



# LOYOLA

CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

N E W S L E T T E R

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## Principal's Report

By J. Giancola



Christmas has come and gone, but we must continue to remember the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour. This past Christmas season, the school was involved in the collection of food vouchers for the needy in our community. In addition to the charity drive, students and Staff participated in the school Advent Liturgy at St. Ignatius of Loyola parish. To end off our festive season, the students of Loyola also participated in the Christmas Show "Feel the Beat".

Everyone in the Loyola community has been active in a variety of initiatives throughout the school. In November, 60 students participated in the Leadership Camp at Mount Alverno. In January, Co-op students showcased their workplace experiences in the Library. Curriculum Night took place on January 19th to inform incoming Loyola families about curriculum options for students. February is Black History Month, and Loyola has a number of events planned for the students. There will be a

presentation on "Railroad to Freedom" to make students aware of the struggles to freedom.

Our New Loyola is 80% complete. They are currently working on the electrical and mechanical systems in the school. They are also working on the brick facing on the school. The new school will open for September 2012. The new school will have 3 gymnasiums, a lecture hall, green house and the latest technology. The school will also have an all-purpose field and a track. This year, we are offering a Specialist High Skills Major in Landscaping Technology. Next year, we will offer 9 out of the 11 Ministry Technological courses such as: Hospitality, Cosmetology, Health Care and Manufacturing Technology. In addition, we will be offering a Specialist High Skills Major in Sports and Sports Management.

Our school continues to improve in EQAO Math, credit accumulation and graduation rates. From Loyola, 50% of our students will attend University, 30% will attend College and 20% of our students will return for another year to high school or attend an apprenticeship program or go to the workplace.

We would like to welcome back three of our teachers from their leaves: Ms. Healey, Ms. George and Ms. Silla.

On May 11th, we will be celebrating our 34th school Anniversary. We are inviting all former students and teachers to Loyola to say goodbye to our old building.

Finally, I would like to thank our School Council Chairs Laurie Eschli and Vince Mammoliti, Sharon Hobin our Trustee, Monsignor Shiels and Fr. Silvio, and our Superintendent Cathy Saytar for being visible, accessible and supportive to the Loyola Community.



The chapel takes shape



All bricked



Office wing



Ridgeway wing

## Chaplaincy Report

By D. Smibert

This has been a very strange winter so far. To write a newsletter in January, with no snow on the ground and plus temperatures is very unusual indeed.

We have had a very busy first semester at Loyola. The retreat program continues to be an integral part of our school life. The Grade 9 students learned about the environment, while Grade 10 students visited and helped out at The Good Shepherd - a men's homeless shelter in downtown Toronto. The Grade 11 students visited various houses of worship, while the Grade 12 retreat focused on discernment for the future.



Special services have been happening in the chapel, along with school masses that have taken place in September and December with Father Silvio and Monsignor Shields. In December, we worked as a community on collecting money to provide Christmas baskets for needy families within the Parish community. I would like to thank Ms. Heist, Ms. Bishop and Ms. Laundry for their help and leadership around the Basket Program.

Thank you everyone for making this a wonderful first semester at Loyola.



## Our Faith in Action



Fr. Silvio is a craft-master



Mr. Giancola at our advent mass



Msgr. Joe celebrates our advent mass



Loyola's Mass Band Singers



Loyola's Mass Band



## From Your Catholic School Trustee

By Sharon Hobin

Happy New Year! Here's hoping your year is going well. As you can see when you drive by Ridgeway and Burnhamthorpe the new school is moving along very well. The new state of the art school will open in September 2012. As I write this note to you, the Board of Trustees at the Administration and Finance Committee has approved the "old" Loyola building to be used as an Education Centre. It will meet the needs of several stakeholders in our community from Early Years Programs to specialty programs and more. This will give us an opportunity to not have to lease spaces, which we do at this time. As well, it fulfills the mandate of the Ministry of Education to create education hubs in our community. The introduction of programs will occur over several years. I will provide more information as it is provided to me. This is good for our community and great for our St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish.

We will be having a meeting with the local Members of Provincial Parliament on February 2nd at the Board offices. We have a range of issues to discuss with them. We are cognizant of the fact that the provincial government is under tremendous pressure financially, but we have to make sure that Dufferin-Peel receives its fair share of funding for our students. We will begin budget discussions later in February. We do have concerns about the full funding of the grants. We have been cut in text books, technology and local school budgets, but we have continued to balance our budget and have worked hard to provide quality education to our students. I will keep you apprised of the funding as we move along.



