

## **Electronic Cigarettes**

There seems to be a significant interest amongst students with e-cigarettes. For those of you unfamiliar with these items, they were introduced in 2007 as a revolutionary way to help smokers quit smoking. Since they are tobacco free, they are not regulated by the FDA and, therefore, are easily accessed at a variety of different locations.

Two of the dangers largely associated with them are that they encourage young people to smoke and that they may contain nicotine, which is addictive and potentially harmful. For more information, please click on the associated link.

**The school's policy regarding e-cigarettes is the same as regular cigarettes in that they are not to be used at school or on school grounds.**

In recent weeks we have become aware of several students who have been involved in using vaporizers in the bathrooms and while at school.

Consequences will be given to any students involved in using, selling, or purchasing vaporizers at school or on school grounds. In most cases, those who involve themselves in such behavior at school will be suspended and, subsequently, placed on school probation (escalating consequences will be given to repeat offenders).