

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 after 2:30.

### **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](#).

### **Textbook Collection**

We are still waiting for direction from the Board and public health regarding the return and redistribution of textbooks during the stay at home order. Once we have direction, we will communicate with families how to return quad 2 resources and pick up resources for quad 3. Courses will start the quadmester with electronic resources only.

### **Black History Month @ Loyola:**

Our staff and student Black History Month planning committee has worked on compiling resources and opportunities for students to explore to honour the significant contributions Black Canadians have made and continue to make to our communities and to increase awareness of the struggles and injustices the Black community has faced and continues to face today. Please take a look at the [calendar of resources](#) and opportunities the committee has compiled. All items have hyperlinks if you click on them. We will also be using Instagram (@LoyolaHawksOak) to continue the learning and conversation virtually.

### **Equity Speaker Series:**

On Wednesday February 3 from 1-2:30 we welcome Gen-Ling Chang, Kien Luu and Sandy Yep for the second installment of our Loyola Equity Speaker Series. They will be discussing Anti-Asian Racism in Canada: Current and Historic Perspectives. The presentation will be from 1-2 PM and a Q & A session will be facilitated from 2-2:30 by Loyola student, Morgan Manalo. The expectation is that all Loyola students attend this presentation so that we may learn and grow as

a school community. If your child is unable to attend the presentation, please ensure their absence is called in or entered into the system.

Students can submit questions they have to this Google form before and during the presentation.

<https://forms.gle/QPp4xhXJcEXBeUnR7>

A YouTube Live link will be shared with students shortly to participate in the presentation.

### **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](mailto:scordinop@hcdsb.org)) for support.

### **Loyola D2L Chapel:**

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

### **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.

### **Education Career Fair:**

ECF is coming to Ontario virtually! College and University representatives will be present to answer your questions regarding post-secondary pathways and different programs that are available. This is a free event for all students from grade 9 to 12. It is never too early to start planning. You must register for this event. Students can find event registration on the Student Services D2L page.

### **E-Learning Class for Semester 2:**

If you are taking a HCDSB E-Learning course in semester 2, you will receive a welcome email with instructions on February 1st to your board email ending with @students.hcdsb.org from the Thomas Merton Centre. Classes begin on February 8th and run until June regardless of which quadmester the ELEARN code appears in your timetable. If you do not receive the welcome email by February 3rd please contact your guidance counsellor.

### **How to Pay for College/University Expenses:**

On February 18th @ 12:45 pm, there will be a presentation on how to complete an OSAP application, applying for scholarships and bursaries for both the college and university levels. Students can find the link to join the presentation on the Student Services D2L page.

## Course Selection for Next Year:

Student presentations on how to complete course selection for next year will be available on the Student Services D2L page on Tuesday Feb. 2nd. Students need to complete their course selection in My Blueprint by Feb. 26th.

Students should follow these steps:

1. Watch the posted presentation that relates to the grade they will be entering
2. Review the Course Selection Guide that lists all the course offerings. This can be found on Loyola's main homepage under Students or on the Student Services D2L page.
3. Use the course codes listed on the Course Selection Guide as reference when adding courses into the High School Planner in My Blueprint
4. Check the Graduation Indicator in My Blueprint for any missing graduation requirements
5. Once the plan is submitted changes can not be done in My Blueprint. Contact a guidance counsellor for more direction
6. My Blueprint will send the parent/guardian an email to approve the plan. Course submissions will not be officially submitted until the plan has been approved. Parents/guardians please check your emails.
7. If after reviewing the presentations and students have questions, they can attend a Q & A session. Dates and times will be posted in the Student Services D2L page

## Farewell Mr. Wong & Mrs. Ellison:

On Friday of this week we sadly say farewell to Mr. Wong and Mrs. Ellison. Mr. Wong will be getting the new Milton #3 secondary school ready for September and Mrs. Ellison is moving to Bishop Reding. We sincerely thank them for their immense contributions to Loyola and wish them well on their journey ahead. Please submit a farewell message to Mr. Wong and/or Mrs. Ellison using the link below by Thursday February 4 and 12:00 PM.

<https://forms.gle/vi9dcbSfUrSpjVUs6>

## Welcome Mrs. Halycz & Mr. Busby:

On Monday February 8th we excitedly welcome Mrs. Halycz our new Principal and Mr. Busby our new Vice Principal. Mrs. Halycz is coming to Loyola from Holy Trinity and Mr. Busby is coming from Christ the King in Georgetown. Stay tuned for upcoming opportunities to get to know the new members of Loyola's admin team.

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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