Sincere congratulations to our students, staff and volunteer coaches who continue to put Loyola on the map in sports, technology and the arts. This always comes from sincere hard work and dedication. As our grade twelve students complete their university and college applications and wait to hear about their acceptances, I wish you the very best in your next and last five months at Loyola. Make the best of it. These months will never come back to you!

As ever, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to call or write to me.

And may the good Lord always hold you in the palm of His hand.

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## From your Loyola Catholic School Council

By Laurie Eschli, Co-Chair

Welcome to 2012! It will be a wonderful year for the Loyola community, as they will finally be moving into the long awaited new school in September. It has been exciting watching the progress of the school building, grading of the land for the sports field and actually seeing the size of the school property.

When you move into a new facility, there are many expenses, things you are used to having already that will need to be purchased, upgrading of technology, transferring of the murals & banners and so much more. On behalf of the school council, we ask that the Loyola community please support any upcoming fundraising events and civvies days, to help raise monies for the personalizing of the new Loyola.

Mark your calendars to join in celebrating the new Loyola at **Pub Night on May 11th. LOYOLA 2012!!!**

Since the last update, Loyola school council's PRO Grant funding presented a Mental Health session with Barry Shainbaum's inspirational sharing of his personal struggles; monthly meetings shared information such as the curriculum for the nine new technological courses and Specialist High Skills Majors, new school's progress updates and abundant Good News of our many talented Loyola students. At the January meeting, Anne Zagar presented post secondary timelines and information and members viewed the Catholic Education video "The Enduring Gift".

I would like to thank student council, staff and parents for their dedication and time to attend the council meetings. All parents and guardians of Loyola students are welcome and encouraged to attend our next meetings: **March 5, April 16, May 7** and June 4! **You do not have to be a council member to attend.**



# The Guidance Department

By A. Zagar

## Reminders:

- Senior students who will be graduating this year must satisfy the requirement to complete forty hours of community service. Those students who have not yet done so should submit the documentation to their guidance counsellor as soon as possible.
- Senior students who have applied to university and/or college should log on to the OUAC and/or OCAS site(s) and review the grades data that will be transmitted in mid-February. If changes are required, please contact your guidance counsellor AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Another transmission of the mid-term grades for second semester will be made in early May. Students who are taking a night school course this semester should take their mid-term report cards to their counsellor so that the grade can be recorded and transmitted to the universities and colleges to which they have applied.

## Course Selection for September 2012

Members of the guidance department visited the classrooms in January to discuss the options for next year and to explain the registration process. Like in previous years, students choose their courses online, print off the course selection sheet, and then submit this form along with the \$60 activity fee to the guidance office. Please note the following deadlines:



- Online course selection site closes on Friday, February 17, 2012
- The fee and the course selection form with parental signature are due February 29, 2012.

It is important that students and parents adhere to these timelines, as next year's course allocations are determined by student requests. Some courses fill up quickly while others may not be offered or may be cancelled because of a lack of interest or numbers.

Thank you to those students who submit their option forms on time. A verification/amendment form will be issued some time in April. If any changes in course selection are necessary, they can be made on the verification/amendment form and submitted it to Student Services.

## The Loyola Website – Guidance Link

Students and parents are strongly encouraged to check out the guidance link on the Loyola website at <http://w3.dpcdsb.org/LOYOL/Guidance>, where a wealth of information is available to assist students in their educational planning. There are links to all Ontario colleges and universities, as well as links to other very useful sites, such as [www.electronicinfo.ca](http://www.electronicinfo.ca), [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca) (electronic databases of all university and college programs in Ontario). Other links provide information about apprenticeship, scholarship, study skills and more.

Do take the time to research the various options. The more informed you are, the better the decisions you will make.

# Happy New Year from Student Council!

By Denise Brand,  
Student Council Prime Minister

We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and welcome you all back to the New Year! Student council has been very busy these past few months planning activities for all students. In December before we all departed for the Christmas break, we had Santa Claus himself come visit Loyola! Students were able to take a picture with Santa and also received their own copy to keep afterwards. We eased into the New Year with a pyjama day civvies day a fun way to lessen the stress caused by the upcoming exams. In February student council sent out the results of the matchmaker quizzes that students participated in earlier in the year just in time for Valentine's Day!



Student Council has also been contributing to our local community every month by making donations to charities in our area. Some of these charities include Peel Police's "Toys for Tots" and the Eden Food Bank. We hope to continue to make a difference in the New Year by making these donations to various charities.

With a New Year and a new semester taking place, student council is working hard to make sure the students enjoy everything that we plan for them!

# Remembrance Day Assembly



Ms. McFadden pays tribute to her nephew Sapper Brian Collier

On November 11th, 2011 the Loyola community honoured Canadian war veterans with a Remembrance Day memorial assembly in the cafeteria. The assembly involved staff and students from many different disciplines, and attempted to remind students of the significance of the 2-minute "pause" at 11 a.m.

