

Good Morning Loyola Families,

Thank you for another great week! As we look to the week ahead we wanted to share a few reminders and updates with you.

### **Teacher-Led Remote Learning:**

On Thursday, January 7, 2021, the Ontario government announced the extension of teacher-led remote learning until January 25, 2021 for elementary students. Secondary students will continue to participate in remote learning until January 25th. Please visit our [HCDSB Board website](#) for information and details as they become available

### **Student Information Updates:**

It is important that we have all student information updated in our system for emergency contacts and to ensure you receive important communication from the school and the Board. Please review your home address, email addresses and contact phone numbers in [SIS](#) and contact Mrs. Bartucci in Student Services at [BartucciL@hcdsb.org](mailto:BartucciL@hcdsb.org) if you need to update your information.

### **Student Attendance:**

During this period of remote learning, we continue to promote regular attendance, as it is important for students to remain engaged in their learning so they can stay on top of the curriculum and feel more connected to their peers while our school is closed.

As noted in [PPM 164: Requirements for Remote Learning](#), schools are required to take daily student attendance throughout the period of remote learning.

If your son or daughter is not able to attend or participate in remote learning on any given day, please report his or her absence, as you typically would during in-person learning through the SchoolMessenger Safe Arrival System: <https://www.hcgsb.org/parents/report-your-childs-absence/>.

We will be following our usual process of contacting parents and guardians when student absences are not reported.

### **Mental Health Supports & Resources:**

School Mental Health Ontario (SMHO) has developed a number of resources to support the mental health of students, families and staff during this time. We encourage you to explore the information and tip sheets available on the SMHO website at: <https://smho-smsso.ca/>.

**Contacting Staff:**

Most staff members are working remotely as directed by Public Health to curb the spread of COVID-19. If you need to speak with a staff member please send them an email. All staff email addresses can be found on our [school website](#).

If you have any questions about your child's course or progress, please reach out to their teacher first.

**Quad 2 Marks:**

A quad two mark update will be available on [SIS](#) mid-day on Tuesday January 12, 2021. Please note that report cards will not be sent home at this time.

**Virtual Academic Support (VAS):**

Virtual Academic Support (VAS) is available to students on a daily basis from 12:30 - 1:45. Students have the opportunity to receive direct support from teachers in specific subject areas. Students can access the support through their D2L shell. This support is invaluable to students who are struggling and need to connect with a teacher for clarification.

**Loyola D2L Chapel:**

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

**Loyola Spirit Wear:**

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

**Night School Registration:**

Please note that the semester two deadline to register for night school (online) at Thomas Merton is February 11, 2021 at 4:00 PM. Please visit [Thomas Merton's website](#) for more details on courses offered and registration.

**Quad 3 & 4 Daily Schedule:**

The weekly schedule for quads 3 and 4 has been posted on our [Loyola website](#).

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Now, more than ever, ongoing communication between home and school is key to your child's success and well-being.

Sincere thanks,

Loyola Administration

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