

Good Afternoon Loyola Families,

Thank you for another great week! As we look ahead to 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.

Loyola Spirit Wear:

Check out our [school website](#) for information regarding ordering Loyola spirit wear.

Accessing Library Resources:

Although the library is currently closed to students, you can still access library resources. Check out our [school website](#) for more info and connect with Mr. Scordino (scordinop@hcdsb.org) for support.

Virtual School Clubs:

Check out the [updated list](#) of virtual Loyola clubs and activities. New clubs and activities will be posted as they develop. Get involved Hawks!

Loyola D2L Chapel:

Don't forget to check out our Loyola D2L chapel for prayer services, resources, community service opportunities and more!

Night School Information: Semester 2 Night School Registration is OPEN!

The Thomas Merton Centre for Adult and Continuing Education Services is offering Night School credits online for semester 2 for grades 10 to 12. Semester 2-night school classes run from February 17 – June 14, 2021. Classes are Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

Please visit <https://merton.hcdsb.org/secondary-credits/night-school> for more information and for a list of course offerings. HCDSB students can register for Night School on MyBlueprint under "Continuing Education". Students are strongly encouraged to register early as the spaces in these courses are limited. The registration deadline is Thursday, February 11, 2021 @ 4:00 pm. No registration requests will be accepted after this date.

University Advice from Loyola Alumni Session:

Thursday December 10th from 12:30 to 1:30. This is a great opportunity for grade 12s to ask questions to Loyola alumni currently attending university. Alumni will be sharing their personal experiences about student life and how the current pandemic has changed program delivery

and expectations. Students can access the TEAMS join code on the Student Services D2L page.

Student Information Updates:

It is important that we have all student information updated in our system for emergency contacts. Please update your home address, parent emails and contact phone numbers. Contact Mrs. Bartucci in Student Services at BartucciL@hcdsb.org or by calling (905)-842-0595 ext. 1009

Graduating Students:

Please make a guidance appointment with your counsellor if you have not already done so to discuss next steps and your educational pathway for next year. Students who are applying to University need a PIN number to start the application. If you have not received a letter in the mail from OUAC with this PIN, please contact your guidance counsellor. Students who are applying to Ontario Colleges, do not need a PIN number to continue with the application. Transcripts are also sent to the Ontario application centres OCAS/OUAC for Ontario colleges and universities. Students are encouraged to review instructions, helpful videos and information located on the Student Services D2L page to assist in completing their applications.

Transcripts:

In order to request a copy of your transcript, please contact Mrs. Bartucci at (905)847-0595 ext. 1009 or email BartucciL@hcdsb.org

Computer Science Education Week December 7-11:

Check out our [school website](#) for awesome virtual activities to learn about computer science. Prizes to be won!! Reach out to Mrs. Alfano or Mr. Zoratti for more info.

December 18 Early Dismissal Schedule:

Students will be dismissed at 1:00 on Friday December 18 for Christmas holidays. Please see our [school website](#) for the adjusted schedule for the day.

Christmas Concert:

Loyola Student Council is asking students to submit any holiday-themed talents to be featured in our annual Christmas concert. This can be anything from musical talents to visual arts.

Submissions are due Tuesday, December 15th, by 4:00 p.m., and must be sent to BOTH celestia.peritore.627@loyola.hcgsb.org and stewart@loyola.hcgsb.org

The link to our virtual Christmas concert video will be posted on the school website/Instagram/etc. on the 18th and will be available to students and families the whole Christmas season.

Christmas Challenges Events:

Similar to "Halloween week", Loyola Student Council is hosting a "12 days of Christmas event." Starting on the 14th, students have a chance to win a \$10 Tim Hortons gift card by participating in each holiday-themed challenge.

Some examples are a tree decorating contest, ugly Christmas sweater contest, holiday-themed baking contest, and much more! Keeping with the theme of "the 12 days of Christmas," there will be 12 challenges posted each day on the LSC Instagram page starting from December 14th, and ending on December 25th. Students will vote for their favourite contest through a Google form for each designated contest day (i.e. on the day of the tree decorating contest, a google form will be made for students to vote for their favourite submission the whole day).

Submissions for each contest are due on different days, and these dates will be posted on the LSC Instagram page.

Winners will be announced on the 26th.

**More information for each event will be provided on the LSC Instagram account, and if there are any outstanding questions please email celestia.peritore.627@loyola.hcdsb.org, or send a direct message to the Instagram account.

