

# GRADE 8 INFORMATION PACKAGE

# LOYOLA C.S.S.

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WELCOME  
GRADE  
8'S

GRADUATING CLASS  
OF 2029

OPEN HOUSE  
THURS. NOV. 14TH  
2024  
6-8 PM



# OSSD Requirements for Students

## Entering Grade 9 in 2024 or Later

### 17 Compulsory Credits

- 4 credits in English (1 credit per grade) \*
- 3 credits in Mathematics (grade 9, grade 10, and 1 credit in either grade 11 or 12)
- 2 credits in Science
- 1 credit in Canadian Geography (grade 9)
- 1 credit in Canadian History (grade 10)
- 1 credit in the Arts\*\*
- 1 credit in Health and Physical Education
- 1 credit in French as a Second Language
- 1 credit in Technological Education (grade 9 or 10)
- 0.5 credit in Career Studies
- 0.5 credit in Civics and Citizenship
- 1 credit from the STEM-related course group

### STEM related Course Group

- Business Studies
- Computer Studies
- Cooperative Education
- Mathematics
- Science
- Technological Education

### Other Graduation Requirements

- 13 optional credits \*\*\*
- OSSLT or OSSLC
- 40 Hours of Community Involvement
- Online Learning Requirement (2 credits)
- Financial Literacy Requirement (2025)

\* a maximum of 3 credits in ESL/ELD can count towards the 4 compulsory English; the fourth must be a grade 12 compulsory English course

\*\* Grade 11 English: Understanding Contemporary FNMI Voices can meet the grade 11 English requirement.

\*\* Grade 9 Expressions of FNMI Cultures course can meet the credit requirement in the arts.

\*\*\* may include up to 4 Dual Credit Courses

# FRENCH PROGRAMS @ LOYOLA

## Extended French Program at Loyola

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Geography (CGC1DF)	History (CHC2DF)	World Religion (HRT3MF)	Extended French (FEF4U1)
Extended French (FEF1DF)	Extended French (FEF2DF)	Extended French (FEF3UF)	

\*course package of 7

## French Immersion Program at Loyola

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Geography (CGC1DM)	History (CHC2DM)	World Religion (HRT3MM)	French Immersion (FIF4U1)
Religion (HRE1OM)	Religion (HRE2OM)	French Immersion (FIF3U1)	
French Immersion (FIF1D1)	Careers/Civics (CIVCAM)		
	French Immersion (FIF2D1)		

\*course package of 10

### The total number of hours of French instruction accumulated:

By the end of Grade 8, little or no knowledge of French or less than 600 hours for Core French, Open.

A minimum of 1260 hours for Extended French.

A minimum of 3800 hours for French Immersion.



# Loyola Catholic Secondary School

## 2024- 2025 Grade 9 Course Selection Sheet

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 School: \_\_\_\_\_

O.E.N.#: \_\_\_\_\_  
 D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR LAST REPORT CARD AND IF APPLICABLE, AN INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLAN (IEP).**

**COMPULSORY COURSES:** Circle the appropriate level for the course codes below.

SUBJECT	LOCALLY DEVELOPED	COURSE CODES	EXTENDED & FRENCH IMMERSION	GR. 8 TEACHER RECOMMENDATION
ENGLISH	ENG 1L1	ENL 1W1		
MATH	MAT 1L1	MTH1W1		
SCIENCE	SNC 1L1	SNC1W1		
GEOGRAPHY		CGC1D1	CGC 1DF (Both)	
FRENCH		FSF1O1 **	FSF1D1	FEF 1DF (Extended) FIF 1DF (Immersion)
PHYS. ED.	PPL 1OF (Female) or PPL 1OM (Male) or PAL 1OH (Sticks)			
RELIGION	HRE1O1 (Regular) / HRE 1OF (Immersion only)			

**\*\*FSF1O1** is offered for students who have little or no knowledge of French or have not accumulated the minimum of 600 Hours.

**\*\*Students** with an IEP and Principal recommendation may opt for Learning Strategies I (**GLE1O1** (IEP) OR **GLE1OW** (instead of French. If this applies, please check box  \_\_\_\_\_ (Principal's Signature)

**YOU MUST** circle **ONE** code for your **ELECTIVE COURSE**, to complete your grade 9 program. You must also select an alternate option.

SUBJECT	COURSE CODE
DRAMA	ADA 1O1
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC	AMI 1O1
VOCAL/CHORAL	AMV 1O1
VISUAL ARTS	AVI 1O1
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN BUSINESS (Computers)	BTT 1O1
ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE	ESL AO1/BO1/CO1/DO1
LEARNING STRATEGIES	GLS 1O1
EXPRESSING ABORIGINAL CULTURES	NAC1O1
EXPLORING COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY	TEJ 1O1
EXPLORING HAIRSTYLING & AESTHETICS	TXJ 1O1
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Choice:</b> _____	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Choice:</b> _____

I / We hereby authorize my son's/daughter's current school \_\_\_\_\_ to exchange information with Loyola Catholic Secondary School regarding my son/daughter. This authorization remains in effect unless revoked by me in writing.

