

Good Morning Loyola Families,

Thank you for another great week! As we continue in teacher-led remote learning, we wanted to share a few reminders and updates with you.

End of Quadmester 2:

Please note that quadmester two will end on Thursday February 4, 2021. Friday February 5 is a PD day and there is no school. Quad 2 final marks will be available to students on SIS on Friday February 12, 2021. Attendance during the last nine days of the quadmester is imperative as courses finish up and begin their culminating activities.

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.

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 3 & 4 Schedule:

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

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!

Course Selection for 2021/2022:

Course selection will be open in [MyBlueprint](#) starting in February. In the meantime, although students are not able to currently submit their selections, they are encouraged to log into their [My Blueprint](#) account and start planning their course selection for next year. Presentations to help guide students through the process will be posted on the Student Services D2L page by the end of next week. All returning grade 9, 10, and 11 students are encouraged to review the

presentations. A [Course Selection Guide](#) with a list of course offerings are currently posted on [Loyola's main web page under Students](#).

Due to the large volume of emails during this time, students are asked to make an appointment with their guidance counsellor to discuss course selection through the Student Services D2L page. Students can make an appointment if they are unable to access their My Blueprint account and **only after they have reviewed the posted presentations**. Instructions on how to make an appointment can be found on the Student Services D2L page under Content. Students are divided up among counsellors by last name. Please have your son/daughter visit the D2L page for details/dates/deadlines.

Students who are currently in grade 9 and/or any NEW students to Loyola: If you are a grade 9 student who came from one of our Family of elementary schools (St. Bernadette, St. Gregory the Great, St. Joan of Arc, St. John Paull II, St. Mary, St. Matthew, or St. Teresa of Calcutta), you should still have a MyBlueprint account that you used last year to select courses. The log in email will most likely be your board email Firstname.lastname. ###@students.hcdsb.org, **not your Loyola email. Do not create another account if you cannot remember your login information.** Contact your guidance counsellor. If you are a new student to Loyola and do not have a My Blueprint account, you will need to create/sign up for an account. Please visit the Loyola website or the Student Services D2L page for step-by-step instructions on how to create a My Blueprint account.

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.

January 28- Bell Let's Talk Day:

Our Loyola Wellness council has prepared activities and resources for students to promote mental wellness and help to end the stigma around mental illness. Make sure to check out our @LoyolaHawks and @Loyolawellness Instagram pages as we share resources and engage in conversation. We encourage students and families to [review community mental health resources](#) and connect with an adult who can help. You are not alone. We are here for you.

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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