



LOYOLA CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),
Please see the information below for some updates and reminders:

Chaplaincy

As we move into the new semester, we continue our "Pilgrims of Hope" journey in this Jubilee Year. Students and families are encouraged to visit the many Jubilee churches and activities that are aimed to foster unity through our Catholic faith. You can find many resources and events here:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/year-of-prayer/home/video-reflections/>

Student Council

With the semester turn-around, there may be some Warriors who missed out on ordering a Spirit hoodie, and we want everyone to be able to sport their Loyola pride on spirit days! Therefore, sales have been extended until the end of the day on Monday, February 3rd. See the infographic attached for instructions on how to place your order. This is your last chance to cozy up "Warrior" style!

ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS

AVAILABLE NOW

**Mock-ups are not to scale

Order yours today!

Heather grey hoodie with white twill "Loyola" & navy stitching; Warrior logo on right sleeve; name on left sleeve.

TWO Options: "Athletics" or "Warriors"
Sizes S-XL: \$65 | XXL-4XL: \$70

- 1** Pay for your hoodie on SchoolCash Online
- 2** Download or take a screenshot of your receipt
- 3** Use the Google form to place your order details

DO NOT MISS OUT! Deadline to order: **Monday, February 3, 2025**

Eco-Warriors

Loyola will be participating in National Sweater Day to raise awareness on energy conservation. Eco Team is inviting students to wear their favourite sweaters with their Loyola uniform pants and shoes on Thursday, February 6.



Caution: Social Media Sites

Parents are asked to remind their child(ren) that they should not follow or post on sites that are platforms to share unkind words and gossip about others. We have been made aware of sites that use our school name but are not affiliated in any way with our community. We have reported these sites as bullying and harassing so that they can be taken down. Students need to be aware that we do investigate any concerns that arise from these sites, and students who participate in these online forums may face school consequences. As a Catholic community our goal is to create a safe, welcoming and inclusive community for all students.

From the Guidance Department

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

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

Grade 12 students are reminded that Saturday, February 1st, 2025 is the deadline for Ontario high school students to submit their completed applications to the OCAS for equal consideration.

Programming and Development Club:

The programming and game development club will be meeting on Thursdays from 2:15 to 3:15 pm in room 218 for semester 2. Save the date for the DPCDSB Game Dev Contest 2025 hosted by Sheridan College, Oakville Campus which is on Thurs. April 24th, 2025. This year's theme is Time Travel. To learn game development skills please attend our meetings on Thursdays in room 218 from 2:15 to 3:15 pm. Permission forms are available in room 218.

LOYOLA @ DPCDSB SKILLS

The DPCDSB Skills Competition has been postponed to Wed. February 26th at St. Augustine C.S.S. Loyola will have students participate in the following competitions:

- Coding
- Web Design and Development
- IT Software Applications
- Geographic Information Processing Systems
- RAISE - coding
- RAISE – interview skills

WATERLOO CANADIAN COMPUTING COMPETITION

To sign up for the Waterloo Computing Competition please see Mrs. Skira in room 218. Pick up your permission form/medical and contest details(minimal fee may apply) by Feb.11th in room 218. **Register by Wed. Feb. 12th in room 218 Contest date: Wed. Feb. 20th, 2025**

More information and access to old contests and answer visit:

<https://cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/cc>

Important Dates

Report Cards for Semester One: emailed to students' emails on February 7th.

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

Monday February 10th – Parent Engagement Evening: Paul Davis on Social Media Safety, 6:30 pm @ Loyola. All parents and guardians are welcome.

Friday, February 14th – PD Day (no classes)

Monday, February 17th – Family Day (no classes)

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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Principal

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