



LOYOLA CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

I would like to thank the Loyola staff and students for helping to get the 2024 -2025 school year started smoothly this week!

Please see below for some reminders and updates:

Terry Fox Marathon of Hope:

As is our tradition, Loyola students will once again be participating in the "**Terry Fox Marathon of Hope: Loyola is on the move!**" event to raise money for cancer research. This year's event will take place on Thursday September 19th during periods 1 & 2.

In addition, there will be a **PAID Civvies** on that day. Students who make a minimum donation of \$2 for a wristband (purchased in the matrix BEFORE 1st period) can wear civvies that day. The money collected will be the student's donation to the Terry Fox Foundation and allow the student to wear civvies for the day. Only students who have made a donation and received a wristband will be permitted to wear civvies.

Please Note:

All students will be participating in the event with their classes whether they make a donation or not. Those students who do NOT have a wristband are expected to be in full uniform.

Chaplaincy:

We are pilgrims.... of hope that is! This year, Catholic education celebrates our communities as "Pilgrims of Hope," inspired by the Year of Jubilee in 2025, and guided by the words of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, who has proclaimed to young people that, "we must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us." As a faith community, Loyola is committed to helping students develop their critical thinking and worldview through the lens of love, justice, mercy and hope. Through Chaplaincy, students will have opportunities to reflect on their gifts and their calling through the retreat program, various outreach and charity initiatives, prayer, and Sacramental celebrations. We are excited to welcome Fr. Ed Curtis to our community as the new pastor of St. Ignatius Loyola parish, and will join together to begin our year with a Celebration of the Eucharist on October 2. If you have any questions about Chaplaincy, please contact Ms. Alana Cernjul, Chaplaincy Leader.

From the Guidance Department:

Students in need of a course change must pick up a Course Change Form from the Guidance office. The course change form needs to be completed with a parent/ guardian signature and must be returned to the Guidance office.

The last day for elective course changes is Monday, September 9th.

Pathway changes for grades 10, 11, and 12 will take place until Friday, September 27th.

Guidance Counsellors will support students by last name according to the following breakdown:

Ms. Kerr - Students with last name beginning **A -H**

Mr. Annibale – Students with last name beginning **I – N**

Ms. Pinchak – Students with last name beginning **O – Z**

Sports:

Tryouts for several fall teams will begin shortly.

Students interested in playing tennis should pick up permission forms from Mrs. Quadrini in room 231 .

Permission forms must be signed by a parent prior to the tryout scheduled for this week.

Students interested in participating in cross country or boys flag football should pick up permission forms this week outside the physical education office.

Lockers:

Each student has been assigned their own locker (the locker number is on the schedule they received in their homeroom). Students can bring in a lock or purchase one in the main office for \$10.00 (please bring exact change if possible or pay via School Cash Online and bring in the receipt).

If a student does not have a locker number assigned on their schedule, they should come to the main office.

Photo Day

Students will have their photos taken on **Wednesday, September 25th**

More information will be sent out at a later date.

Uniform

- Students must be in full uniform at all times when in the school building.
- Uniform shoes must be closed, all-black shoes. Crocs/ Croc-like shoes are not permitted as part of the uniform.
- If students wear the Loyola hoodie, they are not to wear the hood in the school.
- A plain black, white or navy-blue crewneck, long-sleeved top can be worn under the short-sleeved Loyola golf shirt.
- Caps / hats are not to be worn in the school.
- Gym uniform items can only be worn during physical education class.
- Any sweaters / hoodies that are not part of the uniform must be left in student lockers.
- Backpacks and bags are not permitted in class. These items must also be stored in lockers.

Parking Lot

When dropping off students at school please do not enter the staff parking lot or pull into the bus lane.

Although it can get congested at peak times, we ask everyone to be patient and careful to help ensure that all students get into the school safely.

Student drivers are reminded to register their vehicle in the main office and to pick up a parking pass that must be displayed in their car. Students must drive safely and responsibly at all times on school grounds to retain their parking privileges.

Safety Protocols

Ensuring that our students and staff are safe at school is our priority.

As part of our safety protocols, students will be participating in two lockdown drills, a hold and secure drill, and three fire drills each semester to ensure they are aware of our procedures should any of these emergency situations arise.

Students will also be informed about our safety procedures and other school policies at our upcoming grade assemblies on September 11 and 12th.

Loyola Catholic School Council

Please consider joining our Catholic School Council this year. Our first meeting will take place on Monday, September 30th at 6:30 pm in our library. More information about our Catholic School Council as well as nomination forms will be sent out next week.

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