

## March 21 Family Email:

Good Afternoon 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:

Please continue to review the [up-dated self-isolation requirements](#) if you or a member of your household display one or more COVID-19 symptoms.

### Schedule Change Reminder:

On Friday we sent out an email to all students and parents letting them know that the quad 3 schedule was updated due to an error. This error affected the remaining four Wednesdays in the quad. Please review the schedule for this week to ensure you attend school on the appropriate day. The schedule can be found on our [Loyola website](#).

#### Week 7 (March 22 – 26)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:20 – 11:30	Cohort A at school P1	Cohort A at school P2	Cohort B at school P1	Cohort B at school P1	Cohort B at school P2
15 minute break included	Cohort B at home on-line P1	Cohort B at home on-line P2	Cohort A at home on-line P1	Cohort A at home on-line P1	Cohort A at home on-line P2
	Cohort C at home on-line P1	Cohort C at home on-line P2	Cohort C at home on-line P1	Cohort C at home on-line P1	Cohort C at home on-line P2
11:27-11:33	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal
11:33-12:30	Travel & Lunch	Travel & Lunch	Travel & Lunch	Travel & Lunch	Travel & Lunch
12:30-1:45	Cohort A, B & C at home Online Academic Support	Cohort A, B & C at home Online Academic Support	Cohort A, B & C at home Online Academic Support	Cohort A, B & C at home Online Academic Support	Cohort A, B & C at home Online Academic Support
1:45-2:30	Cohort A, B & C at home on-line P2	Cohort A, B & C at home on-line P1	Cohort A, B & C at home on-line P2	Cohort A, B & C at home on-line P2	Cohort A, B & C at home on-line P1

### Parking Lot Safety:

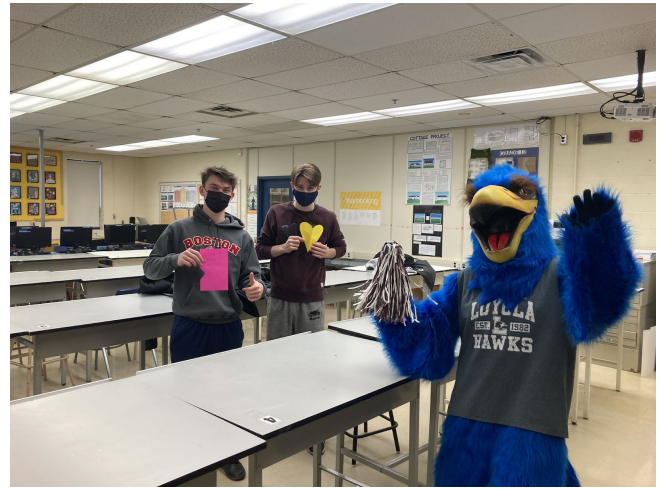
We would like to remind all students and families to ensure that you are driving safely in the parking lot. Please drive slowly, carefully and patiently. We want to ensure that everyone remains safe at all times.

Students who are parking at school are reminded that they need to obtain a parking permit **before parking on school property**. The application form can be found on our [Loyola website](#). Student parking is on the side of the school by the tech classes and the playground and tennis courts. Starting next week we will be checking for parking passes in the parking lot.

### Loyola Spirit Week:

Thank you to all of the staff and students that helped to plan and participated in Loyola's spirit week last week. It was inspiring to see everyone's spirit and build community during a challenging time. Thank you to Loyola Student Council, Loyola Senate and Loyola Best Buddies for organizing the week's themes, challenges and events. We prayed as a community of faith, made cards and prayers for seniors in our community, challenged each other in a Lenten kahoot game and reflected on the aspects of Lent we can apply to our lives during the rest of the year. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves and can't wait to continue to have fun as a school community.

Thank you for your generous donations to our food drive for [Six Nations Child and Family Services](#) and the [Halton Catholic Children's Fund](#).



### **Development and Peace Club Lenten News:**

Sixty-five Loyola students participated in the annual National Development and Peace virtual 25-hour educational and fundraising THINKfast last week. **They raised \$2,596.00** for [Development and Peace](#), a Catholic organization that supports local community organizations in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East who are promoting peace and democracy, helping women to have a voice in society, defending human rights, calling for respect of the environment and fighting corruption. We are very proud of our students for taking a stand against oppression and raising funds that will directly support programs that bring about peace, justice, and development. Well done Loyola Development and Peace Club!!

### **Quad 3 Mid-Term Marks:**

Quad 3 mid-term marks will be available in [SIS](#) at the end of the day on **Tuesday March 23, 2021**. Please connect with your child's teachers if you have any questions regarding course progress. Staff contact information can be found on our [Loyola website](#).

### **OSSLT Update:**

EQAO will be field testing a new online version of the [OSSLT \(Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test\)](#) during quadmester 4. The voluntary field test will be available to students in Grade 10, 11, and grade 12 students who will not be graduating this year and working toward their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). More information will be sent to parents/guardians in the next week on how to opt-in to this field test.

