

Lester B. Pearson P.S October 2018

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Oct 19 - Information

As of October 17, 2018, it will be legal for individuals **19 and older** to buy, use, possess and grow recreational cannabis. It remains illegal for anyone under the age of 19. 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. It is illegal for anyone regardless of age to smoke or vape any substance, including 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*

*Please note that these are the provincial requlations and by-laws could be different at a municipal level

There will be consequences for students if they are believed to be in possession or under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs or cannabis. Suspension will be considered. There are exceptions if the medicinal use of cannabis is outlined in the student's Health Care Plan. If a student gives alcohol or cannabis to anyone under the age of 19, the school will contact police, suspend the student and consider expulsion.

In YRDSB, we want families and students to be informed about the facts of cannabis legalization. To support this learning, you may find the following resources helpful. You can also request a hard copy through the school office.

<u>Cannabis: What Parents/Guardians and Caregivers Need to Know Cannabis Talk Kit: Know How to Talk With Your</u>
Teen

We will continue to provide students with information and support to make positive and healthy decisions.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Edsby INFO

Edsby is an intuitive, cloud-based platform that will allow families to electronically reserve times to meet with their child's teachers during progress report interviews in November.

An email from the York Region District School Board will be sent next week, to the families who have yet to activate their Edsby account, with instructions on how to create an Edsby profile.

Only families who have activated their Edsby account will be able to electronically book a time to meet with a teacher during parent / teacher interviews in November.

Important Timelines

- Next week: Email to families who have not activated their Edsby account
- November 20th: Progress Reports go home
- Nov 22nd: Interview Evening
- Nov 23^{rd:} PA Day Interview Day



PA DAY Monday October 22nd.

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October 26th – Dose 1 Date: Lester B. Pearson P.S. Location: York Region Public Health nurses will be immunizing Grade 7 students at your school. For more information please call 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73452

Volleyball

Hi LBP! Last night we had a volleyball tournament at SAC and it was the best we have ever played. We lost our first game against Highview by a slim margin, but we still played well. We got better as the night went on winning the rest of the games. In our final game we played against SAC and it was back and forth but our hard spikes and our amazing serves won the game. We had a lot of parents cheering us on and Mme. Thorn and Mme. Laflame came to support us.

Our next tournament is October 25 at Kettle Lakes PS.

By: Mrs. Liska and Colin S.

Under the Board's Safe School Policy, <u>students may not bring toy replicas</u> <u>or other items resembling guns, knives or any other weapons, as accessories to their Halloween costumes.</u> Bringing a toy weapon replica or any other items resembling guns, knives or any other weapons to school may result in a suspension for any student from grade 3 to grade 8.

Students are also reminded that <u>masks are also not allowed</u> as part of their costume. We would also like to remind families to avoid things like fake blood, as such imagery may cause unnecessary fear, anxiety and misunderstanding.

Families are also reminded that if something is representative of a person's culture or religious beliefs, then it should not be worn as another person's costume.