

Good Afternoon Loyola Families,

Thank you for another great week! 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.

Mental Health Supports:

Our [school website](#) outlines a number of mental health supports and resources available in our community. Please consult the resources if your child is struggling and reach out to their VP.

Changing Cohorts:

At the end of October/beginning of November parents will be sent a survey to indicate if they wish for their child to switch formats - online to in-person or vice versa. Parents are reminded that students need to wait until the end of each quadmester if they would like to switch from online learning to the in-person format. Students can switch to the online format at any time.

Student Services D2L Class:

Students and parents are reminded of the Student Services classroom in D2L. Lots of resources and announcements are posted there. Additionally, students are able to book appointments with their guidance counsellor through this page.

Grade 12 Potential Graduates:

A reminder to verify your home address in [SIS](#) to ensure it is correct. The Ontario University Application Center (OUAC) will be sending application pin numbers directly to student home addresses. If your address in SIS is incorrect, please connect with your Guidance Counsellor to update it.

Ontario College Virtual Fair:

Check out our [school website](#) for an upcoming virtual college fair on November 4th and 5th, 2020.

Photo Retake Day:

We have scheduled a photo retake day for students who have not had the opportunity to have their picture taken already. This will take place on **October 22.**

Students in Cohort C who submitted photos via the Google doc will be contacted when their student cards have arrived.

Attendance:

We remind parents of the importance of calling in your son or daughter's absence or entering it in the attendance app. This includes students who are absent from their online afternoon classes. The three methods to report an absence are outlined on our [school website](#). Accurate attendance records are necessary to ensure student safety.

Textbooks:

If you have any outstanding textbooks or library books from last year, please ensure you return them as soon as possible. We are following up with families with outstanding books.. If the book is not returned the student will be responsible for the replacement cost. Please contact your child's Vice Principal if you have any questions.

Thanksgiving Food Drive:

Thank you for your generosity to our Thanksgiving food drive. Your donations will support Fair Share Foodbank and families in our community.



Thanksgiving Liturgy:

Our [Thanksgiving liturgy](#) has been posted in our D2L Loyola Chapel. Please watch it with your family to give thanks and celebrate as a faith community. Thank you to Mrs. Harkin and our students that worked hard to put the liturgy together.

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.

Emergency Drills:

This week we conducted two successful lock-down drills. We thank our students and staff for adhering to the safety procedures and taking the drills seriously.

Grade 9 Student Council Elections:

Thank you to all of our grade 9 students who ran and voted for our grade 9 student council representatives. Congratulations to Debbie S., Kaja C., Luca B., Lucas V., Samantha S., and Victoria C. We look forward to your leadership and enthusiasm!

Virtual Clubs & Activities:

To continue to build community and provide students with opportunities to share their gifts and talents, we have prepared a list of opportunities that students can participate in. The list will be posted on our Loyola website and can be [accessed here](#).

2020 Graduates Diploma Pick-Up:

Please see our [school website](#) for information regarding the diploma pick-up on October 15 and 19.

Course Updates:

We encourage all parents to reach out to the classroom teacher should there be any questions or concerns. Staff emails can be found on our [Loyola Website](#).

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.

We wish you and your family a blessed Thanksgiving weekend as we take time to give thanks for the gifts and blessings in our lives.

Sincere thanks,

Loyola Administration
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