



LOYOLA CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

Please see information below for some updates and reminders:

From Chaplaincy

Opening Mass – Pilgrims of Hope

On Wednesday, October 2, Loyola students and staff gathered in our cafetorium for our Opening Masses during Periods 1 and 2. Celebrated by our new pastor, Fr. Ed Curtis, the community reflected on readings about hope, journey, and evangelization. Special thank-you to the many students and staff who generously share their talents to make these sacramental occasions beautiful: Mr. Joseph and the music ministry, Mr. De Castro's Sound & Light crew, Chaplaincy Warriors who volunteered in many capacities, and staff who helped in numerous ways.

“The Largest Harvest” – October Food Drive

From Monday, October 7 - Monday, October 28th, Loyola will be holding our annual food drive for the Mississauga Food Bank. In Mississauga, 1 in 13 residents use a food bank; and from June 2023 to May 2024, Food Banks Mississauga served 58% more visitors than the previous year, an increase of 120% since 2021. Within these statistics, there has been a 42% increase in the number of children accessing these supports.

During our drive, we will be collecting all non-perishable foods, with a focus on the most urgently needed items: peanut butter, oil, and dry pasta. Each grade will be assigned a specific item of focus, and the grade level who brings in the most of their item will receive a special Krispy Kreme day!

We know that the need for many Loyola families is high at this time as well, and so some of the food collected will remain at the school in our “Compassion Cupboard,” a place where students can access food staples for themselves or their families by talking to the Chaplain, or another adult they trust within the school.

All donations can be brought to Homeroom classes on a daily basis.

Student Council

Grade 9s who submitted applications for the 2024-25 Student Council will be called to a mandatory lunch meeting on Wednesday, October 9 during Period 3A. During this meeting, students will be informed of the next steps and expectations from teacher advisors, Ms. Cernjul & Ms. Renda, as well as current Prime Minister, Celeste Arthur and Deputy Prime Minister, Elsa Qosaj. The meeting invitation will be sent via school

email, as well as through their Homeroom teacher. Thank you to all students who have expressed interest in student leadership!

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held on **October 17, 2024, between 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm**, at Loyola Catholic Secondary School.

Parents are invited to use the online portal ***Schoolinterviews*** to book an in-person interview with their child's teacher(s). Please use the booking link below to access the portal.

The booking portal will open at **9am on October 7, 2024, until 9:00 am on October 17, 2024.**

Booking Link:

<https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/eaqx7>

Academic Awards

Our academic awards ceremony to recognize the academic achievements of students who were in grades 9, 10 and 11 last year will be held during periods one and two in our cafeteria on October 23.

Sports

Volleyball

The Loyola boys varsity volleyball team won their first game of the season on Tuesday against TL Kennedy Secondary! They won the first two sets.

The boys will play their second game here at Loyola next Tuesday.

Flag Football

We wish our varsity boys flag football team good luck as they are in action at Gonzaga this afternoon. Go Warriors!

OSSLT

At Loyola, the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test will be administered the week of November 18th. In preparation for this ministry requirement, Grade 10 students taking English this semester will be offered the option of after school classes. Classes will take place every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm from October 22 to November 14. Grade 10 English classes will be receiving a letter and registration form to sign up.

Boston Excursion May 2025

If your child is in grade 11 or 12 and is interested in participating in a school excursion to Boston, MA in May 2025, they should see Ms. Healey or Ms. Robertson for sign-up details. There is an information meeting for parents scheduled on October 8th at 6pm in our library.

Grade 9 Warrior Knight In

Our Warrior Knight In is fast approaching! This event is a wonderful opportunity for our grade 9 students to foster new relationships in a fun and engaging manner. It is an evening filled with activities and games that are meant to enhance team building skills as well as have some fun with fellow grade 9 students. Our grade 9 Knight In will place on October 16th, starting after school until 7 PM. A pizza dinner will be provided. All grade 9 students have been given permission forms which must be signed by parents and returned to school. The \$7.00 payment for the event can be made through School Cash Online.

Yearbook 2024-2025

The cost of the yearbook is no longer included in the reduced activity fee. This school year, therefore, students who would like a yearbook must order it advance. Yearbooks can be pre-ordered from Monday, September 30 – Friday, October 11th for \$40. Please use School Cash Online to purchase the yearbook at this link:

<https://dpcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/200423/146/False/True>

Please note that students will not be able to purchase a yearbook at a later date. The company will only produce the number of yearbooks that are ordered and purchased now.

After School Math Help

Math help is now up and running every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 -3:15 in room 122. Students in grade 9 and 10 math who would like some extra help or just a quiet space to do homework are welcome to attend.

Parking Lot

Please exercise caution as you proceed through our drive-thru lanes and be sure to stop at the stop signs that are located at the crosswalk so that students and staff can walk across safely. We appreciate your cooperation and patience at busy times.

Loyola Catholic School Council

Our new council was established at our meeting on September 30th. Our Co-chairs this year are Melissa Marchewka and Shandelle Randall. Our next meeting will take place on Monday, November 4th in our library from 6:30-8pm. Please contact me if you would like to attend virtually. All are welcome!

Important Dates

Friday, October 11	P.A Day (no classes)
Monday, October 14	Thanksgiving (no classes)
Wednesday, October 16	Warrior knight In
Thursday, October 17	Parent-Teacher Interviews
Wednesday, October 23	Academic Awards Period One and Two
Tuesday, October 29 th	University and College Fair

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 Vioria, Trustee, Mississauga Wards 2 and 8