

COMMUNITY INFORMATION BULLETIN

UPDATE: Use of Cell Phones and Vaping

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As you would be aware through media reports, and a letter we shared last month with DPCDSB families from the Ministry of Education's new Code of Conduct to align with these Ministry directives, we wanted to reiterate to you what will be in effect as of September 2024.

CELL PHONE USAGE

- x Students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 will now be required to keep phones turned off or set to silent mode and out of sight for the duration of the school day, unless otherwise explicitly allowed by the educator during instructional time for a specific purpose.
- x Students in Grades 7 to 12 must store their phones out of view and powered off or set to silent mode during instructional time, unless otherwise explicitly allowed by the educator during instructional time for a specific purpose.
- x Contravention of these Ministry of Education expectations would be addressed as per the procedures outlined within DPCDSB's [Catholic Code of Conduct](#)
- x Students who need to use their phones or other electronic devices for health and medical reasons, or to support special education needs, may continue to use them during the school day following consultation with school administration.
- x It is recognized that some parents need to communicate with their children during the school day, and in such instances, parents should contact the school office.
- x Report cards may include comments on students' distraction levels in class.

ANTIVAPING

- x PPM 128 also includes a strict anti-vaping policy where parents and guardians are to be immediately

More information will follow on these items later, but, as we approach the end of the ~~2023~~ school year, we wanted to give parents/guardians advance notice of what to expect in the fall.

Thank you for your attention to these important matters.