- In places where home child care is provided – even if children aren't present

Additional Resources about Cannabis

The following is the web page link to information from Toronto Public Health about Cannabis.

<https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/health-wellness-care/health-programs-advice/cannabis/>

Other Resources

- [Government of Canada – Cannabis web page](#) (Portal - Information about health impacts, licensed producers, impaired driving, legalizing and regulating)
- [Ontario Government – Cannabis Legalization webpage](#) (what will be legal and won't be legal in Ontario)
- [Cannabis Talk Kit](#) – resource for parents, and can be helpful for all adult allies

The 2018-2019 TCDSB Awards Season Has Begun!

Nominations are now open for the following TCDSB Alumni Award, Award of Merit and Friends of Catholic Education Award which will be presented at Awards Night on May 6, 2019.

Deadline: third Friday in January (January 18).

- **TCDSB Alumni Award:** Open to TCDSB alumni who are still active in the Catholic community and who have distinguished themselves in their career or accomplishments.
- **TCDSB Award of Merit:** Open to former staff, parents and trustees who have made outstanding contributions to the TCDSB and to Catholic education (can only be considered for award after a three-year period has passed since departure from the TCDSB)
- **Friends of Catholic Education Award:** Open to members of the general public (individuals or organizations) who have accomplished extraordinary service to Catholic Education but who may not be Catholic.

For nomination forms and information, visit: www.tcdsb.org/awardsnight

Reminder

Municipal Elections October 22, 2018 Including the election of Catholic School Trustees

Note before You Vote

Check your designation as a Catholic school supporter on your latest property tax assessment. If you are not designated as a Catholic school supporter you will not be eligible to vote for a Catholic School Trustee.

If you have submitted your Assessment form to the Board and it has not been reflected in your voter registration, please indicate at the polling station that you are Catholic. You will be required to sign a form in order to vote for the Toronto Catholic District School Board Trustee of your choice.

Inquiries should be directed to the TCDSB Assessment Department:

416-222-8282 ext. 2446

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/Assessment/Pages/default.aspx>

Important Information Impacting Trustee Ward Boundaries for the election:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2018/Pages/Impact-on-TCDSB-Trustee-Electoral-Boundaries.aspx>

More <https://www.tcdsb.org/board/trusteesoftheboard/pages/municipal-elections.aspx>

CSPC and School Administrator's Welcome Event *Meet and greet, review of roles and responsibilities*

October 20

Catholic Education Centre

80 Sheppard Ave. E

8:30 am - 11:30 am

Refreshments provided

<https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/cspc/pages/cspc-welcome-event.aspx>

Upcoming Meeting

Board October 18th Agenda: <https://tcdsbpublishing.escribemeetings.com/Meeting?Id=952ab43a-f139-49e8-86e4-f5a3df91510b&Agenda=Agenda>

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