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian email: \_\_\_\_\_



# WAY OF THE WARRIOR 2024-2025 LOYOLA C.S.S

## SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS YOU WILL ONLY FIND @ LOYOLA

**Specialist High Skills Majors** – Loyola offers the Sport Performance and Sport Management SHSM programs starting in grade 11 which offer unique and sector specific experiences, qualifications, and connections for students.

**Loyola CNECT Leaders** – High school student mentors helping grade 9 students.

**SHSM – Sports Specialist High Skill Major**

**Get Ready Program** – literacy, numeracy and high school readiness.

**Grade 9 Orientation** – to prepare grade 9s for high school life lead by Loyola’s CNECT leaders.

**Student Success Teachers (SST)** – supporting to be academically successful.

**French Immersion Program** – Package of 10 credits to further develop French skills and culture.

**English as a Second Language** - credit bearing courses and transitional support

**Special Education Resource Teachers** – Supporting students with an IEP.

**Extended French Program** – Package of 7 credits to further develop French skills and culture.

**Technology Courses** -Hairstyling & Aesthetics, HealthCare, Hospitality & Tourism, Technological Design, Computer Engineering Technology

## FIRST YEAR ELECTIVES TO PICK FROM LOYOLA

Aesthetics  
Drama  
English as a Second Language

Exploring Computer Technology  
Exploring Hairstyling  
Health Care

Instrumental Music  
Information Technology in Business(computers)  
Learning Strategies  
Visual Arts

**Of the 17 compulsory credits, you must complete 1 from the following group:**  
Business Studies  
Computer Studies/ Computer Science

Mathematics (in addition to your 3 compulsory)  
Technological Education (in addition to 1 compulsory)

## FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS FOR ELECTIVE COURSES @ LOYOLA

**Business Studies** – Business Certificates awarded at graduation. Courses: Accounting, Economics, Entrepreneurship, Info Tech, International Business, Marketing, and Business Leadership

Game Development, Computer Science, Web Development

1, 2 or 3 days of the week. Bussing and Tuition is provided.

**Canadian & World Studies** – Canadian History, American History, World History, Canadian Law

**Co-operative Education** – Gain real world experience in a career, an apprenticeship, or for general interest. Loyola offers 2, 3 and 4 credit options. Co-op Certificates awarded upon completion of workplace hours.

**English** – Writer’s Craft, Ontario Literacy Course, Diverse Voices Literature

**Computer Studies/Science** – Computer science and studies, Digital Technologies, Computer Programming,

**Mathematics** – College Mathematics, Data Management, Advanced Functions, Calculus & Vectors

**Moderns** – Core French, Extended French, French Immersion, Spanish

**Physical & Health Education** – Healthy Active Living, Large Group Focus "Sticks", Strength & Conditioning, Health for Life, Kinesiology, Recreation & Fitness Leadership

**Religious Education** – Religion, Philosophy

**Sciences** – Environmental Science, Physics, Biology, Chemistry

**Social Sciences & Humanities** – Introduction to Anthropology, Equity Diversity and Social Justice, **Social Sciences & Humanities continued** - Equity and Social Justice Theory to Practice, Psychology & Sociology, Raising Healthy Children, Challenge and Change in Society, Families in Canada, Human Development Throughout the Lifespan, Nutrition and Health.

**Technology Studies** – Hairstyling & Aesthetics, HealthCare, Hospitality & Tourism, Technological Design, Computer Engineering Technology, Architectural/Interior Design.

**Visual & Performing Arts** – Art certificates awarded at graduation. Drama, Visual Art, Photography, Music (vocal, instrumental, guitar)

## Get involved and enrich your high school experience @ LOYOLA

### WARRIOR ATHLETICS RUN THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR @ LOYOLA

Badminton	Special Events Bocce	Cross country	Soccer
Baseball	Special Events Bowling	Golf	Swimming
Basketball	Special Events Track and Field	Hockey	Track and field
Special Events Basketball	Curling	Girls Slo-pitch	Volleyball

### WARRIOR CLUBS ARE OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS @ LOYOLA

Book/Film Club	Equity and Diversity	Mental Health Warriors	STEM Club
BLAAC	French Club/ French Atelier	Photography	Strength & Conditioning Club
Breakfast Club	Graduation Committee	Robotics Club	Student Council
Chaplaincy Warriors	Green Team	Running Club	Wellness Warriors
Chess Club	Health Occupations Students of America	Science Club	Loyola Writing Society
Computer Science & Game Making Club	Loyola Choir	Skills Canada	Yearbook Club
Concert Band	Graduation Committee	Loyola Sound Crew	Unity
DECA		Semi-Formal Committee	Warriors CNECT Leaders
ECO Warriors		Spectrum – Gender Equity	World Citizen's Society