The assembly included the singing of O'Canada (*a cappella*) by Keontay Brown, a dramatic presentation of "The War Collective" by Ms. Sullivan's Grade 11 drama class, and readings and prayers by a number of senior history students. All of these theatrical elements were brought to life by our talented Sound & Light crew.

The assembly concluded with a moving tribute by Ms. McFadden to her nephew, Sapper Brian Collier, who died in Afghanistan in 2010. Loyola staff and students will never forget Ms. McFadden's pictures and words describing Brian's final trip home on the *Highway of Heroes*.



A scene from Ms. Sullivan's "War Collective"

A big thank you goes out to the staff who coordinated these events: Ms. Chorlton, Mrs. McCabe, Ms. Sullivan and Ms. McFadden.

*Lest we Forget.*

## Families in Need of Financial Assistance (New Policy)



Loyola has now partnered with the Salvation Army in order to help out any of our families in need of financial assistance. In order to receive assistance from the school, parents must contact their child's Vice Principal and then register with the Salvation Army.



# Link Crew Gives Grade 9's Exam Study Tips

Loyola's Link Crew program continues to provide opportunities for Grade 9's to talk with senior students and to calm the nerves during their first year of high school. To close out the semester, Link Leaders hosted a workshop, handing out and explaining a pamphlet of study tips for Grade 9's. The Link Leaders also talked about their experiences in writing their first set of final exams in high school.

Link Crew wishes all Grade 9's good luck on their semester 1 final exams!

Link Leaders are invited to continue to mentor and support their Grade 9 Crew throughout the rest of the school year.



Friendly Link Leaders ready to help Grade 9 students!

## It's Mandatory for All Grade 10 Students

### OSSLT

**WHO:** All Grade 10 Students

**WHAT:** Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)

**WHEN:** March 29, 2012, 8:00am

**WHERE:** Loyola C.S.S.

**WHY:** Mandatory Graduation Requirement

**LOOK FOR:** Frequent in school practice sessions and assignments/tests that parallel OSSLT requirements

For more information and preparation materials parents can go to [www.eqao.ca](http://www.eqao.ca)

[www.dpcdsb.org/loyola](http://www.dpcdsb.org/loyola)



# Leadership Camp 2011: Take the Lead

By Kaitlyn McGoldrick, Student



Mmmmmm S'mores...

On November 23, a group of 60 of Loyola's future leaders were brought together at Loyola's Leadership Camp 2011 held at Mount Alverno Retreat Centre. Ten Loyola senior students led the camp after spending months of hard work and determination to make it the best camp in Loyola history. The theme of Loyola's Leadership Camp was "Take the Lead – the Amazing Race" which put students' leadership abilities to the test. The campers came back to Loyola with a new sense of what it takes to be a leader, inspired to take on leadership roles at the school and beyond.

Throughout the three-day, two-night adventure, the campers participated in team-building activities, created group cheers, designed marshmallow architecture, enjoyed s'mores by the campfire, and participated in a candlelight liturgy.

After countless laughs, making many new friends, and reaching the "finish line," the camp was a complete success. The memories made will stay with the campers and leaders forever, especially as

they continue to "Take the Lead".

A huge THANK YOU goes out to the leader facilitators who planned and executed the 2011 camp. They are Kyle Augusto, Kelly Brown, Veronica Hegedus, Nicole Hildred, Daniel Johnson, Kaitlyn McGoldrick, Sandrine Ntibarigobeka, Jessica Reinprecht, Phil Usajewicz and Jacob Weatherbee.

The leaders would like to thank the teacher supervisors, Mrs. Chorlton, Mrs. McCabe, Mr. Henley, and Mr. Cornwall, for all of the time and effort they each put into the camp. It would not have been possible without them.



Some new leaders take off



Loyola Leaders 2011



Marshmallow architects at work



'Take the Lead' Leader Facilitators

## Deca Deca Deca

Deca is busy organizing its third annual silent auction. It promises to have many exciting items up for bid. In previous years, we have had generous donations of Leaf's tickets, spa gift certificates and tasty food baskets. The auction will take place during Parent/Teacher Interview Night on Thursday, April 12th, 2012 in front of the cafeteria. Proceeds will go to Deca training and the New Loyola fund.



# Co-op Starts Your Dreams

Co-operative Education offers a chance for students to earn credits while gaining valuable insights and work experience in a trade, profession or occupation. There are a variety of models to choose from:

- a) Students can take Loyola courses in the morning (periods 1 or 2) and then attend co-op in the afternoon for 4 hours Tuesdays to Fridays. Students earn 2-3 co-op credits plus the morning Loyola courses; or
- b) Students can work 6 – 8 hours Tuesdays to Fridays at the workplace. Students earn 3-5 co-op credits depending on the number of hours worked.

