

Regulations for Community Use of Catholic Schools

- 1. The school can only be used or accessed on the day and the time approved, as noted on the CUS permit.
- 2. Only the room granted may be used and the nearest washrooms. All other areas of the school are off limits. Students may not retrieve shoes, etc. from classrooms.
- 3. The Principal's office is always out-of bounds.
- 4. **No school door must ever be left open and unattended**. It is recommended that the person in charge enter the school. Lock the front door behind him/her, and then open the exit door of the gym for entry by other persons. Upon leaving the school check carefully by pulling on both handles of front doors to see that both are locked. Try the thumb latches. Be sure the gym exit doors are locked.
- 5. During winter and spring months, mud and snow will be tracked in at the entrance. Winter footwear must be removed and proper shoes should be worn. Footwear should be of a nature that will not mark or damage floors. Felt-soled shoes, white gym shoes or stocking feet is the rule for activities in the gym.
- 6. Sinks and toilets in washrooms must be left in clean condition. Please pick up fallen towels etc. All toilets must be flushed.
- 7. School equipment or supplies must not be used.
- 8. Lights must be switched off, windows secured and doors locked before leaving the school. Persons using the schools must check all doors after coming from the outside to be sure they are locked securely. Take care to check every door in case people have exited from other than the adjacent doors.
- 9. The user group will be held responsible for any damage incurred during the use of the school, or as a result of negligence which results in damage or theft.
- 10. The consumption of food and beverages is forbidden.
- 11. No smoking.
- 12. No birthday parties, team parties, or similar events are permitted, unless in localities where there are no other facilities to host these events.
- 13. Dances are only allowed with prior approval from the Director of Education or designate.

- 14. All keys must be turned into the Community Use of Schools contact person at the end of your assigned time period or before the end of June, and a new application must be filled out if the organization wishes to use a school commencing in September.
- 15. The key should remain at all times in the possession of the person in charge of the activity and who is registered in the "**Community Use of Schools**" files at the Plant Department. Persons "loaning" the key to others without notifying the Plant Department, risk relinquishing their privilege to use the schools facilities.
- 16. The person who is registered as possessing the school key must assume all responsibility for enforcing these regulations.
- 17. **Gym exit doors**: Ensure that the gym doors are closed and locked. Often, participants using gyms will open doors with the bar from the inside for a breath of air or to allow someone entry. Many times a stone is placed on the threshold to prevent the door from locking. The door appears locked when it is in fact open.
- 18. Floor hockey is allowed in certain schools by special permission of the Plant Department. Only special equipment and pucks/balls may be used. Soccer teams are only allowed to conduct exercise programs in the school.
- 19. Animals, other than service animals, are not permitted in school buildings.
- 20. No bounce play houses, slides or any other inflatable toys are allowed in the school or on school property. This is in accordance with our insurance policy.
- 21. Groups may be cancelled at any time throughout the year for school functions. Every effort is made to give advance notice to persons using the schools. On occasion, last minute cancellations may occur.
- 22. At all times, youth and children must be supervised by someone 18 years of age or older.

Failure to comply with these regulations can result in cancellation of permission to use the school.

Use of schools is prohibited during Christmas holidays, March break, Education Week, Easter Weekend (including Good Friday), and summer holidays.