

Good Morning Loyola Families,

Thank you for another great week! As we prepare for the week ahead we wanted to send a few reminders and upcoming events.

Daily Self Screening & Confirmation:

All students who are entering the building need to complete a [daily self screening](#). The Ministry and Public Health are now requiring that all students provide confirmation of completion of the screening on a daily basis, **before entering the building**. Please refer to the [Student Daily School Access Procedure](#) regarding what is required each morning.

Self-isolation Requirements:

The Ministry of Health has now indicated that all individuals living in the same household are now required to self-isolate when a family member has COVID-19 symptoms, even if the family member only has one (1) symptom. Families are reminded that all members in a household of a symptomatic individual are required to self-isolate until the individual:

- Receives a negative COVID-19 test result; OR
- Receives an alternative diagnosis by a health care professional
- It has been 10 days since their symptom onset, and they are feeling better.

If someone in your household tests positive, or is not tested and does not receive an alternative diagnosis from a health care professional:

- This individual must isolate (including from others in your household) for 10 days from the date of experiencing symptoms. AND
- All members of the same household must isolate for 14 days from their last date of exposure with the symptomatic family/household member.

Cohort C Textbooks:

We have a number of cohort C students that did not come and pick up their textbooks during the six opportunities provided. If you still have something to pick up, please have email Mrs. Scott (scottj@hcdsb.org) to make arrangements to pick it up.

Grade 12 Students:

If you have applied to university or college programs for September, you are encouraged to review your OUAC and OCAS accounts for updated marks and courses. If you are missing any courses, please contact your guidance counsellor.

Grade 12 Grad Package Fee:

Grade 12 students have until **Tuesday March 2 at 2:30** to order their \$60 grad package. The package includes a cap, gown, tassel and grad swag. Students will need the gown for grad photos that we hope to schedule in the near future. Visit our [school website](#) for more details about ordering.

Course Selection:

My Blueprint has been experiencing some technical difficulties. If you have not completed your course selection in My Blueprint do not worry. My Blueprint will be open for submission until Tuesday March 2nd. If you are still experiencing difficulties, please contact your guidance counsellor directly. Please remember course selection requests will not be approved until a parent/guardian has approved the plan via an email sent from My Blueprint.

Mrs. Luis	A-E
Mrs. Flynn	F-J
Mrs. Rego	K-Q
Mrs. Carambia	R-Z

Prayer:

Throughout the season of Lent, we are called to deepen our prayer life. Without prayer, fasting and almsgiving are merely actions we do out of tradition without much meaning so, in addition to our daily Lenten morning prayers, we will be providing communal prayer. Join us by praying the Rosary every Tuesday and the Stations of the Cross every Friday.

Join us:

Pray the **Rosary** every Tuesday at 12:45 via Teams code: **v99dv0w**

Pray the **devotional exercise of the 14 Stations of the Cross** every Friday at 12:15 via Teams code: **0ha3xde**

Equity Speaker:

We are hosting our third speaker in our [Equity Speaker Series](#) on Wednesday March 3 from 1:00-2:30. We look forward to welcoming [Francis Atta](#) to speak to our Loyola community about overcoming systemic barriers. A YouTube live link will be sent out shortly to our students, staff and community. The expectation is that all students will log in and participate in this important discussion as we build community and address issues of equity and inclusion. If your child is not able to attend this presentation, please ensure their absence is called into the attendance office.

International Women's Day:

March 8, 2021 is recognized as [International Women's Day in Canada](#) and is a global day of recognition celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women and girls, and raising awareness of the work left to be done. We would like to host a virtual career panel exploring the careers and pathways of women in our community. **If you would like to volunteer to participate in our career panel please email Mrs. Morrow (morrowa@hcdsb.org) by Wednesday March 3.** The panel will take place virtually on Teams on Monday March 8 from 12:30-1:30 and will be open to all Loyola students.

Get Involved:

There are lots of virtual opportunities to get involved at Loyola. Take a look at all of our [virtual clubs](#) and volunteer opportunities in the Loyola D2L chapel.

Mental Health & Wellness:

We are here for you! If you need support with anything there are many staff members here to support you. Please take a look at this [contact list](#) and reach out if there is anything we can do to help.

Our [Loyola Wellness Council](#) also has resources and supports for students to access.

Upcoming Civvies Days:

We have planned civvies days for the remainder of the school year and connected them to charities that directly impact our Loyola community. Families will be able to donate via school cash online if they choose. All dates have been posted on our Loyola website and can be accessed [here](#).

Loyola Student Council (LSC) Updates:

Stay tuned for "Hawk Talks" on Instagram. "Hawks Talks," is a podcast hosted by Loyola students for Loyola students. Every episode will discuss a specific topic which will include helpful tips, advice, and funny stories as well as possible special guests. The podcast episodes will be available to students on YouTube, as well as on SoundCloud, and the links to these episodes will be provided and promoted on the Instagram account. Students are encouraged to reach out if they have any suggestions for topics, or special guests that they want to see on the show (i.e. Loyola staff and alumni). They can do so by messaging @loyolalsc directly on Instagram.

LSC takeover Tuesday videos will teach students new and creative skills, or provide "day in the life" type videos from student council members. Currently, we have a video about how to make friendship bracelets and one about how to make a clay jewelry holder. These videos can be found under the IGTV video section on our Instagram account. Students are encouraged to reach out if they have video suggestions (i.e. a video about how to bake something, a mini guitar lesson, etc). They can do so by messaging @loyolalsc directly on Instagram.

Spirit Week:

Loyola will be holding a spirit week from March 15 to March 19. Stay tuned for exciting details and events.

Morning Music Suggestions:

To start our day off right we are looking for song suggestions to pep up our day in the morning. Please submit your song suggestions to [this Google form](#). Only songs that are submitted from a school account and school appropriate will be played in the morning.

Parent Engagement and Webinar Series:

The Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) is sponsoring a series of free webinars for parents and guardians throughout the month of March. For more information and to register, please see their [website](#).

We look forward to another amazing week together. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincere thanks,

Loyola Administration

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