All co-op students must attend class every Monday.

Students can test drive such careers as: hairdressing, chef training, auto mechanic, landscaping, graphic design, electrician, early childhood education, accounting, retail, plumbing, dentistry, hospitals, security, carpentry, vet clinics, law firms, personal fitness training, administrative assistance, video production (Rogers Cable TV and Salt & Light TV), and whatever occupation an employer is willing to provide training for the student.

## Co-op and College Credits

Taking co-op can allow students to earn George Brown, Humber or Sheridan college credits at the same time. This opportunity is called “Dual Credits”, and is a great way to gain acceptance into college. There are many opportunities at George Brown, Humber or Sheridan.

Contact a Co-op teacher for more details, as space is limited.

### A) George Brown Dual Credits:

- a) Apprenticeships in: Construction and Maintenance Electrician, Plumber, Residential A/C Systems Mechanic, Welding, Baker
- b) Health & Wellness
- c) Aboriginal Studies
- d) Visual Gestural Communication
- e) The Evolution of Pop Music

### B) Humber College Dual Credits:

- a) Apprenticeship in Cook Level 1
- b) Social Psychology
- c) Art and Artists
- d) World Destinations (Travel & Tourism)
- e) Sociology of Sports (Sports Management)
- f) Film & Television – Theory and Practice
- g) ECE (Early Childhood Education)
- h) Spa Management – Introduction
- i) Canadian Criminal Justice System (Police Foundations)

### C) Sheridan College Dual Credits:

- a) The Trades:
  - i) Exploring the Trades (Construction, Industrial, Safety)
  - ii) Electrical, Plumbing
  - iii) Precision Machining and Tooling
  - iv) Mechanical Drafting
  - v) Electro-Mechanical Systems
  - vi) Blueprint Reading and Trade Documentation
- b) Chemical & the Environment
- c) ECE (Early Childhood Education)
- d) Esthetics, Hands, Nails and Pedicures
- e) Exploring the Arts
  - i) Interior Decorating
  - ii) Craft and Furniture Design
  - iii) Art Fundamentals
  - iv) Visual Merchandising on Computer
- f) Computers:
  - i) Web Design
  - ii) Operation Systems
  - iii) Visual Basic

For information, or to get an application form for these programs, see a co-op teacher or your guidance counselor as soon as possible as spaces are limited.

# Math Camp



Finding the Solution



Math as a team effort



Smiling Mathletes!

# H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People Everywhere)

November was a busy time for the club. Continuing H.O.P.E.’s tradition of honouring the school custodians with the annual Custodian Appreciation Dinner, H.O.P.E. members provided a full homemade dinner, including appetizers, desserts and a full meal. This event was enjoyed by all, especially Loyola’s dedicated and hard working custodians.

On a Saturday in late November, H.O.P.E. members took the GO Train to downtown Toronto and visited the Good Shepherd shelter to offer gloves, hats, warm winter socks and homemade sandwiches to those in need. The donations were gratefully accepted and words of encouragement were given by the shelter’s volunteer coordinator.

Fr. Silvio, of St. Ignatius of Loyola parish, met the group downtown and was able to lead a tour of the beautiful St. Paul’s Basilica – and watch the start of a gorgeous fall wedding party.

Semester 2 will be devoted to fundraising as a follow-up to the Breaking the Chains assembly, in which Loyola was asked to help “bring the light of Christ to the dark world of child sexual exploitation” worldwide. For more information see [breakingchains.org](http://breakingchains.org).

H.O.P.E. will also devote considerable time in semester 2 to organizing the bi-annual Culturefest, Loyola’s multicultural event of food, celebration and fun.

The club continues to meet every Tuesday after school in room 141 to plan ways of helping other people everywhere. New members are always welcome.



Loyola’s hardworking and caring custodial staff



At Loyola, there’s always H.O.P.E.



# Feel the Beat 2011

By M. Bronson

Another successful showcase of Loyola's great talent took place in mid-December in the school's cafetorium during FEEL THE BEAT 2011. Loyola's Music Department partnered with the school's Sound and Light Crew to deliver a first-rate talent show that included Loyola's singers, dancers, duets, bands, and school ensembles.

