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“The dedication and courage of St. Joan of Arc is our inspiration in providing excellence in Catholic education and fostering the development of minds, bodies and spirits

The laws around buying, using and possessing recreational cannabis have changed in the province of Ontario. This change in legislation **does not** have an impact on how we deal with possession, use and distribution of cannabis, alcohol or illegal drugs in our schools.

Parents need to know that it remains illegal for anyone under the age of 19 to use or possess recreational cannabis. This is the same as the minimum age for the sale of tobacco and alcohol in Ontario. **Regardless of age, cannabis is not allowed on school property or at school-related events at any time.**

As has always been the case, there will be consequences for students if they are believed to be in possession or under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs or cannabis. This could include suspensions. Anyone found to be providing (distributing) cannabis to a person on school property will face disciplinary action, which could include expulsion from school and police involvement.

We encourage families to be informed about the facts of cannabis legalization and the potential health risks for young people. The following resources will provide some useful information.

[Cannabis Information for Educators](#)

[Cannabis Legalization](#)

[Cannabis: What parents and Guardians Need to Know](#)