



LOYOLA CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

Please see information below for some updates and reminders:

From Chaplaincy

On Wednesday, October 2, Loyola will gather for our opening Celebration of the Eucharist with Fr. Ed Curtis from St. Ignatius Loyola parish. Chaplaincy Warriors and musicians have been preparing for a beautiful Mass as we begin our year as "Pilgrims of Hope," and launch our October Food Drive during this time of thanksgiving. Grade 10 & 12 students will attend Mass during Period 1; Grade 9 & 11 students will attend during Period 2.

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

Monday, September 30th is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Flags will be at half mast, and all students are encouraged to wear an orange shirt with uniform pants and shoes. Orange Shirt Day honours a Residential School survivor named Phylis Webstad whose new orange shirt was taken from her at a Canadian Residential School. The Orange Shirt is now a symbol of everything that was taken away from Residential School victims and survivors, and a testament to their spirit of resilience. As we mark this important day, may we continue listening and learning in our effort to reconcile with the atrocities of our past. T-shirts (\$10), lanyards (\$4) and wristbands (\$2) will be sold while quantities last in the matrix before school on Monday, with all proceeds going to Geronimo's Dream (<https://geronimosdream.weebly.com/>)

From Student Council

This week, Student Council hosted our annual Club Fair so that Loyola students could explore the many ways to be involved in the school community. Students are encouraged to get involved in activities, clubs and teams to make the most of their high school years.

Grade 9 students interested in being part of Student Council as grade representatives can submit applications using the QR code posted on the SAC bulletin board by Tuesday, October 1st at 3pm. Once all applications are received and assessed, a meeting for applicants will be held to outline the election process. Student government is an excellent means of developing leadership, communication, and interpersonal skills.

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 sign 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 Ice Cream Social

On Friday, September 27th, our CNECT leaders hosted an Ice Cream Social for our newest Warriors. Grade 9 students got to talk to mentors about the school year so far and had fun playing a very competitive teambuilding exercise. The grade 9s also enjoyed a refreshing ice Cream before going back to class. A fun time was had by all ! Thank you to Ms. Heist and Ms. Angheloni for organizing this event.

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.schoolcashionline.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.

Guidance:

A reminder of some important dates from the Guidance Department:

Monday, September 30th - Last day for Grade 10, 11 or 12 students to make a pathway/level change

Tuesday, October 1st - Grade 12 Post-Secondary virtual presentation during Period 2

Ontario College Fair

The Ontario College Fair takes place on Thursday, October 17, 2024 from 9AM - 2PM. Loyola will be taking a bus of interested Gr. 12 students to the Fair to speak to recruiters, staff and students from various Ontario colleges. Students will also have the opportunity to attend sessions with information on how to pay for college, the application process and program options. If your child is interested, permission forms will be available from Ms. Pinchak in Student Services next week. Spots are limited.

Math Help!

After School Math Help is here once again this year. We will be starting up on Tuesday October 1. It will run every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 -3:15pm 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.

Senior Sunset – Save the Date!

The Loyola graduating class of 2025 is invited to participate in the Senior Sunrise which will take place bright and early on October 4th on our field. Students will enjoy a doughnut and hot chocolate as they watch the sun rise with their fellow graduates. Any student who wants to participate needs to sign up through the google form their classroom teachers will provide shortly. Please see Ms. Heist with any questions.

Sports:**Tennis**

Our boys' senior doubles tennis team, William and Ethan Ballard, finished in first place at their qualifying tournament and will now move on to the ROPSSAA Championship at the Ontario Racquet Club in October. Thank you to Raina, Mateo and Noah for a great season and thank you also to coaches Quadrini and Lo Faso for all their support of the team.

Flag Football:

Our boys flag football team was in action against Port Credit on Wednesday here at Loyola. Although Port Credit came out ahead with a score of 28-13 it was a well-played game. Thank you to coaches McCabe, Bratovz and D'Souza .

Loyola Catholic School Council

Our first meeting will take place on Monday, September 30th at 6:30 pm in our library. All are welcome!

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 Vioria, Trustee, Mississauga Wards 2 and 8