Beautiful vocal performances by seniors Alicia Crisostomo and Keontay Brown, as a duet and with both young women as solo singers, highlighted Loyola's great vocal program. Convincing and original vocal performances were also given by Nicole Vasarevic, Joy Okwuonu, and Jeannine Fontyn. To the delight of an appreciative and attentive audience, Nicole appeared with Carly Siciliano in a vocal duet accompanied by Jonathan Gateretse. Wonderful additions to the duet format included Sophia and David and Down From Departure, with guitar and vocal presentations that were truly exceptional.

Bands continue to be important to Loyola's showcasing of its great music program. Smaller groups including This City is Ours, The Funk, and To Be Decided, offered unique interpretations of popular and original tunes. Music show veterans Iwona Sawczak, Alexandra Chong, and Matt LeBlanc, provided memorable performances accompanied by their talented peers.

Not to be outdone by smaller groups, rockers No Quarter, Organized Chaos, Backsheets and Undersheets, and Scrantonicity, got the crowd going with rousing and raucous renditions of tried and true classics as well as modern rock anthems. Outstanding efforts, all.

Ms. Van Gorp's R n'B Ensemble and Grade 10 Guitar Ensemble, show regulars each, offered the audience a substantial look at the inventive power of these talented collectives. Much can be said about these ensembles in terms of the impact each has on participating students as many of these youngsters will continue to play music based on their music experiences in the classroom - a credit to Ms. Van Gorp's up-to-date music curriculum.



Yell-OH

Loyola's dance crew Yell 'Oh always entertains with exciting moves to provocative tunes. Both current and upbeat, the collective is consistent in its efforts to illustrate what's going on in popular dance. Yell 'Oh's microcosm of exceptional seniors is called Konzept. Group members thrilled the audience with a sophisticated hip-hop number that earned them cheers

of delight. Another hip-hopper Brendan Howarth provided the crowd with an authentic beat-box performance on the mic.

Newcomer Thomas Piekut on violin proved himself more than able on this fine evening. Ehren Amin on acoustic guitar performed very well in his original composition. Show veteran Cyrus Shokoohideh wowed the audience with a searing blues tune on electric guitar.

MCs Sebastian Perez and Matt LeBlanc graciously handled introductions with their great sense of humour. Cheers to you both. Special thanks to the HOPE group for providing refreshments while the audience had a chance to take in the visual art displays provided by Loyola's talented visual arts students.

A very special thank you to the Sound and Light Crew headed by crew chiefs Konrad Swierczek and Matthew Rodrigues - exceptional work by a most conscientious crew. Bravi!

Thanks to all for a splendid evening. See you next time!



Alicia and Keontay, the singing veterans



Aiden's Intensity



Amy Winehouse tribute



Guitar ensemble



Brendan, the beatbox guy



Joy



Keontay Brown



Konzept



## Feel the Beat Art Display

Loyola displayed the artwork of its many talented artists and photographers during the recent Feel the Beat art show in December. Artwork included huge pop art sculptures from the Gr 12 art class as well as wonderful paintings, drawings



Taking in the art display



Loyola Art on display

and mosaics from the gr 10 art class. In addition the Grade 10, Grade 11 and Grade 12 photography classes displayed a variety of portrait, still life photographs and collages in both traditional and digital media. Mrs. Condotta and Mrs. Lorroway were very proud of their students! Work continues to be displayed in the library.

## Co-op Career Fair

By K. Rego

Loyola's Co-op Career Fair was a success. The co-op students have had the opportunity to develop valuable learning experiences, essential skills and trade skills of the workplace. This will prepare them for the next stage of their lives either in apprenticeship training, college, university, or the workplace. Visiting classes were treated to demonstrations in makeup, culinary delights, fashion advice, teaching techniques, automotive skills and much more. The Cooperative Education students and teachers would like to thank the employers for making a difference. Thank you to the staff and students for visiting the Career Fair.



### Be a Part of the Loyola Multicultural Mosaic

Culturefest, a celebration of the food, song, dance and fashion of the cultural backgrounds of the students and staff, will be celebrated on Thursday, April 26 in the school cafeteria. Stay tuned for more details...



Strike a pose!



Loyola R & B



The singing guitarist



Matt and Sebastian in festive headgear



Play it again Cyrus



Time of your life



Singing with style



Tom, the superb violinist



Sound and Light Rocks every time



Matt LeBlanc belts out a song



# The Running Club Launched – November 2011

By Devonte Cummings, Student



Loyola's new running club is open for students of all grades as well as staff members. The club promotes healthy well-balanced lifestyles as well as providing students with fundamental skills that they will be able to use in and out of school, such as teamwork, leadership, understanding, and dedication.

Every Thursday Running Club members meet for a run along the community trails. New members are encouraged to come out and join! Student volunteers take the initiative to motivate, guide,

and personally train new runners so **experience is not needed!**

The Running Club aims to increase the awareness of healthy active living, as well as promote student involvement within the school community. If you are interested in taking part in this club, then come out with your friends and join us for a run on Thursdays, we meet in front of the Cafeteria. We look forward to meeting new members throughout the year.