### SPECIAL EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR @ LOYOLA

Academic Awards' Breakfast	Curriculum Night	MADD Presentation	Spirit Week
Anti-Bullying Events	Drama Presentations	MS Awareness Week	Terry Fox Run
Athletic Awards	ECO Warriors Monthly Events	Grade 8 School Visits	Trips
Blood Donor Clinic	Grade 9 Knight In Liturgies	Grade 8 Open House	Past Trips (New York, Boston)
Catholic Education Week		Put Yer Pinkies Up	Unity Presentations
Civvies Days		Semi Formals	Extra-curricular X-Awards







**LOYOLA CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL  
SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR**



# **SHSM - SPORTS**

## **SPORTS PERFORMANCE SPORTS MANAGEMENT**

**The Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) is a ministry approved specialized program that allows students to focus their learning on a specific economic sector while meeting the requirements for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).**

**Every SHSM must include the following components:**

- **Bundle of 8 Grade 11 and Grade 12 credits that include**
  - **4 Major C credits ( Phys Ed, Science, Business, Humanities)**
  - **1 Gr. 12 English**
  - **1 Related Credit**
  - **2 credits in Cooperative Education (in related field)**
- **Sector Recognized Certifications (CPR, First Aid, WHMIS)**
- **Reach Ahead Experiences (MLSE Panel and Marlies Game, University and College Campus tours, Industry Related Field Trips)**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION SPEAK TO  
MS. PINCHAK IN STUDENT SERVICES**

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# Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations – A Vision of the Learner



**1. A DISCERNING BELIEVER**  
formed in the Catholic Faith  
community who celebrates  
the signs and sacred mystery  
of God's presence through  
work, sacrament, prayer,  
forgiveness, reflection and  
moral living.




**4. A SELF-DIRECTED,  
RESPONSIBLE, LIFELONG  
LEARNER** who develops and  
demonstrates their God-given  
potential.



**7. A RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN**  
who gives witness to Catholic  
social teaching by promoting  
peace, justice and the  
sacredness of human life.




**3. A REFLECTIVE, CREATIVE  
AND HOLISTIC THINKER**  
who solves problems and  
makes responsible decisions  
with an informed moral  
conscience for the common  
good.



**6. A CARING FAMILY  
MEMBER** who attends  
to family, school, parish  
and wider community.



**2. AN EFFECTIVE  
COMMUNICATOR** who  
speaks, writes and listens  
honestly and sensitively  
responding critically in light  
of gospel values.



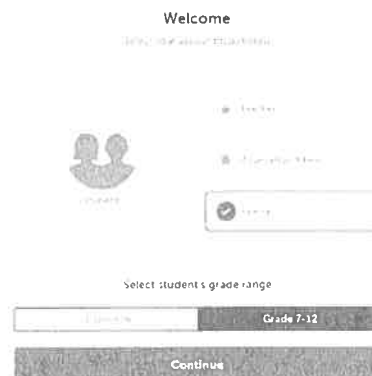
**5. A COLLABORATIVE  
CONTRIBUTOR** who finds  
meaning, dignity and vocation  
in work which respects the  
rights of all and contributes  
to the common good.



## □ CREATE YOUR FAMILY ACCOUNT

Visit [www.myBlueprint.ca/dpcdsb](http://www.myBlueprint.ca/dpcdsb)

2. Click **Sign Up** in the top right corner
3. Enter your child's email and password and click **Create Account**
4. Select **Family**, and your child's grade range (i.e., K-6 or 7-12)
5. Fill out the sign up form
6. Click **Create My Account**



## □ LINK WITH YOUR CHILD (Optional)

You can link with your child to view their myBlueprint account by following the steps below:

1. From the account sign up page, enter your child's **email address** associated to their myBlueprint account and click **Add Student**
2. Click **Continue**

### *Don't know your child's email address?*

You can always link to them later by following these steps:

1. Log in to your account
2. Click **+Add Student**
3. Enter their email address and click **Add Student** (Note: Your student will need to approve this by logging into their account, clicking their name in the top right hand corner and selecting **My Links** and click **approve** on your link request)



## □ EXPLORE YOUR STUDENT DEMO ACCOUNT

From your Dashboard, click **Go to Student View** to access a demo student account to explore the features of myBlueprint.

