



# LOYOLA CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

Happy New Year to you and your families.

Please see the information below for some updates and reminders:

## **Heating Update**

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we dealt with the lack of heating in the building this week. The majority of the building is now sufficiently heated, and technicians are working to resolve any remaining issues. Students are expected to be in full uniform on Monday, including the all-black shoe.

## **Sports**

### **Basketball**

The boy's senior team played an amazing game against Father Goetz on Wednesday but came up just short. They are in action today in a tournament at Robert F. Hall.

Our boys' junior basketball team played Meadowvale S.S. this afternoon and were victorious. Way to go boys!

### **Volleyball**

The girls' volleyball team played their first game of 2025 against Olive Grove today and after losing the first set, they battled back to win the second and third sets to take the win. Way to go Loyola!

### **Hockey**

The Loyola boys' varsity hockey team played Cardinal Leger in the ROPSSAA quarter finals on Wednesday at Tomken Arena. They unfortunately lost 5-1 but played hard until the end. They demonstrated dedication and sportsmanship throughout, and the coaches are very proud of them. Thanks to the boys for all their hard work and to coaches Mr. Derry and Mr. Ferreira for all their support.

## **Grade 12 Graduation Photos**

Grade 12 students get ready to smile! Your graduation photo dates are from February 10 – February 21, 2025. Booking information has been sent to all grade 12 teachers to share with students and a separate email with these details has also been sent to parents.

## **From the Guidance Department**

On Monday, students will receive their Semester 2 student schedules in their homeroom. If a student does not have a homeroom, they can go to guidance to pick up their schedule on Monday. If students need to make a course change, they should make an appointment with their Guidance Counsellor.

**Last Day for Semester 2 Elective Course Changes- Friday, February 7th, 2025**

**Last Day for Semester 2 Pathway Changes- Friday, February 28th, 2025**

Students that have made recent changes (this week), should go see their Guidance Counsellor to get an updated schedule that reflects the changes.

**Grade 12 students** are reminded of the following important dates:

Wednesday, January 15th, 2025- Deadline for Ontario high school students to submit their completed applications to the OUAC for equal consideration.

Saturday, February 1st, 2025- Deadline for Ontario high school students to submit their completed applications to the OCAS for equal consideration.

### **Waterloo Beaver Computing Challenge**

Congratulations to all students that competed in the Waterloo Beaver computing challenge. Students can pick up their certificates by Thursday, January 16th in room 218 or from their grade 9 /10 math teacher. Students that have experience in programming, please sign up for the next Waterloo Canadian Computing Challenge by Monday, February 13th with Mrs. Skira in room 218.

### **DPCDSB Skills Competition 2025**

Students interested in participating in coding, web design and development competitions at the upcoming DPCDSB skills Ontario competition please see Mrs. L. Skira in room 218 for the contest scope and details. For more information, please see Mrs. Skira before February 16th in room 218.

### **DPCDSB Game Development Contest 2025**

The DPCDSB Computer Science Subject Council will be holding their Game Development contest hosted by Sheridan College in early spring 2025. Students that would like to participate in the annual contest please join the Programming and Game Development Club and attend regular meetings on Wednesdays in room 218 from 2:15pm to 3:15pm. Please pick a permission letter from room 218.

### **Loyola Catholic School Council - Save the Date!**

Our Catholic School Council invites all parents to attend a presentation by Paul Davis on the topic of social media safety. The presentation will take place here at Loyola on Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. More details will be shared in the New Year. All are welcome!

### **Important Dates**

**Grade 9 EQAO Assessment of Mathematics** – January 16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> (for grade 9 students in math semester 1)

**Semester One Exams:** January 22, 23, 24, 27 (periods 1-4) Detailed schedule was sent out in a separate email

**Exam Contingency Day:** January 28, 2025

Please note: It is expected that students be present at school to complete the final 30% of their final grade which is comprised of the culminating performance task (CPT) and exam. Exams must be written during the exam period and CPTs must be written under the supervision of the teacher.

**Exam Review Day:** January 29, 2025

**First Day of Semester Two:** January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025

**Report Cards for Semester One:** emailed to students' emails on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Grade 12 Graduation Photos:** February 10 – February 21, 2025

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me or send me an email.  
Have a wonderful weekend ahead!

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c.c: Herman Vilorio, Trustee, Mississauga Wards 2 and 8