Supervised by Ms. Lawson and Ms. Pratt  
Club 'launched' by Devonte Cummings



## School Reach for the Top Season is Starting!



What is this extracurricular activity? **Reach** is a trivia game (similar to Jeopardy) where junior and senior students compete against other schools from the Peel Public school board and our own Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board. The questions asked are based on the school courses' subject curriculum. The games are fun and challenging. Anyone can be part of our teams. If you are interested in joining, see Mme. Therrien

or come to one of our practices every Tuesday at 2:15 in room 202. The senior games will start on February 7th, and the junior games in April.

## Introducing the Muralists Club and the "Show Your Face" Project



You may have noticed the new backdrop behind the crèche at Loyola church this past Christmas. This mural backdrop was created by our newest club at Loyola, the Muralists club, chaired by Mrs. Lorroway and Ms. Piercey. The crèche mural was completed with the help of Helena Rubiec, Gabriel Tran, Teresa Rubiec, Andrea Serralde, Michele Dela Cruz, Natalie Majda, and Maria Tobon.

This club was initially created to help to create murals for the new Loyola as part of the Unison project, a P.U.S.H. (People United for Success and Hope) program. This is a student run bullying prevention initiative to promote diversity and a safe

school environment. The final outcome of the project will be the creation of large murals to be displayed permanently in our new school with features of various students blended to show diversity and celebrate multiculturalism in an inclusive school environment.

The muralists club looks forward to the creation of many more murals for the new school. We are still accepting new members and meet every Wednesday after school. Why not pick up a brush and join us?



## Quoi de Neuf?

French Play Zone at the Théâtre Français de Toronto

In February, our Extended French students will have the opportunity to go see a French play at *Le Théâtre Français de Toronto*. The play, entitled *Zone*, is taught in the grade 9 course. We will certainly find a good French restaurant to dine in before going to the evening presentation.

Bon spectacle!



From February 1st to 4th, a group of 36 students went on a four day trip to Quebec City Carnival. Some of the featured activities included; dog sledding, snow tubing at Village Valcartier, skiing/snowboarding at Mont Ste-Anne, the Montmorency falls & visiting the Carnival site. Pictures with the legendary *Bonhomme Carnaval* were taken, and will be included in the next newsletter!

Europe Trip 2012

This coming March break, a group of 14 students is going to Europe. They will visit 3 amazing cities: London, Paris and Barcelona. The group will leave on Thursday March 8th and will come back on Saturday March 17th. One of the attractions that the students are looking to during the trip is the visit to the FC Barcelona museum and soccer club. This trip promises to be very enriching for our students in many subject areas such as Languages (French & Spanish), Architecture, History, Geography and Religion. Bon voyage!

## Zumba Fever: Warrior Style

By Chioma Odozor, Student

Zumba has arrived at Loyola and is already a big hit with students and teachers alike. Every Thursday, the rhythms of reggaeton, Top 40, Bollywood and soca are fused with the high-energy, calorie-burning workout that is Zumba Fitness. Our instructor Claudia (who is also a personal trainer from Goodlife) guides us through fun workouts that help tone our muscles and keep us in shape. The great thing about Zumba is that you don't even realize you're exercising because you're having too much fun dancing to all your favourite songs!

Zumba happens every Thursday after school in the cafeteria and is only \$2.00 per class. If you haven't signed up already, you can talk to Mrs. Odozor or Ms. Rego, or just bring a toonie to each class. Bring a friend and have a great time together! There has never been a better way to start that New Years' Resolution of being healthier, than with this new "dance-ercise". So what are you waiting for? Join the party!



# News from P.I.P

By Daniella Ghisilieri, Kevin Eschli, and Andrew Jurski, Students

Typed By: Sean Bradley, Student



Hard at work!

Welcome to our new members, Ms. Tidy and Kathleen. Go Warriors!

In November our senior students walked over to St. Clare with Mrs. Piercey's P.U.S.H. class to run games for the grade 3 and 4 students. Some of the games we played together were Hot potato, Octopus, and what time is it Mr. Wolf? We went to the Royal Ontario Museum (R.O.M.) in Toronto to see the dinosaur exhibit. We also experienced the dark bat cave as well. We even got to touch a real meteor! We had a lot of fun when we went to the Battlefield House in Stoney Creek. One of the favorite things we did was playing a game called, "Skittles". We used a spinning top that could knock down small bowling pins. We also ate cookies that were baked in their kitchen fireplace.