1. Click **Go to Student View** in the top right corner of your account
2. Complete the five (5) **Who Am I** surveys
3. Go to **Match Results** tab > Complete two (2) **Compatibility** Surveys
4. Go to **Home > Goals > Add a goal**
5. Go to **Post-Secondary** > Select a **Pathway** (e.g., College & University) > Favourite a **program**
6. Go to **Work > Occupations** > Favourite two (2) **occupations**
7. Go to **Work > Job Search** > Look up and favourite a **job posting** in your area
8. Go to **Home > Portfolios** > **Add a Portfolio** > Name your portfolio
9. Add an **Avatar** and a **Banner** image
  - a. **+ Add Box > Add Media** > Upload a picture/image that represents who you are
    - i. **+ Reflection** > Give an explanation of how the image represents who you are
  - b. **+ Add Box > Add from myBlueprint > Favourites** > An occupation that you favoured
  - c. **+ Add Box > Add from myBlueprint > Favourites** > A post-secondary program related to the occupation you favoured





## **Subject: Online Payments Now Available**

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Dear Parents,

We are excited to announce that our school is now offering **School Cash Online**, which provides you with the convenience of paying online for school items such as trips, club/athletic fees, and spirit wear. School Cash Online is a great way to pay without the need for cash or cheques.

School Cash Online provides an option to pay school-related fees safely, quickly and easily. By using School Cash Online, you can help increase efficiency and security at our school by making payments directly into our school bank account.

Parent registration is a simple 3-step process outlined on the reverse side of this document. Once you have registered, you will receive e-mail notification of fees or items for payment related to activities for your child(ren). In addition, a receipt for payment will be issued to you directly and a history of payments is available at all times.

We really want to save you time when paying for school items, so we encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity.

Please follow the link below to register online - it takes less than two minutes!

**<https://dpcdsb.schoolcashonline.com>**

You will need your child's name and date of birth. Use of student number is optional. Should you encounter any difficulties, you can use the parent help desk at **1 (866) 961-1803** or the support link on the school cash online website.

For more information, please visit the main website at **[www.dpcdsb.org](http://www.dpcdsb.org)** and navigate your way to the School Cash Online page.

Thank You

***School Cash Online – The Preferred Way to Pay!***

# Welcome to School Cash Online

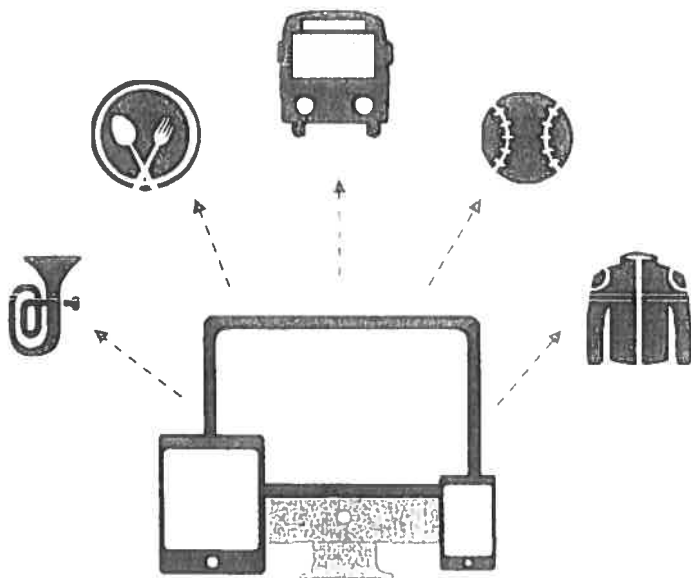
## What is School Cash Online?

School Cash Online is an online parent portal that offers a safe, fast and convenient way to pay for school activity fees. The portal is customized to meet your school's needs and allows you as a parent, to add your students, make payments, check current balance/account history, print or view receipts, and receive notifications about upcoming events.

## Why Use School Cash Online?

With School Cash Online, you can pay all your student's school fees with the click of a button. Wherever. Whenever. Trips to the school to drop-off cash or sending your student with money will be a thing of the past. School Cash Online also enables you to keep track of your student's school items and activities.

Purchase these items and more online.

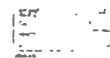


## Which Payment Methods are Accepted?



### Credit Card

Pay with Visa or MasterCard on School Cash Online by entering your credit card number, CVV number (the three digits on the back of your card), card expiry date and billing information.



### eCheque

An electronic version of a paper cheque used to make payments online. Anyone with a chequing or savings account can pay by eCheque on *School Cash Online*.

## How to Register

Follow these instructions to create your School Cash Online account today

1 Create Your Profile:

Go to <https://dpcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/> and click on "Get Started Today".

2

Confirm Your Email:

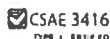
Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign in with your new login details.

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Add a Student

Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your child's details.

Stay connected by selected "Yes" to email notifications about upcoming fee



I want to receive email notifications for new fees assigned to my student and updates on school related activities.