

Good Afternoon Loyola Families,

Thank you for your support and patience as we worked through another week of the adapted school model. We are continuing to learn and grow together and welcome your feedback and suggestions to improve practices and procedures to support student learning and engagement.

Please watch this [inspirational message](#) from our friend Wali Shah with your child(ren). Wali came and spoke with our students last year and left a profound impact. Let us always remember that while we may not be able to control the situation, we can control how we respond to it and what we learn from it.

Daily Screening:

Parents are reminded that students are required to screen for COVID-19 everyday before school. Please review our [Daily Checklist for Families](#) that includes a link to the HCDSB screening procedure

Attendance Reminders:

If a student is scheduled to be in the building but is participating online, they will be marked absent. Students must attend school (in person or online) according to their cohort and [schedule](#).

Please ensure all absences are called into the system or entered into the attendance app before the absence or on the morning of. There are three ways to contact the school regarding an absence. Please review the process on our [school website](#) for the procedure. Parent notification calls will be going home at 9:30 AM and 5:00 PM. When you receive the call, please listen to the entire message where options to adjust the attendance will be provided. This will alleviate the need for follow-up contact.

School Access:

Please remember that the school does not open for student access until 8:10 AM. Please keep this in mind as the weather starts to turn colder and ensure your child(ren) is dressed for the weather and not dropped off too early. In inclement weather, **bus students** will be allowed into the building at 8:00 AM.

Masks:

Parents are asked to review [mask procedures](#) with their child(ren). Students are reminded that masks are required while on school property- including outside the school and the parking lot. Masks can only be taken off during break time when a student is seated at their desk and having a drink or snack. Additionally, they can be removed when a class is outside and students are able to maintain two meters of physical distance.

If your child needs an additional mask, please have them ask their teacher for a cloth mask.

Virtual Academic Support:

Students are expected to log into Virtual Academic Support daily. Teachers will provide students with work to complete during the 75 minute period. Students need to log into the D2L Virtual Academic Support course as attendance will be taken through the D2L page login. Students who need to reach out to a teacher for specific support will access the Teams link from the D2L page. If a student does not require support during this period, they can use this time to complete their assigned homework after they have logged in through D2L. Do not save the Teams link to access the various classrooms. Students must log in only through D2L.

Virtual Classroom Norms:

Students and parents are reminded to review our [School Code of Conduct](#) and the [Virtual Code of Conduct](#). We have the same high expectations of our students in the virtual classroom as we do in the physical classroom. Students are reminded that they are expected to:

- Only log into Teams and other meetings with their @students email. Guest accounts will not be permitted for safety and attendance purposes.
- Not share their screen or video unless directed to by the teacher
- Never record the meeting or the class
- Be aware that inappropriate behaviour online could result in disciplinary action as per our [Progressive Discipline Policy](#)

Curriculum & Course Specific Questions:

Parents are reminded to reach out to teachers if you have course specific questions. All staff email addresses can be found on our [school website](#). Teachers should be your first point of contact as they are in the classroom with your child and the subject expert.

Booking Appointments with a Guidance Counsellor:

Please be advised that Student Services is closed to visitors at this time. Students can request a phone appointment with their counsellor via the online booking system located in the D2L Student Services classroom. Click on the box “Appointments” and then select the appropriate counsellor and request a time. We strongly encourage any student who is currently in grade 12 and who is planning to graduate this year, to book an appointment with their counsellor to discuss their educational pathway for this year and receive information on applying to university/college programs. Updates related to Student Services will be posted on the D2L Student Services classroom and through Loyola’s twitter account. Students are divided among counsellors by last name:

Mrs. Luis (A – E)
Mrs. Rego (K – Q)

Mrs. Flynn (F – J)
Mrs. Carambia (R – Z)

Community Service Hours:

40 hours of community service hours are required for all students receiving an Ontario Secondary School Diploma. It is strongly recommended that students complete at least 10 hours per year in order to complete this requirement. On the [Loyola website](#) and on the D2L

Student Services classroom there is information on eligible and non-eligible activities. The activity needs to be completed with a non-profitable organization. It is the Board's policy that all students complete a "Pre-Approval Community Service Form" before a student begins any activity. This ensures the activity meets health and safety standards as well as it supports a non-profit organization. This form can be found on the Loyola home webpage and the D2L Student Services classroom. Please send these forms to Ms. Carambia for approval. Not all activities are acceptable. Virtual placements are available during this time. Last Spring, several virtual opportunities were posted on Loyola's social media where students were able to accumulate up to 30 hours of virtual community service hours. Therefore, it is possible even during these difficult times of physical distancing to complete community service hours. Many non-profit organizations are looking for students to volunteer virtually. Please continue to follow Loyola's social media for current and future opportunities.

D2L Student Services Classroom:

Students are encouraged to visit the D2L Student Services classroom on a regular basis for a wide variety of information:

- Community Service hours and Pre-Approval forms
- Night school and Summer school information
- Specialist High Skills Major programs for grade 11 and 12 students
- Graduation Requirements
- My Blueprint
- University/College/Post-secondary information
- Event calendar
- Scholarship opportunities
- General announcements and more.....

Thank you for your continued support, patience and collaboration. Have a wonderful weekend.

Loyola Administration