In December, we went to see the movie, "Smurfs" with Farther Goetz P. I. P. class. It was funny. We had popcorn and juice. Before our Christmas break, we sang carols with Ms. Firlotte's husband Stew Firlotte. Our new classmate, Kathleen, joined us in singing all of our favorite songs. We also brought in dishes to share with everyone for our annual potluck lunch. YUMMY!!



Visiting Battlefield Museum in Stoney Creek



A great Christmas moment with Santa

## Girls Night In 2011 – A Night of 'Girly' Fun!

By Carol Dinno - Student



Cupcake decorating fun at Girls Night In!

At the beginning of December, Loyola hosted its 3rd annual Girls Night In. It was a fun event for me and my Grade 9 female classmates to come together and enjoy a night filled with fun activities and games. First, we had some snacks and changed into comfy clothes and our special "Girls Night In" t-shirts. We also participated in a liturgy and two large group activities – a kickboxing lesson and an anti-bullying information session. After that, everyone enjoyed an amazing dinner of pasta, salad, garlic bread, and ice-cream sundaes. It was delicious! We then split up into small groups and did some activities such as a photo shoot, a Yell-OH! dance lesson, cupcake decorating, and an alternative health information session. At the end of the night, everyone got a gift-bag filled with lots of fun things, and names were drawn for some grand prizes.



Making new friends at Girls Night In!

In my opinion, this night was all about making new friends, connecting with some female Link Leaders and teachers, and making stronger relationships and bonds. Me and my friends – both old and new! – had fun and everything was planned out very well.

Thank you to the teachers who organized the event – Ms. Fijan, Mrs. Matysczuk, Ms. Rockwood and Ms. Antonutti, and all of the teachers and Link Leaders who attended the event and made it possible for us to have such a memorable and amazing night that we won't soon forget!

## Grade 9 Boys Night In

By B. D'Souza



Boys Night In ball hockey tournament winners!

Instead of going home on Friday November 25th after the final school bell, roughly 50 grade 9 boys participated in Loyola's annual Grade 9 Boys Night In. This event gave the grade 9 boys an opportunity to take over Loyola right after school until the late hours of the evening. The boys socialized and interacted with their peers, while participating and competing in various activities.

The theme of this year's event was Hockey Night in Loyola, and featured a 4 on 4 ball hockey tournament, followed by a Toronto Maple Leafs hockey game projected onto a big screen. The boys watched an exciting game where the Leafs ended up beating the Dallas Stars 4-3 in a shootout.

There was something for every grade 9 boy, as students who did not participate in the ball hockey tournament had the option of playing basketball in the other half of the gymnasium, or play their favourite video game on a big screen in the cafeteria which was transformed into a multiple-screen gaming room. A BBQ dinner was also provided and enjoyed by all.

A special thanks to all the staff and students that made this night possible!



# Loyola Athletics

## Lady Warriors Strike Gold Twice!



**Hustling to a championship**

Our Senior Lady Warriors Basketball Team had an outstanding season. On November 11th, we played Iona for the ROPSSA 'AAA' Championship. For the second straight year, our Lady Warriors won gold. We swept through our league playoffs and played Pockock in the Tier 2 Championship Game. Our Lady Warriors finished the

season with a very convincing 46-31 victory and our second championship in a week. A dream season for our "dream team". Bravo ladies and thank you

Our Dream Team is:

Chenez Power (C)	Khamoni Power	Lindsay Legaspi (C)
Nerissa Viloría	Kelly Sovereign	Rachel McCormick
Caitlin MacLeod	Alicia Crisostomo	Samantha Hallig
Anika Ridsen (C)	Hannah Zijsling	Emily Markes
Brianne Hamilton	Chioma Odozor	Stephanie James

Coaches: M. Dugo, T. Pace, A. Lall and E. Penaloza-St. Hill  
 Manager: Keontay Brown



**Kaitlin scores!**



**Lindsay scores from the line**



**ROPSSAA 'AAA' Champions**



**ROPSSAA Tier 2 Champions**

## Senior Girls Volleyball



**Julia slams it home!**

The senior girls' volleyball team has been playing extremely well so far this season. Going into the exam break the Senior Girl Warriors have compiled a 6-1 record and have been preparing for the playoffs. Outstanding contributions have come from all of the players who have been shown true dedication by showing up to the countless morning practices.

The season will heat up once the exam break comes to an end as the girls will participate in their final tournament of the season, as well as their final two games, followed by the playoffs. February is shaping up to be an exciting time for warrior volleyball; please wish the girls good luck as they prepare for the playoffs.

