

Good Afternoon Loyola Families,

Thank you for another fantastic week at Loyola! We feel blessed to have the support of our Loyola families, parish and community partners. Our students have been doing a great job following the new procedures to ensure that everyone remains safe and healthy. A few reminders moving forward.

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:

If your child(ren) is scheduled to be physically in school and they choose to participate online for the day, they will be marked absent. For safety reasons we need to report on who is physically in the building daily. If your child is more than 20 minutes late to class, they will be marked absent. It is the parent/guardian responsibility to contact the school to rectify the absence. Information on reporting and rectifying absences can be found on our [Loyola website](#).

Please review your child(ren)'s attendance records in our [Student Information System](#).

Changing Cohorts:

Students in Cohort A or B who wish to move to Cohort C (fully online), can do so at any time. Once a student is in Cohort C, they will need to wait until the end of the quadmester (10 week period) to switch back into the in-person format if they choose to do so. Please contact your child's VP to facilitate the request.

Cohort information for quadmester two (November 13 to February 1) will be communicated a couple of days before the start of the quadmester. We will continue to use A-K and L-M as our groupings for Cohort A and B. Like this quad, there will be some students that need to be switched to either Cohort to ensure class sizes and public health measures are upheld.

Technical Difficulties:

If your child is having technical difficulties and is unable to log into their class or the Teams link, please have them reach out to their teacher as soon as possible. With quick contact we are often able to resolve the issue and get the student into class.

Virtual Academic Support (VAS):

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.

Updated Contact Information:

Please review your contact information in [SIS](#) to ensure that it is up-to-date. To make any changes to your contact information please email Mrs. Bartucci bartuccil@hcdsb.org in Student Services.

Guidance Appointments:

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)

Mental Health Supports:

We recognize that these are challenging times for our students. We want to remind our community that we have lots of supports available in the building and can make connections to our community partners. The Loyola Wellness Council has created a Google classroom with resources and activities to support positive mental wellness. Use the class code: **gyzrbpx** to access the Google classroom. If your child is struggling with their mental health and you would like some support, please reach out to their Vice Principal.

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing our students virtually and in person next week.

Sincere thanks,

Loyola Administration