### **Down's Syndrome Awareness Week:**

Loyola is celebrating Down's Syndrome awareness week **March 22 to March 26**. Students in our Life Skills class will be leading us in announcements and activities to raise awareness, promote seeing the ability and raising funds for the [Halton Down's Syndrome Association](#). Donations can be made via [School Cash Online](#).



We will have two **blue and yellow civvies** days this week. Students in cohort C are encouraged to participate as well and tag us in photos on Instagram @loyolahawksoak

<b>Cohort A</b>	Tuesday March 23, 2021
<b>Cohort B</b>	Thursday March 25, 2021

On **Wednesday March 24**, students are encouraged to wear funky socks and 'rock your socks' for World Down's Syndrome Day to empower those with Down's Syndrome and celebrate the unique gifts and talents they each have to offer.

*ROCK YOUR SOCKS*  
- for -  
**WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY**



**Racism & Discrimination: Responding with Faith, Hope & Love:**

The HCDSB has developed a resource and process for all stakeholders to follow when they have witnessed or experienced an incident of racism or discrimination. This excellent resource seeks to affirm the dignity of every individual person as founded in our Catholic Social Teachings and the Ontario Human Rights Code.

Please take some time to review the document. In the coming weeks and months training opportunities will be provided for staff, students and parents to ensure that harassment and discrimination will not be tolerated, condoned or ignored at the HCDSB.

### **Loyola Spirit Wednesdays:**

Starting **Wednesday March 24** Loyola students have the opportunity to wear Loyola spirit-wear to school on Wednesdays. Loyola spirit-wear includes team jerseys, gym uniform, club and team apparel. **The Loyola logo must appear somewhere on the item of clothing.** For students that do not have Loyola spirit-wear, it can be purchased on our [Loyola website](#). For students who require assistance with spirit wear, please reach out to your Vice Principal.

### **Updates from Student Services:**

On the Student Services D2L webpage there are a variety of virtual presentations coming up for all students and parents. Please visit the Student Services D2L page for dates/times and links to attend.

Some topics include:

- Students interested in applying to the [Royal Military College of Canada](#)
- Virtual event "[Woman as Career Coaches.](#)" Meet various professionals in different fields to learn more about their pathway and their careers.
- Degree Panels – A presentation not to miss! 6 of the GTA colleges will discuss their Bachelor Degree programs that are unique to their schools
- Thinking of attending university in the United States? Join the [US College Expo](#). Registration is required.
- Apprenticeships and the Skilled Trades
- College 101 – Learn about different programs and pathways being offered
- How to Pay for Post-Secondary? (both college and university)
- Virtual University Tours events – join Ontario universities Virtual Tour Events to learn about the universities and the programs they have to offer

### **Community Service Hours:**

Just a reminder to complete the [Pre-approval Form](#) located on the Student Services D2L page or the Loyola homepage **BEFORE** you begin your activity.

Check out the Loyola D2L Chapel for lots of virtual volunteer opportunities to obtain community service hours for graduation.

### **What's next for grade 12's?**

For any grade 12 students who have applied to Ontario Universities for this coming September, visit the Content section of the Student Services D2L page to view how to accept offers, due dates and more. Be prepared!

Any grade 12 graduating student looking to return to Loyola next year for another semester, please visit the Student Services D2L Content page or the [Loyola website](#) for procedures and applications.

### **2021-2022 Course Changes:**

Students will be able to request changes to their courses for next year in May. **At this time we are not accepting requests.** An announcement will be made when students/parents can make a request

## **Summer School 2021:**

Summer school information will **come out in April** from the [Thomas Merton Centre](#). Announcements will be made as we receive the information. Students will be able to sign up for summer school via My Blueprint when available. Visit the [Thomas Merton website](#) for more information.

## **Yearbook Content:**

Each week Ms. McMurrich and her yearbook class will be sending out a link to a Google form to submit content and suggestions for the yearbook based on the theme for the week. This week's theme is 'most listened to songs in 2020-2021.' The information collected in the polls will then be featured in this year's yearbook.

Please submit your suggestions to this Google form: <https://forms.gle/fkHfkaB8LsgH2RVF6> Please ensure your suggestions are school appropriate and align with our Catholic values.

## **Graduation Information:**

On Friday we sent out an email with an update regarding the 2021 Loyola graduation. The information regarding graduation can be found on our [Loyola website](#).

## **Fostering Mental Health & Well-Being:**

The HCDSB Special Education Team will be hosting a series of parent engagement sessions to help families respond to new norms faced during a global pandemic & how to cope with the mental health & well-being of their children. For information about the upcoming session please visit the [Board's website](#).

## **SEAC Soundbytes Now Available:**

To help raise awareness of the Special Education process at HCDSB, the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) publishes periodic news articles called "SEAC SOUNDBYTES". You can find all of the most recent soundbytes on the [HCDSB News page](#).

Read the latest here: [SEAC Soundbytes, March 2021](#)

## **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**

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

Sincere thanks,

The Loyola Administrative Team  
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