

Good Afternoon Loyola Families,

Thank you for another great week of learning and collaboration. As we look towards next week we wanted to share a few reminders and updates with you.

Daily Self-Screening:

Parents and guardians are reminded to monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 in your children and to complete the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool for Schools](#) each morning before sending your children to school.

Attendance:

Teachers take attendance daily and need to have it submitted by 9:00 am for the first period of the day and 2:05 for the second period of the day. If a student arrives after this time they will be marked absent. When the call goes home **it is the responsibility of the parent and student to rectify the absence**. If a student is having technical difficulties they need to notify their teacher immediately. They will still be marked absent and parents are expected to report the attendance through the Attendance app. **Ongoing technical issues do not excuse attendance**. Reach out to your teacher if you need help and support to ensure you are in class on time and in the correct location (D2L, Teams, Google classroom) to be marked present and participate in the class.

Teachers print out attendance reports that track entry and exit times in D2L, Teams or Google classroom. If your child is frequently logging in and out during class time and missing portions of the class, they will be marked absent. Students are expected to be online and participating actively during class time.

If a student is scheduled to be physically in the building and they choose to work online for the day, they will be marked absent. Our attendance records need to indicate who is physically present to ensure safety in the event of emergencies or for contact tracing.

You are able to review your child's attendance on [SIS](#). Please contact their VP if there are any questions.

Photos for Cohort C:

Cohort C students, please ensure you complete the [Google form](#) and upload your photo by today at 3:00 PM. This photo will be used for your student card and in the yearbook. **You will only be able to access the link using your Loyola student Google email address.**

We are still working on a make-up photo date for students who have a period 2 spare and haven't yet gotten their photo taken. Stay tuned...

Thanksgiving Food Drive:

To support our community we are running a Loyola Thanksgiving food drive to support Fair Share Foodbank in our Oakville community. Donation bins are located at the various entrances to the school. Please donate on your way into school. For more information please watch this video on our [school website](#).

Thanksgiving Liturgy:

Mrs. Harkin, our Chaplain, and a group of students are working on a Thanksgiving liturgy to celebrate our blessings as a faith community. The liturgy will be posted in our D2L Chapel and on our school website next week for students, staff and families to enjoy.

Student Equity & Inclusion Committee:

Are you interested in social justice issues? Are you interested in helping Loyola live up to its motto of dignity, equity and respect for all people? Do you have ideas to make Loyola a more just and inclusive place? If so, send an email to Mrs. Morrow (morrowa@hcdsb.org) to join the Loyola Equity & Inclusion Committee by Wednesday October 7. This is your opportunity to have your voice heard and support change at Loyola. We will meet virtually to plan and discuss initiatives and goals for this year.

Upcoming Catholic Parent Council Meeting:

Our first Catholic Parent Council meeting is being held on Tuesday October 6 @ 6:30 PM. All parents are encouraged to attend the council meetings. Your opinion is important. By attending the meeting and providing input, parents have the opportunity to contribute to the discussions and provide added value. Collectively, we can make a positive difference. For more information, please see our [school website](#).

Upcoming Civvies Days:

We will hold our first civvies days on October 7 and 8 for Cohort A and B respectively. Parents are reminded to review school expectations with their children regarding the dress code on non-uniform days. This information can be found on our [school website](#). In lieu of a monetary charitable donation for civvies day we are asking students to support our Thanksgiving food drive.

New Information & Communications Technology SHSM:

Loyola is excited to introduce a new Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) in Information and Communications Technology. Check out the [presentation](#) and contact Ms. Sacco (saccoa@hcdsb.org) for more information.

Upcoming Emergency Drills:

Lock Down Drill #1	Wednesday October 7 9:00 AM	Cohort A Period 1
Lock Down Drill #2	Thursday October 8 9:00 AM	Cohort B Period 1
Evacuation Drill # 1	Tuesday October 13 9:00 AM	Cohort A Period 2
Evacuation Drill #2	Friday October 16 9:00 AM	Cohort B Period 2

Each semester we are required to conduct three fire drills, one lock down drill and an evacuation drill. Weather permitting, these will be our drill dates. There are additional dates for some of the drills to ensure each cohort gets to practice. Three fire drills were completed this week.

As these are drill situations we will ensure that students are physically distant. In the event of a real emergency, safety is the primary concern in ensuring a quick exit and physical distancing will not be the priority.

Draw Winners:

Thank you to everyone for watching our [Virtual Grade Level Assembly](#) and completing the Google survey. Five students who completed the survey were randomly selected to win a \$10 Starbucks gift card. Our winners are: Gabriela R., Symon R., Rylan D., Mae D. and Olivia C. Congratulations! The office will be in touch with you shortly about your prize.

Grade 9 Student Council Elections:

Grade 9 students- using your Loyola Google email (@loyola.hcdsb.org) log into the [link](#) to vote for your grade 9 student council representatives.

Yearbook:

We are still awaiting delivery of our 2019-2020 yearbook. Once the yearbook has been received we will communicate information about distribution on our school website.

Drop offs and Pickups

We recognize that there are more families who are dropping off their children at the school. We ask that families bring their vehicles up to the curb alongside the cafeteria. This will help to remove the backlog of vehicles onto Nottinghill Gate. This will also promote student safety as students will not be crossing in front of other vehicles.

School Information:

Please refer to our [Loyola website](#) for all school information. Information is posted regularly and a calendar of events is maintained. Additionally, please follow the school on Instagram and Twitter @LoyolaHawksOak.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families.

Loyola Administration