

March 8, 2021 Family Email

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:

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.

[Asymptomatic COVID-19 Testing at Loyola:](#)

Voluntary COVID-19 testing for asymptomatic individuals is taking place at Loyola on Wednesday March 10, 2021 from 2:00-8:00 PM. Please review [this information](#) regarding registration and the process for testing.

International Women's Day Career Panel:

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 are hosting a **panel today from 12:30 to 1:30**. The list of panelists can be [accessed here](#) and the Teams join code is: zgn33t8

Spirit Week:

Loyola will be holding a spirit week from March 15 to March 19. Thank you to everyone who voted for the themes for each day. We will be letting students know the themes, challenges and prizes for the week on Wednesday.

Loyola Staff & Student Equity Discussion Group:

Interested Loyola staff and students will meet every two weeks during Virtual Academic Support to discuss a podcast, article, image, video, etc. from an equity lens. Collaboratively, staff and students will use the discussion prompt to facilitate discussion on how we can make Loyola a more inclusive space for ALL students.

The discussion will be facilitated each week by a different Loyola staff and student duo. Topics for discussion will include but are not limited to: anti-Black racism, anti-Indigenous racism, systemic barriers, sanctity of life and human dignity, intersectionality, poverty, bias, the 2SLGBTQ+ community, colonialism and privilege. Students will have the opportunity to suggest/submit resources for discussion.

Sign up below if you are interested in participating. Once we have a better idea of student interest, we will send out information on next steps.

<https://forms.gle/DCmVtmG1BybcwjFy5>

Our Lenten Collections are Currently Underway

2021-2022 Student Trustee Election:

We would like to congratulate Loyola student, Katie Bowie, on being elected to the position of 2021-2022 HCDSB Student Trustee. The announcement and media released can be accessed [here](#). Congratulations Katie! We know that you will represent Loyola well.

Six Nations of the Grand River:

Hunger is an ever-present reality in the Six Nations Grand River community. Food pantries are experiencing a great demand for food. To help replenish supplies, we are currently collecting non perishable food items for the Six Nations Community Social Services as well as diapers and wipes for the Anishnabeg Children's Centre. Donations bins are available at the school entrances. Help end hunger!

'I was hungry and you gave me something to eat'. MATTHEW 25:35



St. Vincent de Paul Society:

The term "Food-insecure households" refers to any family which had difficulty at some time during the year providing enough food for all their members due to a lack of resources. Can you imagine what it is like not to know if you will have enough food for yourself and your family to eat- the stress and anxiety that goes along? To add to this stress, these families do not have money to purchase PPE to keep safe from COVID. We are supporting Oakville families who rely on St. Matthew's St. Vincent de Paul Society by collecting hand sanitizer and disposable masks as well as monetary donations to purchase grocery cards. Please donate to the donation portal below and/or drop off your PPE donations at Loyola. Donation bins are available at the school entrances. With your help we can keep families safe and fed in their time of need.

<https://www.ssvpsaintmatthew.org/Donate.asp>



Development and Peace THINK Fast:

Our Loyola Hawks are encouraged to participate in our school's annual Development and Peace Lenten THINK fast, which was held online using Zoom, after school, on Thursday March 11 & 12. The 20-hour virtual National THINK fast gathers students from across Canada to raise funds for this year's annual campaign, 'Let Justice Flow,' by fasting and learning about global justice. This year's virtual activities and reflections will focus on how the lives our brothers and sisters in the Global South are impacted by the scarcity of water and by private companies taking control of water resources. Please contact Mrs. Harkin for more details and the registration link: harkinka@hcdsb.org



Catholic Sisters Week 2021: Chat with a Sister:

Catholic Sisters Week is March 8-14, 2021. The [SSND North American Vocation Team \(NAVT\)](#) is offering an opportunity for women ages 18-45 to schedule time for individual conversations related to SSND, discernment, religious life in general or the suggested topic for the day.



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Sign up for your chat at ssnd.org/cswchat



Chat via ZOOM or phone - your choice!



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- Monday, March 8 – Prayer with Sisters Bridget and Stephanie (also in Spanish)
- Tuesday, March 9 – Ministry with Sisters Nancy and Jill
- Wednesday, March 10 – Community with Sisters Carol Jean and Bridget (also in Spanish)
- Thursday, March 11 – Charism with Sisters Jill and Carol Jean (also in Spanish)
- Saturday, March 13 – Fun with Sisters Stephanie and Nancy (also in Spanish)

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

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