



# HOLY CHILD JESUS CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been brought to my attention that a junior high student may be in possession of a vaping device and has been showing it to classmates.

If you are unfamiliar with vaping, it is the act of inhaling and exhaling the aerosol, often referred to as vapor, which is produced by an e-cigarette or similar device. The term is used because e-cigarettes do not produce tobacco smoke, but rather an aerosol, often mistaken for water vapor, that actually consists of fine particles. Many of these particles contain varying amounts of toxic chemicals, which have been linked to cancer, as well as respiratory and heart disease.

**I will be amending the Parent/Student Handbook as of today, March 1, 2018.**

On page 1, the last paragraph will be changed to read as follows:

Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages, illegal substances, tobacco, **vaping devices/e-liquids**, or any other *similar* unhealthy substance disruptive to the educational process is strictly forbidden for students on school property, or at school-related trips/events, in or out of school uniform will not be tolerated and may result in immediate suspension and/or dismissal.

**Below, please find information related to the New York City Air Act Local Law No. 152 of 2013: No Smoking or Electronic Cigarette Use.**

[https://www.health.ny.gov/press/releases/2017/2017-11-22\\_e\\_cigarettes\\_banned.htm](https://www.health.ny.gov/press/releases/2017/2017-11-22_e_cigarettes_banned.htm)

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/10/23/nyregion/new-york-bans-vaping-ecigs-bars-restaurants.html>

<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/business/food-operators/smoking-legislation.page>

[Information on Cigarettes, Juul, Vaping](#)

<https://www.livescience.com/54754-what-e-cigarettes-do-in-your-body.html>

<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2017/12/04/568273801/teenagers-embrace-juul-saying-its-discreet-enough-to-vape-in-class>

<https://www.drugabuse.gov/related-topics/trends-statistics/infographics/teens-e-cigarettes>

<https://nysmokefree.com/Subpage.aspx?P=40&P1=4045>

[https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/tobacco\\_control/campaign/e-cigarettes/](https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/tobacco_control/campaign/e-cigarettes/)

Please have a conversation with your son or daughter and discuss the dangers that vaping can lead to. Vaping and vaping devices have no place in the hands of any HCJCA student on or off school property. If found, serious consequences will follow.

Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Patricia Winters