Loyola Student Senate Town Hall:

The Loyola Student Senate is hosting a town hall for students next Tuesday on Teams. If you have any questions about becoming a student trustee or student senator, how the senate runs, how we work with the board, or what we do here at Loyola, submit them here: <https://forms.gle/qpY5y6KsDxTWZiG48> ! Your question will get answered during the town hall on Teams by a senator. Check the Senate instagram for more details.

Advent – A time to Think of Others:

Advent is a time for kindness, thinking of others, and sharing with others. It is a time to love our neighbour as God loved us, by giving us His most precious gift, His Son. In order to live this Advent deeply, our Loyola student clubs are striving to create a school environment where our community recognizes God's presence by making gift-giving more meaningful this Advent. With hearts opened, they have been actively focused on serving others. We are very proud of their spirit of generosity and kindness.

Culture of Life Club is supporting our local Senior Homes this Advent by making snowmen ornaments. It is their hope that these ornaments will bring some cheer to numerous elderly isolated from loved ones this Christmas.

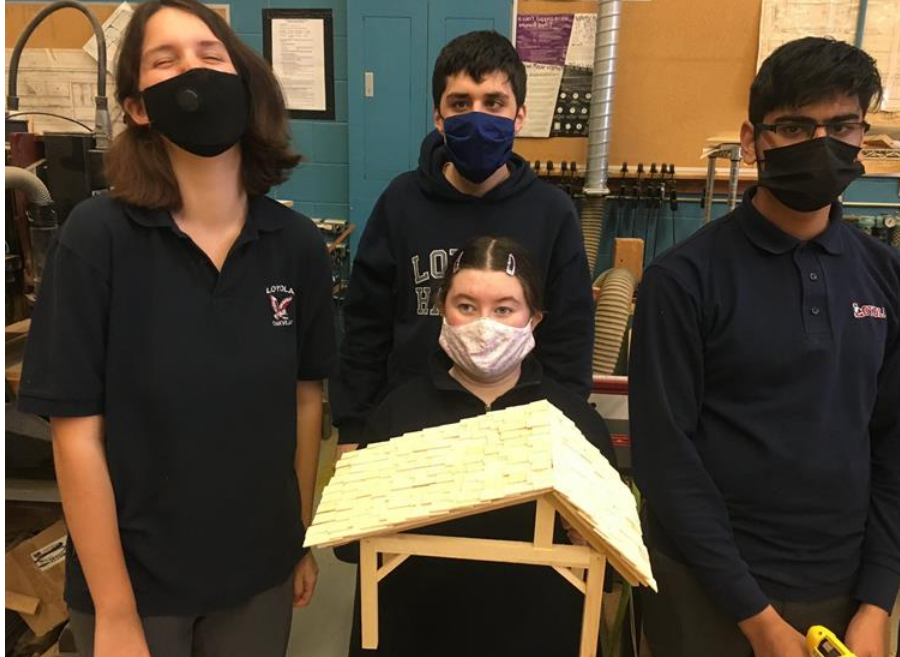


Global Aid Student Club single handedly supported St. Matthew Parish's St Vincent de Paul Society by collecting hand sanitizer for 150 families. Every year, Loyola has collected toys for the St. Vincent de Paul society, but the harsh reality of the pandemic was felt when we were asked to collect hand sanitizer instead. In a joyful spirit, the club wrapped each donation of hand sanitizer and attached a Christmas ornament.



Development and Peace Club created short Advent videos for each week of Advent which are posted on the Loyola D2L Chapel. Each video reminds our school community that the pandemic has put our human family in crisis. They are requesting severe malnutrition and extreme poverty are increasing around the world as people get sick, jobs are lost, and markets are closed. Vulnerable people including refugees, women and Indigenous peoples face the worst impacts of the pandemic, which began while we are facing another global threat—the global climate crisis. Not only are the students asking for prayers for the vulnerable but they also collected 500 masks for the Development and Peace frontline workers in the global South. Watch the D & P Club First Week of Advent Video: <https://youtu.be/78BU7hN1ZNs>

Best Buddies Club has been working diligently with the Life Skills students, decorating ornaments and organizing their annual Christmas Best Buddies party. They do not want the pandemic to take away any joy from the students!



Please join our Advent celebrations by watching our Virtual Loyola Advent Liturgy:
https://youtu.be/hWI_Z3YYzM0

Wishing you and your family a peaceful and joyful weekend.

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