The following are the members of the Senior Girls Volleyball team:

Nicole Hildred	Kelly Brown	Theresa Maybourn	Julia Lenarcic	Rachel McCormick
Stephanie James	Jennifer Marshall	Caitlin MacLeod	Emily Markes	Janine Fontyn
Jessie Hanlon	Alex Larouche	Siobhan Van Derkley		

Coach: Mr. Bratovz  
 Managers: Mark Tanglao, Ryan James, Mike Ciolek



**Setting up our attack**



**On the block**

## SAA Skating



**Bonding on the ice**



**With a little help from new friends**



**S.A.A. Skating Instructors with St. Clare**



# On the Warrior Beat...



Paul dunks

Deeeefense!!!!



Omar for two

Warrior hockey  
2011-2012



Josh protects the goal



Jr. plays defense



Moments before a Warrior Goal



Warrior dominate the boards



Leading the attack



Dejon scores in a crowd



The Student Athletic Association  
2011-2012

## P.U.S.H. Presents Hoopfest 2012!



Action under the hoop

The P.U.S.H. (People United for Success and Hope) program was pleased to host the 3rd Annual Hoopfest competition, a basketball charity event. The Loyola Senior Boys Basketball team took on the Peel Regional Police basketball team in an intense and exciting match. Our Loyola Warriors were extremely impressive, winning 58-49. Proceeds from the event will go to the United Way of Peel. Look out for more P.U.S.H. charity events coming in semester two.



Peel Police Team



Hoopfest was sponsored by P.U.S.H.



## Whom To Call

Principal	J. Giancola	
Vice Principals	S. Clarkin (A-L) S. Antonutti (M-Z)	
Chaplain	D. Smibert (x66131)	
Child & Youth Worker	J. Bishop (x66177)	
Student Services	P. Barnet (A-G) (x66156) S. Compagnon (H-J) (x66158) M. Dugo (K-O) (x66157) A. Zagar (P-Z) (x66153)	
Head Secretary	L Landry (x66167)	
Attendance Office	S. Helsdon 905-820-9822	
Superintendent	C. Saytar 905-890-1221	
Catholic School Council Co-Chairs	Vince Mammoliti 905-820-9822 Laurie Eschli	
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## Loyola: Movin' On Out

We're moving ... after 34 great years  
on South Common Court

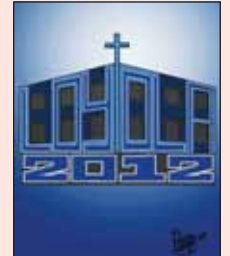
Let's re-unite for a night of fun & memories

Re-create your Loyola years where it all began!

Friday May 11 2012 – Pub Night  
7:00 p.m. – Midnight

Cost: \$20.00  
includes light snacks & a souvenir

*A Tradition of Excellence.  
A New Beginning.*



## Shirt Off Your Back and More Free Civics Day Wrist Band

Tuesday, April 3rd, 2012

Collection Starts Monday April 2nd

All of the following items qualify for your free  
civics day wrist band:

- Gently used clothing • Gently used footwear
- Belts • Purses • Soft Toys (Stuffed Animals)

*Stay tuned for reminder announcements closer to  
April 3rd*

## Dates to Remember

Friday, February 10th	Semester 1 final report cards distributed	
Thursday, February 16th	Unity Day/Black History Month Presentation	
Monday, February 20th	Family day (no school)	
Wednesday, February 29th	Course selections for 2011-2012 due	
Thursday, March 1st	Breakfast for Kids/Live Free fundraiser Civics Day	
Monday, March 5th	School Council – 7pm	
Monday, March 12th to Friday, March 16th	Mid-Winter Break	
Monday, March 26th to Friday, March 30th	Early Warning Week	
Thursday, March 29th	OSSLT Day	
Monday, April 2nd	School Council – 7pm	
Friday, April 6th	Good Friday	
Monday, April 9th	Easter Monday	
Thursday, April 12th	Parent Teacher Interview Night	
Monday, April 23rd	Mid-term Reports sent home	
Thursday, April 26th	Culturefest	

## Graduation Corner



### Upcoming Dates

Plans are well on their way for the 2012 Graduation events. Students have been informed of these dates through an assembly in September and a letter and pamphlet have been sent home.

February 6 – March 9	• Graduation Ceremony Fee collection Cost \$90
May T.B.D.	• Wonderland Event
May 10	• Graduation Dinner Dance final payment - \$65
May 17, May 23 – May 25	• Graduation Table Forms due from Dinner Dance table organizers
June 4	• Graduation Rehearsal
Monday, June 25	• Grad Dinner Dance
Thursday, June 28	• Graduation Mass and Graduation Ceremony

Please forward any questions to Ms. Heist at ext 66148 after school.

